

To  
all history educators and  
to all colleagues working in  
history and history didactics in Ukraine

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Dear colleagues,  
Dear friends,

The Austrian Association of History Didactics is deeply affected by the suffering of the people in Ukraine! We wish to declare our solidarity with the people of Ukraine and especially with the entire educational and research community of the Ukrainian state. We declare strong protest against the hostilities launched by the armed forces of the Russian Federation on the people and the sovereignty of Ukraine.

As an association working in the field of history didactics and history education we strongly reaffirm our commitment for promoting an education for democratic values, the respect of human rights, freedom and solidarity, the rule of law and in particular the rule of international law and the system of international security. We are committed to a life in peace and constant dialogue with all countries in Europe and in all parts of the world.

This war is unjust and irrational and causes unimaginable and unnecessary suffering to all individuals who are involved in this war. We therefore ask for immediate stop of the military aggression and for resumption of diplomatic negotiations.

We wish to express our deep solidarity with our colleagues and friends in Ukraine and we hope to continue and strengthen the cooperation as history educators, as researchers and as citizens of the free and sovereign countries within the broader European Community, where we can hopefully live and work together soon in freedom, human dignity and peace!

With warm regards

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