

Call to Action on Russia's War in Ukraine Nevada Academics Support Anti-War Efforts Center for Democratic Culture, University of Nevada Las Vegas

The Russian invasion of Ukraine forced millions of civilians to flee the war zone and seek refuge in neighboring countries. The scorched-earth strategy adopted by the Russian troupes left in ruins Ukrainian cities, causing deprivation unknown since World War II. Russian citizens resisting the aggression face reprisals and long prison terms, with over two hundred thousand war opponents forced to leave their country.

As members of the international scholarly community, we raise our voice in opposition to the barbaric war waged by the Russian Federation and ask our colleagues across the globe to support their counterparts in Ukraine and Russia. We urge all interested parties to take the following practical steps to ease the plight of students, teachers, and researchers caught in the whirlwind of history:

- Offer financial and logistical support to organizations caring for people fleeing the war zone.
- Provide access to laboratories and research facilities to academics displaced by the war in Ukraine.
- Offer on-site and remote training opportunities for students and scholars affected by the current crisis.
- Create targeted fellowships and work programs for impacted researchers and, where possible, for their dependents.
- Seek emergency funding for students and scholars unable to continue their work in the countries devastated by the war.
- Ask politicians and local administrators to speed up issuing temporary visas to eligible scholars and their dependents.
- Reach out to dissident scholars in Russia and Ukraine who remain in their countries and pledge them your moral and material support.
- Make sure to distinguish between the Russian citizens who took a stand against the war and the criminal actions of Russian leaders.

We issue this urgent appeal to our colleagues around the world in the hope that our voices will help stop Russian aggression in Ukraine and prevent the conflict from escalating into a thermonuclear war.