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Statement on the War in Ukraine

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We, the committee of the Irish Association for Russian, Central, and East European Studies, scholars of diverse backgrounds and disciplinary interests, condemn with one voice this morning's military assault against Ukraine. And we unequivocally offer our support and solidarity to all those in Ukraine and elsewhere suffering as a result of this aggression. We are deeply concerned about the human consequences of this military action, consequences which, we fear, will be grave and long-lasting. We can find no explanation – much less justification – for the invasion in the reasons given by the Russian government. It is an assault on the safety and well-being of the Ukrainian people and a basic denial of the Ukrainian state's sovereignty and democratic existence.

In the coming days and weeks, the IARCEES committee will discuss and make public the ways in which material support can be extended to the many people who will suffer at the hands of this invasion. As an academic organisation we have deep interests in both Ukraine and Russia, and a significant portion of our membership has professional and personal attachments to those countries. We remain committed to supporting all individuals and groups invested in peaceful dialogue and exchange, and we affirm our commitment to keep such lines of dialogue and exchange open.

For today, we wish to reiterate our shock at the invasion and once again express our solidarity with all those who will be adversely affected by it.

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