



Julia von Blumenthal: "We continue to stand by Ukraine!"

Dear staff and students,

One year ago, the Russian government extended its war of aggression to the entire territory of Ukraine. Until the last day, many did not want to believe that this would come to pass. For us as Humboldt-Universität, the attack came as a shock, we immediately stood in solidarity with our Ukrainian partners, students and staff. Since then, we have taken in more than 110 students who fled Ukraine, we have supported Ukrainian researchers in continuing their work here. And we have strengthened our connections in Ukraine to support our partners in the current situation of war and to develop perspectives for reconstruction already now. With our academic expertise, we contribute to a better understanding of the political, social and cultural situation in Central and Eastern Europe.

As a university, we are a place of enlightenment, of the exchange of different perspectives and a place of controversial discussion. For all the possible disagreement about the paths, the goal is clear: it is to end Russia's criminal war of aggression, which is a blatant violation of international law, in such a way that Ukraine can finally live in peace again as a self-determined state.

Today, on the anniversary of the attack, I would like to thank you all for your daily commitment and solidarity. We continue to stand by Ukraine!

Julia von Blumenthal
President of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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