

ERMA Alumni Network

Statement on Russia's invasion of Ukraine

The ERMA Alumni Network (EAN) is strongly against Russia's military invasion of Ukraine, a sovereign and democratic state. Actions of the Russian leadership directly violate international law, the UN Charter and represent a threat to international peace and security.

Therefore, we ask for an immediate cessation of attacks, as February 24th represents one of the darkest moments in the recent history of Europe.

We, as alumni of the MA program in Democracy and Human Rights in SEE (University of Sarajevo & University of Bologna), reiterate every persons' inalienable and universal right to live in peace. It is with a resolute determination that we advocate for anti-militarism, as it is only in times of peace that human dignity, rights, and freedoms can be respected and realized.

Being an alumni network that is based in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, we are painfully aware of the grave consequences of war, especially its effects on ordinary people, as it inevitably results in the loss of lives, human suffering, and violence. The aftereffects of war are felt long after the conflicts are over, and it takes decades, if not more, for a fragile sense of normalcy to be established again.

We stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and support all citizens of Russia who are against the war.

Once again, we call for the aggression to be stopped immediately as the use of military force has no place in our times and we firmly believe in an international order that is based on peace and cooperation.

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