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Support for Ukrainian Scientists

Dear colleagues and friends,

We fully stand in solidarity with our fellow scholars who had to flee their countries because of the outbreak of the war in Ukraine and political oppression in Russia. To support researchers at risk in this volatile and deeply disturbing context, we have compiled a list of resources and support networks that various organizations have initiated. We continue to offer our best efforts to help connect scholars who are searching for relevant institutes and funding bodies for employment or funding in Germany or elsewhere.

- Secure Cloud Storage: The American Folklore Society (AFS) has taken the excellent initiative of
 providing free, unlimited, and secure cloud space for Ukrainian scholars and research
 institutions' research data at a secure drive. If you are in contact with colleagues in need of
 such data storage, please write to scholarsatrisk@nomadit.co.uk and please reach out to
 others you know who may also be in need.
- Fellowships: The Philipp Schwartz initiative from the <u>Alexander von Humboldt Foundation</u> will
 fast track applications for fellowships from Ukrainian scholars. The deadline has been
 extended until March 18.
- Fellowship Assistance: <u>Scholars at Risk</u> and <u>Maynooth University</u> provide assistance to institutions and departments who wish to create fellowships. The <u>German Section of Scholars</u> <u>at Risk</u> is also hosted by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.
- Support for Scholars and Students: <u>Science for Ukraine</u> gathers information about support and scholarship for Ukrainian scholars from all over the world.
- These universities have created fellowships for Ukrainian scholars of various disciplines and/or waive fees for Ukrainian students: <u>University of Graz</u>, <u>University of Vienna</u>, <u>University of Tübingen</u>
- The <u>German Research Foundation</u> is expanding its existing funding measures by opening up the Walter Benjamin Programme with the aim of enabling academics who have fled their home

country to become integrated in the German research system at any stage of their career (after completing a doctorate).

- A <u>network</u> is currently established to provide links and support networks for Ukrainian scholars
- The <u>Swiss National Science Foundation</u> provides funds for institutions intending to hire researchers from Ukraine as members of their team for an SNSF-funded project. Ongoing projects affected by the war can be extended. SNSF also plans more financial support for scholars in need. Contact the <u>Swiss Section of Scholars at Risk</u> for current information.

Please feel free to circulate this letter. We will also post these links on our website and a link to the letter will be available on our official handles on Twitter and Facebook. If you have any new information on support initiatives, please contact us on geschaeftsstelle@dgska.de and we will add them to the list.

All best,

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