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**Statement of support of the** [**DiSCi**](http://www.disci.unibo.it) **Department of History and Cultures of the University of Bologna, adopted at the Departmental Council of 31 March 2022**

We, professors, researchers, students and administrative staff of the Department of History, Culture and Civilisation of the Alma Mater University of Bologna, express our solidarity with our students, colleagues and colleagues who are victims of the aggression of the government of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and we commit ourselves to share our solidarity through communication with our international academic and research networks, as well as through concrete gestures of support and help.

In this regard, we appreciate and support the efforts made by our University and our country to

* assisting Ukrainian and Russian Federation students in financial difficulties with the payment of the third instalment of student fees;
* collaborate with the Agency for the Right to Study ER.GO, the Municipality of Bologna, the Emilia-Romagna Region and the Ukrainian Community in Bologna to guarantee support and welcome to the Ukrainian people;
* offer the opportunity to Ukrainian students, who are in Italy due to the war in their country, to continue their studies through the enrolment in individual educational activities;
* to interact with the [CRUI](https://www.crui.it/) Italian Conference of Rectors, international academic networks and NGOs involved in supporting Ukrainian universities;
* simplify immigration practices and obtaining temporary protection permits.

For our part, we are committed to

* intensify contacts with Ukrainian universities and identify all forms of support for students and colleagues so that their work can continue in this dramatic situation of extreme difficulty;
* to activate forms of concrete support for Ukrainian students, scholars and researchers in our country to offer them the possibility to continue their studies and carry out their activities at our Department, agreeing with the academic authorities the forms that the University will deem appropriate and disseminating them through the channels set up for this purpose, in order to accommodate displaced students, scientists and researchers in the available host institutions;
* to maintain an active dialogue with the Universities of the Russian Federation and Belarus, enhancing personal contact between scholars and students who claim autonomy and independence from government initiatives
* to support Russian and Belarusian students affected by economic sanctions who are suffering deeply from the policies conducted by the President of the Russian Federation;
* to promote moments of discussion and reflection that can raise awareness of the needs of colleagues who are victims of the war and generate ideas and initiatives to make our forms of support effective.