

Prague, February 25, 2022

Dear friends,

1. The events of the last days and hours affect us all very much. The inexcusable act of aggression of Putin's regime against a sovereign and independent Ukraine arouses a great deal of emotion and concern in the vast majority of us. However, these feelings must not result in an a priori negative attitude towards anyone. Therefore, I would like to draw your attention to [the text of the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports](#) (in Czech only), with whose content I agree. I also want to state unequivocally, in accordance with the text, that I am not willing to satisfy requests calling for any form of discrimination, including exclusion from studies or work of people **solely and exclusively** according to their nation, nationality. or citizenship. I am glad that all members of the management of our Faculty hold the same position.
2. The focus of the day is neither on hatred nor discrimination, but on *the help of those who need it*. The Faculty is ready to offer or mediate targeted financial, moral and psychological assistance to all those who study or work at the MFF UK and who are directly and personally affected by the horrors of the war. We are working on the details of the forms of our assistance. Regarding psychological help, I would like to draw your attention to [this](#) or [this](#) link - you can look for immediate help of this kind on them. Information on further planned assistance can be found [on the newly opened CU website](#). At the same time, I urge the entire community of our Faculty to consider providing help to those who need it, be it appropriate financial donations to trusted organizations or, for example, a more lenient approach to students hindered by the inability to fully concentrate on their studies due to events in their homes.
3. I would also like to point out that, unfortunately, the explosive relations in Europe may bring *diversified activities in cyberspace*. I, therefore, urge you to protect the entrusted devices even more consistently and responsibly, and above all, to protect personal login data and prevent their misuse. Under no circumstances should you share your login data with any other person, and if you are not sure whether this has happened inadvertently in the past, I recommend resetting the appropriate passwords. Pay close attention to opening e-mails, especially if they contain attachments, links, or password requirements. Pay attention to who is the sender, whether you know the e-mail address, whether it is trustworthy and whether it is believable that it is the real sender. Likewise, please pay attention to security warnings when visiting web servers. In case of any uncertainty, contact the relevant IT department immediately. Do not leave any sensitive device running without the supervision of a responsible and trusted person, and do not leave your computer while you are logged in or have sensitive files open. I remind you that it is necessary to use only work addresses for work correspondence.

I am aware that all these measures may sound self-evident. However, experience teaches us that time has come to wake up from the peaceful security slumber, some of us may have fallen into.

Not only our Faculty but also our whole society and the whole of Europe or even the world, have recently been subjected to severe tests. I believe that we are all ready to stand up to them with honor.

I keep our fingers crossed for us all.

Mirko Rokyta, your dean.