

TEACH-IN ON UKRAINE FOR ARTISTS, ACTIVISTS, AND ARTS WORKERS

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Creative Time and Vera List Center for Art and Politics Teach-in on Ukraine for Artists, Activists, and Arts Workers A Reading List

As part of this teach-in, we have compiled a reading and resource list that hosts a range of perspectives, among them anti-war, anti-imperial, and anti-racist critiques of the ongoing invasion of Ukraine. Together, these texts offer starting points for learning and standing in solidarity with Ukrainian and other occupied territories world-wide. We will continue to add to this list in the coming weeks. If you would like to add a reading or resource, please email us at vlc@newschool.edu.

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Mutual Aid, Resources, and Ways to Help

Community Self-help, organization that provides medical aid to hospitals facing shortages in embattled cities; sends out daily newsletters about on-the-ground conditions in Ukrainian cities; supports refugees arriving in Lviv:

<https://communityselfhelp.org/>

Public bulletin board for people offering/looking for refugee shelter:

<https://www.ukrainetakeshelter.com>

Resources for BIPOC & Slavic Ukrainian Refugees Resources: Disabled Ukrainians compiled by Kimberly St. Julian-Varnon <https://linktr.ee/ksvarnon>

Emergency Resources for Ukrainian Scholars

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/4555727/projecttype/Emergency-Resources-for-Ukrainian-Scholars>

Direct aid for Ukrainian defense <https://www.comebackalive.in.ua>

Refugees traveling to Hungary <https://www.facebook.com/groups/994143548136400>

PEN Ukraine resources on the war and ways to support: <https://war.pen.org.ua/>

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Media and People to follow

Nana Osei-Opore (@nanaoseiopare)

Terrell Jermaine Starr (@terrelljstarr)

Kimberly St. Julian-Varnon (@ksvarnon)

War Stories from Ukraine <https://www.facebook.com/war.stories.from.ukraine>

Other lists

Pluto Press, [Russia, Ukraine and War – an anti-capitalist reading list](#)