

## **DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AGAINST THE WAR IN UKRAINE**

The Political Science Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice condemns the military invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces, which is resulting in grave human rights violations, war crimes, and unimaginable human suffering.

We support the actions of the international community to document violations and to hold accountable those most responsible for the violations. In particular:

- We support the General Assembly's resolution calling for Russia to "immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw" its forces from Ukraine.
- We commend the decision of the International Criminal Court Prosecutor to investigate war crimes and crimes against humanity in Ukraine.
- We support the resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Council to establish a commission to investigate human rights violations and abuses committed during Russia's military attack on Ukraine.
- We welcome the Order of the International Court of Justice on Ukraine's request for provisional measures in which the Court indicated that Russia should suspend all military operations commenced on February 24 2022 in the territory of Ukraine

We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, and also with all those in Russia who are opposing this war and are being targeted as a result of the recently adopted laws that criminalize protesting and independent war reporting. We also extend our support to faculty, students, staff and community members of John Jay College who are suffering from this devastating conflict.