Russia's Hybrid War and Dissolution of Truth: Reclaiming Foundations of Security and Just Peace

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Symposium in the Context of the Munich Security-Conference
Organized by the Ludwig Maximilian University (Munich),
Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv), and the University of Notre Dame (Indiana, USA)
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February 11

13:00-13:30 Ecumenical prayer for peace *(Herzogliches Georgianum, chapel, Prof.-Huber-Platz 1), sung by students of the Collegium Orientale (Eichstätt)*
Bohdan Dzyurakh, Bishop, Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainians of the Byzantine Rite in Germany and Scandinavia, Munich
Franz-Josef Overbeck, Bishop of Essen and Catholic Military Bishop for the German armed forces
Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, Bishop em. of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria, Moderator of the World Council of Churches

13:45 – 14:00 Opening *(Senatssaal of LMU (E 106), Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1)*
Klaus Unterburger, Dean of the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Yurii Nykytiuk, Consul General of Ukraine in Munich
Markus Ingenlath, Executive Director of Renovabis, Freising

14:00 -15:30 Panel 1: The Battle for Truth in Hybrid Warfare
Moderator – **Markus Vogt**, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Vittorio Hösle, University of Notre Dame
Ingeborg Gabriel, University of Vienna
Christian Braun, Institute for Theology and Peace / Centre for Ethical Education in the Armed Forces, Hamburg
Myroslav Marynovych, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv

16:00 – 17:30 Panel 2: Weaponized Memory and the Subjugation of History
Moderator – **Martin Schulze Wessel**, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Kay Struve, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Aleksey Kamenskikh, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz
Oksana Mikheieva, Centre for East European and International Studies, Berlin
Rory Finnin, Cambridge University / University of Notre Dame

18:00-20:00 Public Forum (*Große Aula of LMU*)
Russia's Hybrid War and Dissolution of Truth

Greetings

Matthias Tschöp – President of Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Taras Dobko – Rector of Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
Vittorio Hösle – Paul G. Kimball Professor of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame
Benedikt Franke – Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Munich Security Conference

Keynotes
Karl Schlögel – Expert in Eastern European history; recipient of the 2026 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade, Berlin
Maksym Butkevych – Ukrainian human rights activist and journalist; recipient of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2025, Kyiv

Discussion
Cardinal **Reinhard Marx** – Archbishop of Munich and Freising
Katrin Boeckh – Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg / Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Regina Elsner – Ecumenical Institute, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Münster

Moderator
Franziska Davies – Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam, co-president of the German-Ukrainian Society

February 12 *(Senatssaal der LMU (E 106), Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1)*

9:00 – 10:45 Panel 3: The Profanation of the Sacred – Ideological Capture and Weaponization

Moderator – **Iryna Fenno**, National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv
Bishop **Heinrich Bedford-Strohm**, Central Committee of the World Council of Churches
Markus Vogt, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Andrzej Szabaciuk, John Paul II Catholic University, Lublin / The Institute of Central Europe
Konstantin Eggert, Deutschen Welle, Riga
Saen Griffin, University of Notre Dame

11:15 – 13:00 Panel 4: Reclaiming Moral Agency – Ethics, Truth, and Civic Responsibility in Wartime

Moderator – **Volodymyr Turchynovskyy**, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
Franz-Josef Overbeck, Catholic Military Bishop for the German armed forces**,** Berlin
Peter Pomerantsev, London School of Economics (tbc)
Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven, Germany's ambassador to Poland (2020-2022), to the Czech Republic (2014-2016)
Sergej Sumlenny, European Resilience Initiative Center, Berlin
Mariia Tytarenko, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv

14:15 – 16:00 Panel 5: Reimagining Europe – Overcoming *Ruscism* and Reclaiming the Moral Foundations of the West

Moderator – **Taras Dobko**, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
Jose Casanova, Georgetown University
Martin Schulze Wessel, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Tatiana Shchyttsova, European Humanities University, Vilnius
Olha Vorozhbyt, Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism", Kyiv
Andriy Kostyuk, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv

16:30 – 18:15 Panel 6: Security Foundations – Whole of Society Resilience and Truth-Based Global Order

Moderator – **Oksana Kulakovska**, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
General **Carsten Breuer** – Chief of Defence Germany
Victoria Vdovychenko, Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge
Nico Lange, Munich Security Conference
Jan Tombiński, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Germany, Berlin
Volodymyr Turchynovskyy, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv

18:15 – 18:45 Closing remarks

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The third symposium in the Moral and Religious Dimensions of Security series will take place in Munich on February 11–12, 2026, ahead of the Munich Security Conference. Organized by the Ludwig Maximilian University (Munich), Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv), and the University of Notre Dame (Indiana, USA), the event will focus on the theme "Russia's Hybrid War and Dissolution of Truth: Reclaiming Foundations of Security and Just Peace." It will be a meeting of experts, including an open event.

The 2026 symposium will address one of the deepest challenges to contemporary security—the systematic manipulation and erosion of truth that accompany Russia's hybrid war against Ukraine and the wider democratic world. It will explore how the loss of truth undermines human dignity, civic trust, and the moral coherence of political life, while also examining the ethical, religious, and cultural resources needed to rebuild a truthful and just order. Drawing insights from theology, ethics, philosophy, and political thought, the symposium aims to reclaim truth, integrity, and resilience as strategic foundations of European and global security.