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Statement from the Board

Russia and its authoritarian government, led by Russian President Vladimir Putin, launched an unprovoked invasion of the democratic and sovereign state of Ukraine. This invasion violates international law and the principles articulated in the [United Nations charter](#). The members of the Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS) are diverse and comprised of scholars from North America, Europe, and Eurasia--including many members hailing from and/or pursuing scholarship in Ukraine and Russia. AWSS categorically condemns this invasion and rejects any attempt on the part of the Russian government to justify their actions by misinterpreting and distorting Russian and Ukrainian history. We stand in solidarity with our colleagues across the region who seek to support or establish open societies that protect the rights of their citizens and are committed to challenging sexist, homophobic, transphobic, racist, classist, ableist, and ageist structures that reproduce injustice.