

Webinar
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Serving society in times of conflict: a case study from Ukraine

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1. How to join the webinar

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2. Introduction to webinar series

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Welcome to the webinar *Serving society in times of conflict: a case study from Ukraine*

This is the first MCO webinar which will take place after the MCU Anniversary *University values and responsibilities: responding to the challenges of the future* which was held in Bologna, Italy on 14-16 September 2022, that you can watch on our Youtube channel.

During the Anniversary, the new Magna Charta MCU2020 was signed by 58 more universities.

Details about the MCU2020 and how to sign it are below.

Invitations to register for up-coming webinars and the anniversary will be sent by email.

3. Introduction to the webinar

Serving society in times of conflict: a case study from Ukraine

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Vasyl' Stus Donetsk National University is included in the Top-10 best classical higher education institutions of Ukraine and ranks first in the ranking of higher education institutions of the Central Ukraine. In 2014 the University was in the thick of the events that unfolded in the Donbas region following Russian military aggression. On 16 September 2014, the administrative premises of the University were seized by armed groups of the terrorist organisation "Donetsk People`s Republic". The university staff and students, rather than consider the possibility of cooperation with the invaders, created a public movement "Save Alma Mater!". As a result of negotiations with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, on 30 September 2014, Order № 1084 "On the organization of the educational process of the Donetsk National University of Ukraine in Vinnytsia" was issued and the university relocated.

In 2016 the University adopted the name of one of its most famous graduates, Vinnytsia and Donetsk citizen, poet, human rights activist, political prisoner, and Hero of Ukraine, Vasyl` Stus.

Vasyl` Stus Donetsk National University today is both an educational institution and an influential expert centre, a trusted partner for scientific and educational institutions, authorities, community and business, and also provides a good environment for development, life, study and work.

On 24th of February 2022 Russia started a full-scale war against Ukraine and the university faced new challenges.

3. Introduction to the webinar

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Professor Roman Gryniuk was elected rector in November 2012 and has led the University since.

In 2014 he found strength together with the team and moved the University from occupied Donetsk. He now facilitates the University's continuing operation in the conditions of war.

Against the background of the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020, David Lock, Secretary General of the Magna Charta Observatory talks to Professor Gryniuk about relocation and the importance of values, leadership, and international partners in enabling the University to continue to serve society. Participants will then have the opportunity to put questions and discuss issues with the rector.

4. Programme

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13.50 Opening access to participants at Zoom

14.00 Introduction by the moderator

David Lock, Secretary General of the MCO

14.10 Serving society in times of conflict: a case study from Ukraine

Interview with Roman Gryniuk, Vasyl` Stus Donetsk National University

15.00 Q&A

15.30 End of the webinar

5. Speakers' bios

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Roman Gryniuk's career path in Ukrainian higher education and university management is varied and full of challenges. For 40 years, he has been walking this path together with his Alma Mater - Donetsk National University: from a student majoring in "Law" to the rector.

Since 1990, Mr. Gryniuk started teaching activity. In 2001, he defended his PhD thesis. In 2007, Mr. Gryniuk defended his doctoral thesis and obtained Doctoral degree, in 2008 he was awarded the academic title of professor. He worked as the Head of the Department of Constitutional and International Law, and later as the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Law of Donetsk National University. In November 2012, he was elected rector of Donetsk National University.

Roman Gryniuk is actively engaged in research activities. The main areas of his scientific research are the theory of the state and law; constitutional and municipal law. He is the author of more than 70 scientific publications and 7 monographs. Mr. Gryniuk is a member of the Scientific and Advisory Board of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, member of the editorial board of specialized scientific journals. Rector has an extensive experience in international projects with the support of the International Renaissance Foundation, British Council, USAID, Erasmus+, etc.

Since 2013, Roman Gryniuk has been an Honorary Doctor of the Dimitar A. Tsenov Academy of Economics (Svishtov, Bulgaria). On June 12, 2015, Rector of Donetsk National University received the Freedom Awards - an award given by the Atlantic Council to Donetsk National University for supporting academic freedom, territorial integrity, and commitment to the values of democracy. In 2016, Mr. Gryniuk was awarded the honorary title "Honored Lawyer of Ukraine" by Presidential Decree.

2014 was a serious test for the entire university community and for Roman Gryniuk as rector. The beginning of russian military aggression in the East of Ukraine and the fundamental reluctance to cooperate with the occupier forced him and the university team to leave their small homeland in October 2014 and move to Vinnytsia, which is in Central Ukraine. On November 3, 2014, the University started the educational process in Vinnytsia. This became a new page in the history of Alma Mater.

Unshakable civil position, respect for those graduates who give their lives for Ukraine and the quality of education – are the values that permeate all activities of the University. In 2022, with the beginning of a full-scale russian invasion of Ukraine, Roman Gryniuk and the university staff are working for the reconstruction, development, and establishment of Ukraine as a leading European state, which today stands in defense of the democratic freedoms of the entire human civilization.



Roman
Gryniuk

5. Speakers' bios

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David Lock has been Secretary-General of the Magna Charta Observatory since 2014. He has led on the development and delivery of the MCO's strategy including the globalisation of the Observatory's work and the development of a self-evaluation instrument for university values. His career in international higher education and university leadership has included Director of International Projects at the UK's Leadership Foundation for Higher Education where he was responsible for instigating and delivering projects with over 30 different countries, some at Governmental level. He was the founding Registrar and Acting Chief Executive of the British University in Dubai where he structured, built and then led the University following its legal creation by the Ruler of Dubai as a not-for-profit provider of Higher Education to UK standards. He was previously head of administration and secretary of two UK universities.



David J.
Lock

6. The Magna Charta Observatory

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The Magna Charta Observatory is the global guardian of fundamental university values and assists universities and higher education systems to operate effectively in accordance with them for the benefit of students, staff, society and universities themselves.

Over 900 universities from 86 countries have signed its statement of fundamental values since 1988.

The MCO supports a global community of universities through values. It assists universities pro-actively and through supportive actions when difficulties are encountered.

The MCO was founded by the University of Bologna and the European University Association. It is a non-profit organisation and is based in Bologna. It is funded by the University of Bologna and donations from signatories.

Why MCO is needed

The MCO provides assistance for universities who want to be at the forefront of understanding and implementation of the fundamental values.

It has developed the Living Values project which can be used by universities to enable them to put their values into practice more effectively.

MCO reviews and reports when circumstances do not allow universities to operate autonomously.

MCO helps Countries to enable their universities to be more aware of the significance of fundamental values for the development of their higher education systems.

MCO assists key stakeholders when fundamental values, especially academic freedom, are not being upheld.

MCO seeks to promote a deeper understanding of the importance of values and their operation in different contexts.

MCO helps universities learn from other situations that can enrich practice. As institutions operate more globally the importance of mutual understanding and shared values helps to build stronger partnerships through trust.

Autonomy is a journey - not a destination. Journeys have different starting points, progress at different speeds and experience different operational constraints.

MCO Strategic plan



[Click to read the Magna Charta Observatory strategy for 2020-2025](#)

7. The MCU 2020

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The Observatory has prepared a new version of the Magna Charta Universitatum: the MCU 2020. The text (in English) has been adopted by the MCO's Governing Council.

The new MCU removes nothing from the original fundamental values to which universities signed up. It strives to be responsive to and resonate with contemporary challenges and concerns.

Its tone recognises that the pursuit of the fundamental values has worth along with their actual attainment, which, in practice, is a constant quest.

It recognises the more global nature of what universities do and the wider range of local responsibilities which they have.

The text of the MCU 2020 is here below.

It has been launched at the occasion of the XXXIII MCO anniversary on 16 June 2021.

Preamble

The Magna Charta Universitatum, a declaration and affirmation of the fundamental principles upon which the mission of universities should be based, was signed in 1988 on the occasion of the 900th anniversary of the University of Bologna. The first principle was independence: research and teaching must be intellectually and morally independent of all political influence and economic interests. The second was that teaching and research should be inseparable, with students engaged in the search for knowledge and greater understanding. The third principle identified the university as a site for free enquiry and debate, distinguished by its openness to dialogue and rejection of intolerance.

The Magna Charta Universitatum recognised that universities upholding these principles could take many forms under the combined influence of culture, geography and history. Despite being explicitly the product of a specific moment in European development the document envisaged a networked world in which knowledge and influence should cross cultural boundaries in the pursuit of human understanding.



The world has since become interconnected in ways unimaginable at the time of the original declaration. Universities have proliferated around the globe, dramatically increasing in variety as well as scope and mission. Globally the number and diversity of students seeking a university education has increased, as have their reasons for doing so and the expectations of their families and communities. The number of publications has increased enormously while trust in academia is being eroded by a loss of confidence in expertise. In the sway of new technologies, modes of learning, teaching and research are changing rapidly; universities are both leading and responding to these developments.

Despite these changes, the potential of higher education to be a positive agent of change and social transformation endures. The principles laid out in the Magna Charta Universitatum are as valid today as they were in 1988, and they are the necessary precondition for human advancement through enquiry, analysis and sound action. The dramatic changes outlined above require the global academy to identify responsibilities and commitments that the signatories agree are vital to universities around the world in the Twenty-First Century. That is the reason for this new declaration.

Principles, Values and Responsibilities

Universities acknowledge that they have a responsibility to engage with and respond to the aspirations and challenges of the world and to the communities they serve, to benefit humanity and contribute to sustainability.

Intellectual and moral autonomy is the hallmark of any university and a precondition for the fulfilment of its responsibilities to society. That independence needs to be recognised and protected by governments and society at large, and defended vigorously by institutions themselves.

To fulfil their potential, universities require a reliable social contract with civil society, one which supports pursuit of the highest possible quality of academic work, with full respect for institutional autonomy.

As they create and disseminate knowledge, universities question dogmas and established doctrines and encourage critical thinking in all students and scholars. Academic freedom is their lifeblood; open enquiry and dialogue their nourishment.

Universities embrace their duty to teach and undertake research ethically and with integrity, producing reliable, trustworthy and accessible results.

Universities have a civic role and responsibility. They are part of global, collegial networks of scientific enquiry and scholarship, building on shared bodies of knowledge and contributing to their further development. They also are embedded in local cultures and crucially relevant to their future and enrichment. While they are immersed in and connected with global developments, they engage fully with and assume leading roles in local communities and ecosystems.

Universities are non-discriminatory spaces of tolerance and respect where diversity of perspectives flourishes and where inclusivity, anchored in principles of equity and fairness, prevails. They therefore commit themselves to advance equity and fairness in all aspects of academic life including admissions, hiring and promotion practices.

Education is a human right, a public good, and should be available to all. Universities recognise that learning is a lifelong activity with tertiary education as one part of a continuum. Within that one part, universities serve diverse learners at all stages of their lives.

Universities acknowledge that individuals and communities, often due to inequitable circumstances, have difficulty gaining access to higher education or influencing the modes and matter of academic study. To realise human potential everywhere, universities deliberately seek ways to welcome and engage with diverse voices and perspectives.

By signing the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020 universities declare their commitment to the original declaration and to upholding and advancing the Principles, Values and Responsibilities stated above, to strengthen the role of universities in the preservation of the planet and promoting health, prosperity, and enlightenment around the world.

Approved by the Governing Council 12 March 2020

8. How to become a signatory of the MCU 2020

In order to apply to become a signatory of the MCU2020, you are kindly asked to read the Admission Policy, fill the Application Form that you can download from the MCO website (link for your convenience: <http://www.magna-charta.org/magna-charta-universitatum/sign-the-magna-charta>) and email it with the following documents to the Magna Charta Observatory Administrator at magnacharta@unibo.it.

Documents to be attached:

- a) A formal request to become a signatory signed by the senior academic post holder (Rector, President or Vice-Chancellor)
- b) Evidence in the form of certified minutes from the senior academic body and the ultimate governing body that the application has their full support
- c) Statements of support from 3 universities, at least two of which should be outside their own country, which are already signatories of the Magna Charta Universitatum.

The Governing Council of the Magna Charta Observatory reviews request to sign the MCU during its Winter/Spring meeting, before the 2023 signing event, that will be held in Lodz, Poland in Autumn 2023 (dates to be confirmed).

Please send us the listed required documents within the 15th of February, to be reviewed within next Ceremony.

The Application Form and the required documents have to be drafted in (or translated into) English.



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Thank you for attending our webinar: We hope you have appreciated it.

We would like to know your opinion, and we would be very thankful if you can reply to a few questions, that you can find here:

<https://forms.gle/UMTfF6XXNW9tkuz49>

Thank you!

**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS.**