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The

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invites you to an

EXECUTIVE COURSE ON MENTAL
AND SOCIAL HEALTH

NAVIGATING TRAUMA AND RECOVERY:
MEDICINE, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE
IN TIMES OF WAR

APRIL 15–16, 2026

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PROGRAM

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 DAY 1 

10.30 am Welcome

Dr. h. c. Karl von Habsburg

*Honorary President of the Heracles-Hebe Foundation of the
Danube Private University
Former Member of the European Parliament*

Prof. h. c. Marga B. Wagner-Pischel

*Founder and Chairwoman of the Heracles-Hebe Foundation of the
Danube Private University, President and CEO, Danube Private
University GmbH*

Moderation

Honorary Professor (DPU) Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Knoll, DPU

10.40 am Introduction

Prof. Dr. Thomas Macho

*Former Director of the International Research Center for
Cultural Studies, Vienna*

11.30 am Keynote

“Art Against Artillery: Culture as a tool for resilience in times of war”

Olha Volynska

Journalist & Writer



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- 12.30–2 pm Lunch & informal networking
- 2–3.45 pm Ukrainian Plenary Lectures I with speakers from Poltava State Medical University – Psychological Trauma in Times of War
- ☞ “Mental health of the civilian population of Ukraine in wartime”
Prof. Hanna Vasylieva
 - ☞ “Experiencing grief during war: features of psychological support”
Prof. Larysa Herasymenko
 - ☞ “The experience of the Poltava region in building the system of mental health and psychosocial support in wartime.”
Assoc. Prof. Yuliia Yushchenko
- 4–6 pm Lectures with speakers of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute
- ☞ “Framing the collaboration of DPU, LBIs and the Ukrainian partner universities with a view to joint research activities”
Hon.-Prof. (DPU) Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Knoll
Danube Private University
Prof. Dr. Maria Kletecka-Pulker
LBI for Digital Health and Patient Safety & DPU
Prof. Hanna Vasylieva
Poltava State Medical University
 - ☞ “The role of mentalizing and epistemic trust in the treatment of (complex) post-traumatic stress disorder”
Prof. Prim. Dr. Astrid Lampe &
Priv.-Doz. Mag. rer. nat. David Riedl PhD
Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Rehabilitation Research
 - ☞ “Reflections from the Director of the LBI for Research on Consequences of War”
Prof. Dr. Barbara Stelzl-Marx

Welcome Dinner & informal networking





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🌿 DAY 2 🌿

- 10–11.45 am Ukrainian Plenary Lectures II with speakers from Poltava State Medical University – Veteran Mental Health and Rehabilitation in Times of War
- 🌿 “Psychotherapy for veterans during their return to civilian life: the Ukrainian experience”
Assoc. Prof. Dmytro Boiko
 - 🌿 “Post-traumatic stress disorder in veterans: psychopharmacological aspects and experience of a self-help group”
Assoc. Prof. Vadym Rud
 - 🌿 “Art therapy as a tool for overcoming crisis experiences: clinical effectiveness and integration into the rehabilitation system”
Dr. Anastasiia Zhyvotovska
- 12 am–1 pm Setting standards for psychological trauma care
- 🌿 “The Use of Telemedicine in Telepsychiatry”
Prof. Dr. Maria Kletecka-Pulker
Head of the Patient Safety and Digital Health Research Group, DPU
 - 🌿 “Position paper on refugee care by the Austrian Society of Psychiatry”
Dr. Marion Aichberger
- 1.30 – 2.30 pm Lunch & informal networking
- 2.30 pm Conclusion
- Hon.-Prof. (DPU) Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Knoll**
Scientific advisor, Danube Private University
- Prof. Dr. Maria Kletecka-Pulker**
Head of the Patient Safety and Digital Health Research Group, DPU
- 3.30 pm Concert F. Chopin and C. Saint-Saëns
Peter Hudler & Paul Gulda, Cello and Piano
- 4.30 pm Closing

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