Stony Brook's Colvin Center Hosts Teach-In on War in Ukraine

Stony Brook's Colvin Center Invites Panel of Reporters and Professors for a Teach-In

Stony Brook, NY: On Friday, the Stony Brook School of Communication and Journalism organized a group of international correspondents and Ukrainian and Russian experts to educate over 100 people from across the Stony Brook campus and community about the ongoing events happening in Ukraine. The events in Ukraine have had a far reaching impact on the rest of the world, extending far beyond its borders, and has hit. The teach-in was organized and moderated by Sarah Baxter, a U.S. correspondent for



London's Sunday Times who worked with the late Marie Colvin. Baxter brought in a diverse panel of reporters currently covering Ukraine, including the Sunday Times, PBS NewsHour, and the New York Times, as well as several faculty members from Stony Brook.

The panel members were:

- John Frederick Bailyn, SBU linguistics professor and former co-director of the New York
 St. Petersburg Institute
- Louise Callaghan, foreign correspondent in Ukraine for the Sunday Times of London
- Leonie Huddy, SBU political science professor and department chair
- Alexander Orlov, SBU professor of material science and chemical engineering, expert to EU Parliament and UK government on several topics including Ukraine
- Simon Ostrovsky, special correspondent in Ukraine for PBS NewsHour
- Jonathan Sanders, SBU journalism professor, former Moscow correspondent for CBS news
- Michael Slackman, New York Times foreign editor

The conflict in Ukraine hits particularly close to home for Alexander Orlov, whose parents are now seeking refuge in western Ukraine. Calling for friendship, compassion, and support from the audience and international community, Orlov said, "From Putin's perspective, people like me

and my parents do not deserve to live, do not deserve to have dreams, unless we are part of Russia."

The initiative taken by the Stony Brook School of Communication and Journalism to organize this teach-in exemplifies an effort to bring the campus and community closer together by sharing knowledge and experiences of the events happening in Ukraine.

About Stony Brook School of Communication and Journalism: The Stony Brook School of Communication of Journalism specializes in learning to find, craft, and share information in ethical, engaging, and inclusive ways. It is home to three centers, the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science, the Center for News Literacy, and the Marie Colvin Center for International Reporting.

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