15:45–16:15	**Break**
16:15–18:00	***Panel 6:*** **Security Foundations – Whole of Society Resilience and Truth-Based Global Order**

Oksana Kulakovska, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv – moderator
General **Carsten Breuer** – Chief of Defence Germany
Victoria Vdovychenko, Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge
Nico Lange, Munich Security Conference
Volodymyr Turchynovskyy, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv

18:00–18:20	**Résumé / Closing remarks**

Working language – English

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.

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Wednesday, February 11

13:00–13:30 **Ecumenical prayer for peace**
Herzogliches Georgianum, chapel, Prof.-Huber-Platz 1
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
Alexander Smoktunowicz, Chancellor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Diocese of Western Europe
sung by students of the Collegium Orientale, Eichstätt

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**
Markus Vogt, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich – moderator
Vittorio Hösle, University of Notre Dame, Indiana
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

15:30–16:00 **Break**

16:00–17:30 *Panel 2:* **Weaponized Memory and the Subjugation of History**
Martin Schulze Wessel, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich – moderator
Kay Struve, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
Aleksey Kamenskikh, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz
Oksana Mikheieva, Kyiv School of Economics / Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
Rory Finnin, Cambridge University / University of Notre Dame, Indiana

17:30–18:00 **Break**

18:00–20:00 *Open Keynote 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, Indiana
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
Jan Tombiński, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Germany, Berlin
Moderator **Franziska Davies** – Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam, co-president of the German-Ukrainian Society
Music **Katharina Farbova** (Clarinet), **Quirin Vogel** (Piano), **Stephan Glaubitz** (Bassist)

The Forum is followed by a get-together

Thursday, 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**
Iryna Fenno, National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv – moderator
Bishop **Heinrich Bedford-Strohm**, 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, Deutsche Welle, Vilnius
Sean Griffin, University of Notre Dame, Indiana

10:45–11:15 **Break**

11:15–13:00 *Panel 4:* **Reclaiming Moral Agency – Ethics, Truth, and Civic Responsibility in Wartime**
Volodymyr Turchynovskyy, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv – moderator
Franz-Josef Overbeck, Catholic Military Bishop for the German armed forces, Berlin
Wolfgang Palaver, University of Innsbruck
Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven, former German Ambassador (Poland, Czechia) and NATO intelligence coordinator
Sergej Sumlenny, European Resilience Initiative Center, Berlin
Mariia Tytarenko, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv

14:15–15:45 *Panel 5:* **Reimagining Europe – Overcoming** *Ruscism* **and Reclaiming the Moral Foundations of the West**
Markus Ingenlath, Renovabis, Freising – moderator
Jose Casanova, Georgetown University, Washington DC
Tatiana Shchyttsova, European Humanities University, Vilnius
Olha Vorozhbyt, Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism", Kyiv
Andriy Kostyuk, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv