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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

now the core examination phase of the winter semester is already coming to an end and I hope that you have all been able to successfully take your examinations.

Now that it was beginning to look like the C-virus would finally give us some breathing space again (and I assume that the summer semester will run much more normally than the last few semesters have), the events in Ukraine since last Thursday have forced a whole new set of frightening concerns upon us. This affects all of us here, because no one knows how things will develop and what is still to come. But of course it particularly affects those of you who either come directly from Ukraine - and thus possibly have to endure worries about their families - or those who have come to us from Russia to study and are now also cut off from home. At this point, I would like to ask very urgently - also against the background of increasing reports that even children of Russian descent are being attacked and bullied in schools - that we be very attentive in our dealings with each other here. It should be clear to everyone that Russian descent does not automatically make one responsible for the madness that one person in Moscow has unleashed. And accordingly, we should never make global condemnations based on nationality - just as we should never do so because of skin colour, religious affiliation or anything else! If you have concerns or problems in this context, you can of course contact me at any time - as we have been doing for two years now in the Corona affair. I cannot promise to be able to solve all problems, but at least I can listen in any case...

And so back to the actual **preparation for the summer semester**: Since just now, the new **list of Opal courses** in our general overview course "Teaching in Mechanical Engineering" (we have now deleted the "without lecture hall" - in the hope that we won't need it anymore ;-)) is online at <https://tud.link/4vkn>. Most of the Opal courses should already be active (the rest will surely follow soon) and show in which form the courses will take place. This means that you already have the opportunity to see how your studies will be organised in the coming semester. Be **sure to plan in such a way that you can cope with what is sure to be another very high attendance density**, remember that you may need new accommodation, etc.!

For those of you who will be active as tutors in the coming semester, I would like to draw your attention very urgently to the tutor training. From the experiences of the last

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*Access*

Side entrance  
George-Bähr-Str. 3c,  
marked parking spaces  
in the courtyard. Parking  
spaces in the inner  
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*Internet*

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semesters, coupled with the fact that presence will also be possible again, an exciting new overall concept has emerged, for which you can register at <https://tud.link/rdws> in Opal. Very strong recommendation to do so, because the experience is that tutoring runs more successfully after the training and is much more fun and less effort!

And that brings us to the last point for today - this afternoon at 3 p.m. we had the guided tour of the Mollier building with the robots (as announced in the last email). It went really well and was actually a lot of fun for everyone. (If you couldn't be there, there is a video of the action here - <https://youtu.be/8M8ds5N3gTA>). The plan now is to see where we can use these robots in regular teaching (perhaps even already in the fascination of mechanical engineering). However, it became clear this afternoon: The two robots don't have a name yet - and that's not possible. So please send me some suggestions for names! We will collect them for 2 weeks and then we will put them to the vote!

Otherwise, as always, the advice: if you have questions and concerns about the whole Corona situation with regard to teaching, please send them to [kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de](mailto:kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de), using your TUD mail address without exception (as opposed to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

So much for today,

Now I wish you a few quiet days to recharge your batteries before the new semester begins.

Stay healthy!

Stefan Odenbach