The Lowy Quarterly

The Healing Magic of Movies
– The TAU student organizers of the Tel Aviv International Student Movement have been working hard to bring together a diverse range of films and discussions that explore the power of cinema in fostering dialogue and understanding. This year, they have chosen to focus on the theme of “healing,” with screenings and panel discussions that aim to explore the transformative potential of film in the wake of trauma and conflict.

Professor Meir Ariel, from TAU’s Faculty of Engineering, in this moving speech from the Smolarz Auditorium Memorial Service, tells the story of his son’s death.

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What security measures are in place at the university?

Our Safety, Health and Security webpage provides greater details on approaches we would take in the event of an emergency. In general, we have secure areas across TAU’s campus and in the dorms. In the Einstein dorms, there is a secure area specifically designed for times of heightened security.

Are there currently restrictions on educational or extracurricular activities?

Yes, all small gatherings must be cleared with our security personnel. Larger gatherings, such as those with more than 50 people gathered inside and 10 people outside, are not permitted unless they are taking place in secure areas. In general, all gatherings are following current governmental protocol (no more than 50 people gathered inside and 10 people outside) and are taking place in secure areas. In general, we are allowing gatherings up to 10 people, with permission from our security personnel.

Regarding extracurricular activities, all gatherings are following current governmental protocol, and we are following the latest guidelines provided by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. However, please note that due to ongoing security concerns, there may be restrictions on some activities.

When an emergency situation arises, our priority is on contacting everyone promptly. We have a safety and security team in place to monitor any changes to the circumstances in the country and are in frequent contact with government agencies.

What should I do if I don’t want to be at school?

If you are feeling unsafe or threatened, we encourage you to seek support. Our Student Life Team is available 24/7 to help you with your day-to-day arrangements. Whom can I contact to help?

The Student Life Team at 052-5346188. They are on call 24/7. There is also a TAU mental health support line. We also recommend that all members of our international community download the TAU app, which provides information on security and health guidelines.

What resources do you provide for mental health?

In addition to seeking support, we encourage you to practice self-care, maintain a healthy lifestyle and use the resources you need to prioritize your mental health. If you are struggling, please contact the Student Life Team at 052-5346188. They are on call 24/7.

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President Fiamma Stoppa

TAU is a safe place to learn and grow, and we are committed to providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all our students. In the current situation, we are taking all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and international community. We are working closely with government agencies to monitor any changes to the circumstances in the country and are in frequent contact with them.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure your safety and security. We are following the latest guidelines provided by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health, and we are taking all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and international community.

Connect with others. We recognize this may be a difficult time for many of our students. Our Student Life Team is available 24/7 to help you with your day-to-day arrangements. Whom can I contact to help?

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