

Academics against the moves, initiated by Israel's Council of Higher Education, to close down the Department of Politics and Government at Ben-Gurion

To: Mr. Gideon Sa'ar, Israeli Minister of Education

Dear Gideon Sa'ar,

We are writing as academics to express our grave concern about the moves, initiated by Israel's Council of Higher Education, to close down the Department of Politics and Government at Ben-Gurion University, by preventing it from registering students from the start of the next academic year.

This attack on the Department quite transparently has nothing to do with the quality of its staff, or of their teaching or research. It has everything to do with the fact that some of them have publicly taken brave and locally unpopular political positions.

The manoeuvres undertaken to try to bring this closure about already bring discredit on the governance of the Israeli higher education system. Should they be successful in closing the Department, it will be a permanent stain on the reputation of Israel's universities.

As Professor Rivka Carmi, President of Ben-Gurion University, has written, the politically motivated closure of the Department "will constitute a devastating blow to academic independence in Israel".

We call upon the Council of Higher Education to reject the recommendation of its Sub-Committee.

Dr Robert Boyce, London School of Economics
Professor Jonathan Rosenhead, London School of Economics

Signatures

1. Name: Robert Boyce on Sep 30, 2012

Comments:

2. Name: Dr. Susan Blackwell on Sep 30, 2012

Comments: ... and meanwhile, a college in a settlement gets upgraded to University status. Shame!

3. Name: Charlie Owen on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

4. Name: Tony Hodges on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

5. Name: Alan Harrison on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

6. Name: Claudia Baracchi on Oct 01, 2012

Comments

7. Name: *DUPLICATE*

Comments:

8. Name: Eleni Coundouriotis on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

9. Name: Professor John Dugard on Oct 17, 2012

Comments: i agree with petition

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10. Name: Irus Braverman, Associate Professor Of Law, University At Buffalo, The State University Of New York on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

11. Name: Joan on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

12. Name: Warren S. Goldstein on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

13. Name: Prof. Willie Van Peer, Ph.D., Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

14. Name: Werner Hamacher, Professor, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

15. Name: John Chalcraft on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

16. Name: Neil Hertz, Professor Emeritus, Johns Hopkins University on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

17. Name: Elizabeth Otto on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

18. Name: Jay M Bernstein on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

19. Name: James Faris on Oct 01, 2012

Comments: This is outrageous!

20. Name: Prof Jonathan Rosenhead, London School Of Economics on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

21. Name: Albert N. Katz, Professor And Chair on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

22. Name: Richard Wiese on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
23. Name: David Delaney on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
24. Name: Dennis Leech on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
25. Name: Lawrence Davidson on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
26. Name: David Biale on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: University of California, Davis
27. Name: Dr.Christopher Burns-Cox on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: This instrtuction to close is evidence to the outside world of the failure of Israeli government to undersand the concept of the Academy and its fear of freedom of thought in Israel.
28. Name: Ira Noveck on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: CNRS, Centre de Recherche Francais à Jérusalem
29. Name: Dr Sam Noumoff on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
30. Name: Herman De Ley (em. Prof., Ghent University) on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
31. Name: Professor Sherna Berger Gluck on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: Emerita faculty, California State University, Long Beach
32. Name: Denhière on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
33. Name: Dr John Yandell on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
34. Name: Dr John E Richardson on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
35. Name: Helena Van Der Vorst on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
36. Name: Prof Malcolm Levitt on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
37. Name: George Lundskow on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: Israel has always been the shining star of freedom and democracy in an otherwise oppressive area of the world. Don't betray that legacy by shutting down free discussion and political dissent.
38. Name: Professor Michael Harris, Université Paris-Diderot on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
39. Name: Francois Recanati on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
40. Name: Sam Glucksberg on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
41. Name: Dr Peter Collins on Oct 11, 2012
Comments: Self-proclaimed 'only democracy in the Middle East.'
I don't think so!
42. Name: Francisco Ruiz De Mendoza on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
43. Name: Michael Israel on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: I am disturbed that the Israeli government would subvert the regular processes of academic review in order to silence

dissenting voices. The integrity of a free nation depends on the vigor and vitality of its internal debates. However unwelcome it may seem to the current government, unfettered dissent is a source and a reflection of national strength.

44. Name: Jeffrey C. Goldfarb on Oct 01, 2012

Comments: My extended thoughts:

<http://www.deliberatelyconsidered.com/2012/09/on-cultural-freedom-an-exploration-of-academic-life-in-israel-pakistan-and-the-u-s/>

The whole thing reminds me of my studies of the struggle for cultural freedom in the former Soviet bloc.

45. Name: Bajis Dodin on Oct 01, 2012

Comments: I never thought that Israel is gradually becoming like Saudi Arabia. Nothing is worse than closing the door on freedom of thought and publishing. Closing this department shows the desire of CHI in Israel to submit the people to what the Israeli government policy is.

46. Name: Prof. David Abraham, School Of Law, University Of Miami, Coral Gables FL on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

47. Name: Robert W Kirkconnell on Oct 01, 2012

Comments: Academics for Justice, Veterans for Peace, International Solidarity Movement

48. Name: Sean Wallis on Oct 01, 2012

Comments: UCL UCU branch secretary

49. Name: Dr. Karim Zahidi, Dept. Of Philosophy, University Antwerp on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

50. Name: Nada Elia, Antioch University on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

51 Name: Ian Nimmo-Smith BA MSc PhD FSS on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

52. Name: Assoc. Prof. Nadeem Hussain, Department Of Philosophy, Stanford University on Oct 16, 2012

Comments:

53. Name: Prof. Richard W. Janney, Department Of English And American Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University Of Munich on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

54. Name: Robert Eli Rosen on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

55. Name: Stephen Bronner on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

56. Name: Prof. Bruce Cumings, Department Of History, University Of Chicago on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

57. Name: Prof. Daniel Boyarin, UC Berkeley on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

58. Name: Shachar Pinsker on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

59. Name: Madelaine Adelman on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

60. Name: Prof. Kathryn Davis, Director Of Global Studies, San Jose State University on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: Please reconsider this decision. The free and open exchange of ideas is crucial to a democratic society. This is an important program at Ben-Gurion University.
61. Name: Prof. Bethamie Horowitz, Steinhardt School, NYU on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
62. Name: Daniel Mintz, Department Of English Language And Literature, University Of Michigan on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
63. Name: Anonymous on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
64. Name: Daniel Levy on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
65. Name: Paul Kelemen on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
66. Name: Meri-Jane Rochelson, PhD on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: As a professor of English affiliated with a program in Judaic Studies (as well as an undergraduate Political Science major), I am horrified that Israel would consider such a move. Israel, possibly more than other nations, should be aware of the importance of academic freedom and freedom of inquiry.
67. Name: Samuel Feldberg on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: shameful to implement politically motivated decisions at t
68. Name: Joel Mintz on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
69. Name: Regina Morantz-Sanchez on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: Outrageous, and a shanda for Jews everywhere.
70. Name: Ludi Simpson, Professor Of Population Studies, University Of Manchester UK on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
71. Name: Prof.Giorgio Forti, Università Degli Studi Di Milano (retired) on Oct 01, 2012
Comments: We consider the authoritarian closure of an University department based on political considerations a dangerous step towards the instauration of a fascist regime
72. Name: Deborah Dash Moore on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
73. Name: Anonymous on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
74. Name: Professor Jeffrey Shoulson, Center For Judaic Studies, University Of Connecticut on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
75. Name: Prof. Michael Rothberg, Holocaust, Genocide, And Memory Studies, University Of Illinois on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
76. Name: Stien Stijn on Oct 01, 2012
Comments:
77. Name: Dr. Dennis Korteuer, California State University, Long Beach on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

78. Name: Gillian Hart Professor Of Geography, University Of California Berkeley on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

79. Name: Prof. Uta Larkey on Oct 01, 2012

Comments: Please reject the recommendation to close the Dept. of Politics and Gov't at Ben Gurion University.

80. Name: Steve Jacobs, Department Of Religious Studies, The University Of Alabama on Oct 01, 2012

Comments:

81. Name: David Ashmore on Oct 01, 2012

Comments: Instructor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ivy Tech Community College

82. Name: Rosemarie Kuhn on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: Closing a department for political reasons. It is an attempt to suppress free speech. Which contrary to democratic principles.

83. Name: Dr. Yaron Shemer, Asian Studies, University Of North Carolina-Chapel Hill on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

84. Name: Prof. Atina Grossmann, Humanities And Social Sciences, Cooper Union on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

85. Name: Shirah Hecht, Ph.D. on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

86. Name: Dr. Aram Ayalon on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: This decision is against academic freedom and will have a devastating impact on academic quality and Israel's higher education institutions.

87. Name: Anonymous on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

88. Name: Ronald Hendel, University Of California, Berkeley on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: Norma and Sam Dabby Professor of Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies

89. Name: SILVIA MOLINA on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

90. Name: Lee Salter on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: Dr Lee Salter,
Senior Lecturer in Journalism
University of the West of England.

91. Name: Israel Morales on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

92. Name: Michal Nahman, University Of The West Of England on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

93. Name: Professor Jordan Zlatev, Centre For Languages And Literature, Lund University, Sweden on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

94. Name: Mr. Jorge Ramos Tolosa, Department Of Contemporary History, University Of Valencia (Spain) on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

95. Name: Prof.emeritus Frank Roels, MD, U.Gent, Belgium on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: I support my Israeli colleagues who denounce this attack on academic freedom.

96. Name: Gie Van Den Berghe on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

97. Name: Sy Taffel Univeristy Of Bristol on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

98. Name: B Najak, Durham University, England on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

99. Name: Dr Katherine Harbord, Liverpool John Moores University on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

100. Name: Assaf Bondy, Dept. Of Sociology And Anthropology, BGU on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

101. Name: Professor Claus Offe, Hertie School Of Governance, Berlin on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

102. Name: Lynne Murphy on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

103. Name: Prof. Breno Bringel, Institute Of Social And Political Studies, State University Of Rio De Janeiro on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

104. Name: Steve Tombs (Prof.) on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

105. Name: Prof. Haim Bresheeth on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

106. Name: Professor Adah Kay, The City University, London on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

107. Name: Dr Gillian O'Brien, Liverpool John Moores University on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

108. Name: Prof Neil Smith, Linguistics, UCL (Emeritus) on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

109. Name: Anonymous on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

110. Name: Dr Claudine Provencher, Institute Of Social Psychology, London School Of Economics on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

111. Name: Dr. Nat Queen, School Of Mathematics, University Of Birmingham on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

112. Name: Prof. Nira Yuval-Davis on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

113. Name: Ferran Izquierdo Brichs (Universitat Autònoma De Barcelona) on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

114. Name: BRIAN CUSACK (retired Law Lecturer on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

115. Name: Jack Kugelmass on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

116. Name: Anonymous on Oct 02, 2012
Comments: LSE PhD student

117. Name: Robert Fine on Oct 02, 2012
Comments: The defence of academic freedom is vital whether the threats come from authorities inside Israel or from boycotters outside Israel. It is one struggle.

118. Name: Cathy Lloyd, Institute Of Social Psychology, LSE on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

119. Name: Marcelo Ramella on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

120. Name: Shira Keshet, Institute Of Social Psychology, LSE on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

121. Name: Jan-Erik Gustafsson on Oct 02, 2012
Comments: Associate professor KTH Sweden

122. Name: Professor James D. Wilets on Oct 02, 2012
Comments: Professor of Law
Shepard Broad Law Center
Nova Southeastern University
3305 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314

123. Name: Prof. Michael R. Masinter, Shepard Broad Law Center, Nova Southeastern University on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

124. Name: Ruth H Sohn on Oct 02, 2012
Comments: This is an outrage, and of grave import.

125. Name: Anonymous on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

126. Name: Dr Ephraim Nimni on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

127. Name: Prof. Noam Chomsky Dept. Of Linguistics & Philosophy, MIT (retired) on Oct 02, 2012
Comments: A matter of great significance for maintaining the integrity of higher education in Israel

128. Name: Professor Bernardo Sorj - Federal University Of Rio De Janeiro on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

129. Name: Lama Abu Odeh on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

130. Name: Omar Arach. Doctorado En Estudios Sociales Agrarios. Universidad Nacional De Cordoba. Argentina on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

131. Name: Professor Roger Waldinger, Department Of Sociology, UCLA on Oct 02, 2012
Comments:

132. Name: Roberto Grün on Oct 02, 2012
Comments: Roberto Grün Federal University of Sao Carlos Brazil

133. Name: Eduardo Mosches on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

134. Name: Dick Urban Vestbro on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

135. Name: José Maurício Domingues on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

136. Name: Simon Schwarzman, Department Of Political Science, Federal University Of Minas Gerais, Brazil (retire) on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

137. Name: Prof. Federico Donner, Department Of Philosophy, Rosario University (Argentina) on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

138. Name: Bruce Baigrie on Oct 16, 2012

Comments:

139. Name: Robert Funk on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: University of Chile

140. Name: Beatriz Bruce - Universidad Nacional De Jujuy on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

141. Name: Professor Wayne O'Neil, MIT on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

142. Name: Professor Jean Jackson, Anthropology Department, Massachusetts Institute Of Technology on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: So clearly politically motivated, what a shame.

143. Name: Bluma Goldstein on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

144. Name: Arthur MacEwan on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

145. Name: Professor Omer Bartov on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

146. Name: Prof. Irene Gendzier on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

147. Name: Justyna Robinson, Lecturer At Sussex University, UK on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

148. Name: Geraldine Thorpe on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

149. Name: Prof. Maya Aguiluz-Ibargüen, National Autonomous University Of Mexico (UNAM) on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

150. Name: Assaf Kfoury on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

151. Name: Guy Denhiere, Directeur De Recherche CNRS on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

152. Name: Jody Myers on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: Professor Jody Myers, Department of Religious Studies, California State University, Northridge

153. Name: Moises Storch - Brasil on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: I fully endorse the comments of Mr. Michael Israel " I am disturbed that the Israeli government would subvert the regular processes of academic review in order to silence

dissenting voices. The integrity of a free nation depends on the vigor and vitality of its internal debates. However unwelcome it may seem to the current government, unfettered dissent is a source and a reflection of national strength. Don't let this government to kill Israel as a democratic state!

154. Name: Professor Bertell Ollman, Dept. Of Politics, NYU on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

155. Name: Granja Dulce María, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana Iztapalapa. Departamento De Filosofía on Oct 02, 2012

Comments: Todo el apoyo al profesor Neve Gordon y a los profesosres del Departamento de Política y Gobierno de la Universidad Ben Gurion.

156. Name: Jesook Song on Oct 15, 2012

Comments:

157. Name: Professor Paul Lauter, Trinity College on Oct 02, 2012

Comments:

158. Name: Professor Emeritus, Louis Kampf, MIT on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

159. Name: John Du Bois on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

160. Name: Frances Rose on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

161. Name: Lauren Goodlad on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

162. Name: Anonymous on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

163. Name: Yom Shamash on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

164. Name: Prof. Paula Birnbaum, Department Of Art + Architecture, University Of San Francisco on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

165. Name: Giorgio Forti on Oct 03, 2012

Comments: The suppression of academic freedom and tyhe freedom of culture is a basic step of any fascist government

166. Name: Ahmed Abbas, Directeur De Recherche Au CNRS, France on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

167. Name: Dr. Ivan K. Cohen on Oct 03, 2012

Comments: This move is designed to make Israel look more like one its neighbours, and does nothing to promote Israel as the only true and free democracy in the Middle East. It is an insult to all sense of freedom and academic traditions.

168. Name: Dr Giles Barrett, School Of Humanities And Social Science, Liverpool John Moores University, UK on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

169. Name: Robert Jennings on Oct 03, 2012

Comments: I have the strong impression that the Israeli society is becoming increasing radicalised in a nationalist sense and is becoming increasingly intollerant to criticism. As a person who has worked in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for several years ,

and who has a considerable knowledge of your country, I find this very bothersome indeed.

170. Name: Jose Olivas on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

171. Name: Prof. Dina Lida Kinoshita, Univ Sao Paulo on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

172. Name: Miriam Bettina Paulina Oelsner on Oct 03, 2012

Comments: I begg you that the Department won't be closed! We cannot walk backwards! KADIMA!

173. Name: Dr. Harriet Freidenreich, Professor Emerita, Department Of History, Temple University on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

174. Name: Name: Dr Krista Maxwell, University Of Toronto on Oct 14, 2012

Comments:

175. Name: Zoe Lawlor, University Of Limerick, Ireland on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

176. Name: Dr Giordano Mion on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

177. Name: Viviana Nardoni on Oct 03, 2012

Comments: In defense of the academic freedom

178. Name: Dr. Joel Parthemore (Centre For Cognitive Science, University Of Lund, Sweden) on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

179. Name: Kevin Partridge on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

180. Name: Barbara Geraghty University Of Limerick, Ireland. on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

181. Name: Dra. Lucía Raphael on Oct 03, 2012

Comments: Tocar la universidad es matar el futuro de un país. No al cierre del Departamento de Ciencias Politicas en la Universidad de Ben-Gurion en Isrrael!

182. Name: Illie Cisneros on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

183. Name: Prof. George Downs, NYU Politics Dept. on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

184. Name: Dr. Laurence Davis, Department Of Government, University College Cork, Ireland on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

185. Name: Neville Ball on Oct 14, 2012

Comments:

186. Name: Sara Sutton on Oct 03, 2012

Comments: Professor of the Political and Social Science at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City

187. Name: Professor David E Pegg University Of York. on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

188. Name: Dr G Williams on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

189. Name: Rachel Rubin on Oct 03, 2012

Comments:

190. Name: Dr David Kidner on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

191. Name: Professor Tariq Modood on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

192. Name: Gareth Dale on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

193. Name: Dr Romy Hasan, SPRU, University Of Sussex, UK on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

194. Name: Ruth Tenne (University Of London -retired) on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

195. Name: Dr.C.J.Burns-Cox. Emeritus Consultant NHS Norrth Bristol on Oct 03, 2012
Comments: Closure will dd evidence of faioliure of iSrael to respect Academic freedoms.

196. Name: Luciana Ramos Lira on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

197. Name: Pieter Saey on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

198. Name: Professor Dennis Leech, University Of Warwick on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

199. Name: Philip Gilligan, Senior Lecturer on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

200. Name: Githa Hariharan, Author on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

201. Name: Prof. Yosefa Loshitzky, Centre For Media And Film Studiesm, SOAS, University Of London on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

202. Name: Inma Alvarez, Department Of Languages, The Open University UK on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

203. Name: Morneau Jean-Hugues on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

204. Name: Patrick Ainley, Professor Of Training And Education, School Of Education, University Of Greenwich on Oct 03, 2012
Comments: Although I support an acedemic boycott of Israeli universities as protest against Zionist annexation and oppression of Palestine and Palestineans, I also support anti-Zionist academics and others who bravely oppose the apartheid policies of their settler state.

205. Name: Zohreh Sullivan on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

206. Name: Dr Radmila Mileusnic (retired), Department Of Life Sciences, TheOpen University, Milton Keynes, UK on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

207. Name: Prof. Patrick Williams, School Of Arts & Humanities, Nottingham Trent University, UK on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

208. Name: Professor John A Smith on Oct 03, 2012
Comments:

209. Name: Dr. Terri Ginsberg, Board Member, International Council For Middle East Studies on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

210. Name: Lucia Melgar on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

211. Name: Professor Richard Seaford, Department Of Classics, University Of Exeter on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

212. Name: Tony (E.A.) Whelan on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

213. Name: Dr Tony Dowmunt on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

214. Name: Prof. Neil Robinson, Department Of Politics And Public Administration, University Of Limerick on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

215. Name: Yinon Cohen, Columbia University on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

216. Name: Stuart Karabenick on Oct 13, 2012
Comments: As a Jew and an academic, I am truly disheartened by this blatantly political decision, which contradicts the principles that are the basis of a just society. What message this must send to the students, and to others around the world about what Israel stands for....and doesn't !!

217. Name: Professor Don Garrett, Department Of Philosophy, New York University on Oct 13, 2012
Comments:

218. Name: Jose Ospina on Oct 14, 2012
Comments: Israel has experienced the noxious effects of censorship. It should not be doing the same.

219. Name: Marsha Rosengarten on Oct 13, 2012
Comments:

220. Name: Itay Sapir on Oct 04, 2012
Comments: Professor of Art History, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada

221. Name: Dr. Rupert Read, School Of Philosophy, UEA Norwich. on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

222. Name: Marie-PauleFristot on Oct 13, 2012
Comments: La fermeture de ce département de l'université Ben Gourion est une fois de plus la preuve de l'esprit totalitaire du gouvernement israélien

223. Name: Dr Nicholas Brooks on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

224. Name: Prof. Michele Bokobza Kahan, Department Of French, Tel-Aviv University on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

225.. Name: Graeme McIntyre on Oct 13, 2012
Comments:

226. Name: Professor Clifford Ando, Department Of Classics, University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

227. Name: Professor David J. Grdina, Department Of Radiation And Cellular Oncology, The University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012

Comments: Isreal as an island of democracy in a chaotic region of the world should embrace its diversity and not behave as a closed society.

228. Name: Associate Professor Deborah Elise White, English And Comparative Literature, Emory University on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

229. Name: Dr Maria Alvarez, Department Of Philosophy, King's College London on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

230. Name: Prof. Denis Hirschfeldt, Department Of Mathematics, The University Of Chicago [Visiting Professor At Hebrew University, March-June 2012] Comments:

231. Name: Prof. Patchen Markell, Political Science, University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

232. Name: Prof. Bob Brecher, School Of Humanities, University Of Brighton on Oct 04, 2012

Comments: To close this department would confirm what many already suppose, namely that Israeli universities function as an arm of the state rather than as centres of learning. Do you really want that to happen?

233. Name: Professor Daniel Brudney, University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

234. Name: Anonymous on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

235. Name: Prof. Janet Johnson, Oriental Institute, University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

236. Name: Amy Dru Stanley on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

237. Name: Associate Professor, Daniel Johnson, MD, Department Of Pediatrics, University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

238. Name: William Tait, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Chicago(retired) on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

239. Name: Norma Field on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

240. Name: Judith Butler on Oct 04, 2012

Comments: This is one of the truly outstanding Political Science departments in the world, and the faculty is among the most renown and respected. It is clear that restrictions on academic freedom have accelerated into threats to close whole departments. For the sake of academic freedom and the protection of politically dissident views within a democracy, an international community must form that emphatically opposes this closure.

241. Name: Simon Critchley on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

242. Name: Lisa Shapiro on Oct 12, 2012

Comments:

243. Name: Dr. James Fujii, University Of California, Irvine on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

244. Name: Professor Russell H. Tuttle, University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

245. Name: Prof. David Orlinsky, University Of Chicago (ret.) on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

246. Name: Kirsty Alexander on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

247. Name: Anonymous on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

248. Name: Prof. James A. Hopson, Department Of Organismal Biology & Anatomy, University Of Chicago (retired) on Oct 04, 2012

Comments: This attack on academic independence is a stain on the reputation of Israel's system of higher education.

249. Name: Professor Marian Hobson, Member Of The British Academy on Oct 04, 2012

Comments: The move goes entirely against the reputation of Israel for freedom of thought and expression.

250. Name: Marshall Sahlins on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

251. Name: Prof. Michel Jeanneret, University Of Geneva on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

252. Name: Juliet Floyd on Oct 04, 2012

Comments: Academic Freedom Matters.

253. Name: Prof. Moishe Postone, Department Of History, University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

254. Name: Professor Jules Townshend, Manchester Met (retired) on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

255. Name: Prof Ben Rogaly on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

256. Name: Howard Stein, Professor Emeritus Of Philosophy, University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

257. Name: Prof. Michael H. Rønnestad, Department Of Psychology, University Of Oslo. on Oct 04, 2012

Comments: Academic freedom is at the core of contributions of Israeli scholars. It cannot be compromised.

258. Name: Matt Beilby on Oct 12, 2012

Comments: My only firm opinion on the politics of Israel, is that like all politics everywhere, its whims should not be allowed to dictate academic freedom. Therefore I support this letter.

259. Name: Juan José Fuentes Ubilla on Oct 04, 2012

Comments:

260. Name: Prof. William Sites, School Of Social Service Administration, University Of Chicago on Oct 04, 2012
Comments: Please stop this politically motivated attack and preserve independent scholarship in institutions of higher learning

261. Name: Richard Robertson, Ph/ D . on Oct 04, 2012
Comments: It is shocking to me that an Israili commitee would encorse of course of repressive action against the academic freedom of one of it universities. I have always regarded Israel, as a state, as one of only a few states, worldwide, defending freedom of thought, one of our highest values, here in America.

262. Name: Bucker Dangor on Oct 04, 2012
Comments:

263. Name: Prof. Michael Lambek, FRSC, University Of Toronto on Oct 05, 2012
Comments: This is simply shameful.

264. Name: Prof. Natalie Zemon Davis, Department Of History, University Of Toronto on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

265. Name: Prof. Alejandro I. Paz, Dept Of Anthropology, University Of Toronto Scarborough on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

266. Name: Dr. Anna Zalik, York University on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

267. Name: Daniel Golovaty Cursino on Oct 05, 2012
Comments: fight for democracy!

268. Name: Laura Mulvey on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

269. Name: Dr Paula James, Senior Lecturer, Classical Studies, Open University on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

270. Name: Professor Rebecca L. Stein, Cultural Anthropology, Duke University on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

271. Name: Donna Young, Assistant Professor, University Of Toronto on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

272. Name: Bruce Lincoln, Dept. Of History Of Religions, University Of Chicago on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

273. Name: Prof Gavin Smith, Anthropology, U Of Toronto on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

274. Name: University Professor Richard B. Lee, Department Of Anthropology, University Of Toronto. on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

275. Name: Prof. Anna Von Der Lippe, University Of Oslo, Fetired on Oct 05, 2012
Comments: It sounds like a cowardly move

276. Name: Eve Sweetser on Oct 05, 2012
Comments:

277. Name: Saul Zalik, Professor Emeritus, Univ. Of Alberta on Oct 05, 2012

Comments:

278. Name: Bruce Phillips on Oct 05, 2012

Comments: This move is an embarrassment & setback to Israel advocates (and I despise Neve Gordon) in the US. I will be covering this in my new course on the society and culture of Israel at the University of Southern California next year.

279. Name: Abe Hayeem, RIBA on Oct 05, 2012

Comments: It is lamentable that this important faculty is scheduled for closure as a 'price tag' for challenging Ariel's misconceived status as a 'university'. Academic freedom in Israel is threatened again by a department that performs a vital function to search for historical and political truth. This department must be preserved at BGU for any semblance of democracy.

280. Name: John Murray, Architect on Oct 05, 2012

Comments:

281. Name: John Lynes, Dept Of Architecture, University Of Lincoln (retired) on Oct 05, 2012

Comments:

282. Name: Agneta Zuppinger on Oct 05, 2012

Comments:

283. Name: Dr Brian Robinson on Oct 05, 2012

Comments:

284. Name: Martin O'Shea RIBA AA Dipl. Chartered Architect. on Oct 05, 2012

Comments: Independence in academic pursuits is an essential of freedom and justice.

285. Name: Professor Joseph H. Carens, Department Of Political Science, University Of Toronto on Oct 05, 2012

Comments:

286. Name: Guillermo De La Parra on Oct 05, 2012

Comments:

287. Name: W. J. T. Mitchell on Oct 05, 2012

Comments: Please reverse this ill advised policy it is an embarrassment to the entire nation of Israel

288. Name: Dr Thomas Schroder, Institute Of Work, Health And Organisations, University Of Nottingham on Oct 05, 2012

Comments:

289. Name: Anonymous on Oct 05, 2012

Comments:

290. Name: Prof. Federico Malusardi Dept. Urban Planning Univ. Sapienza Of Rome on Oct 06, 2012

Comments: University should'nt have nothing to do with politica

291. Name: Prof. Chandler Davis, Dept. Of Mathematics, University Of Toronto (retired) on Oct 06, 2012

Comments:

292. Name: Guita R. Herman, Free Thinking Dept, Globe Trotters University (active) on Oct 06, 2012

Comments: This is very scary!

I've been in Israel for three weeks now, and could not avoid noticing the governance and the media underestimation of its subjects.

293. Name: Ian W. Macdonald on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

294. Name: Ali Nobil Ahmad, LUMS University, Lahore, Pakistan on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

295. Name: CHRISTOPHER TEAGUE Dip Arch(Hons) Canterbury RIBA on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

296. Name: Rohee Dasgupta on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

297. Name: Roberta Piazza on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

298. Name: Dr. Kathy Panama on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

299. Name: Prof. Edward Edy Kaufman - Univesity Of Maryland on Oct 06, 2012
Comments: The only and serious limitation of academic freedom in Israel relates to the prolonged occupation in the West Bank, that is now affecting human rights in Israel itself

300. Name: Joseph Berkovitz, University Of Toronto, Institute For The History And Philosophy Of Science & Technology on Oct 06, 2012
Comments: As an Israeli, I strongly protest against this violation of academic freedom. The attack of the current government of Israel on freedom in general, and academic freedom in particular, is totally acceptable!

301. Name: Dr. Sharon Bailin, Faculty Of Education, Simon Fraser University (Professor Emeritus) on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

302. Name: Itzchak Weismann on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

303. Name: Francis Cody, University Of Toronto on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

304. Name: Dror WARSCHAWSKI, CNRS, Paris, France on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

305. Name: Esther Cohen Dabah, IIFL, UNAM Mexico City on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

306. Name: Miriam Grinberg Storch - Brazil on Oct 06, 2012
Comments: It is a big shame to the Jewish nation.

307. Name: S. Nagata on Oct 06, 2012
Comments: Protect the academic freedom in BGU!

308. Name: Prof. Chana Kronfeld, Dept. Of Comparative Literature, UC Berkeley on Oct 06, 2012
Comments:

309. Name: David B. Ruderman on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

310. Name: Dr. Mas'ud Hamdan on Oct 07, 2012
Comments: Theatre Department, Chair (Univ. of Haifa)

311. Name: Constantine Sandis on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

312. Name: Ladislaus Lob, Emeritus Professor Of German, University Of Sussex on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

313. Name: Adam O. Horvath on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: I am deeply concerned by this infringement on academic freedom. The principle of unfettered expression of diverse perspectives is the keystone of a democratic society.

314. Name: Dr Ulrike Heuer, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Leeds (Associate Professor) on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

315. Name: Prof. James Pryor, Department Of Philosophy, New York University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

316. Name: Prof. Ross Poole, Departments Of Philosophy And Politics, New School For Social Research on Oct 12, 2012

Comments:

317. Name: Prof. Hanoch Ben-Yami, Philosophy Department, Central European University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

318. Name: Prof Hans Oberdiek, Swarthmore College USA on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

319. Name: Paolo Santorio, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Leeds on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

320. Name: Prof. Martin Everaert, Linguistics, Utrecht University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

321. Name: Sergio Tenenbaum, University Of Toronto on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

322. Name: Prof. Hartry Field, Dept Of Philosophy, New York University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

323. Name: Ian Hacking, Collège De France (Professeur Honoraire = Emeritus) on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

324. Name: Uri Hasson, Princeton University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

325. Name: Dr. Christian Piller, Department Of Philosophy, University Of York on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

326. Name: Prof. Judith Baker, Department Of Philosophy, York University(CA) on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

327. Name: Professor Mark Van Roojen, University Of Nebraska - Lincoln on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

328. Name: Prof. Joseph Raz, Columbia University, New York on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

329. Name: Brian Leiter, Karl N. Llewellyn Professor Of Jurisprudence And Director Of The Center For Law, Philosophy & Human Values, University Of
Comments: .

330. Name: Yair Levy, Philosophy Faculty, University Of Oxford on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

331. Name: Prof. Stephen Finlay, School Of Philosophy, University Of Southern California on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

332. Name: Professor Steven Gross, Johns Hopkins University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

333. Name: Branden Fitelson on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

334. Name: Thi Lam, Philosophy Department, San Jacinto College Central on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: Please support academic freedom.

335. Name: Cathal O'Madagain on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

336. Name: Professor Andrew Altman, Georgia State U., USA on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

337. Name: Professor Jonathan Cohen, Department Of Philosophy, University Of California, San Diego on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

338. Name: Dr. Luca Barlassina, Institut Für Philosophie II, Ruhr-Universität Bochum on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

339. Name: Anonymous on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

340. Name: Dr Francesco Ademollo, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Florence on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

341. Name: Assistant Professor Matthew Drabek, Department Of Philosophy, The University Of Iowa on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: I support academic freedom and the independence of academic inquiry from political powers.

342. Name: Nathan Hauthaler on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

343. Name: Philip Gasper on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: Professor Emeritus

Notre Dame de Namur University, California, USA

Instructor, Department of Humanities

Madison College, Wisconsin, USA

344. Name: Dr Steven Pierce, Department Of History, University Of Manchester on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

345. Name: Prof. Daniel Garber, Department Of Philosophy, Princeton University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

346. Name: Assoc. Prof. Niko Kolodny, UC Berkeley on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

347. Name: Prof. Shane Ralston, Penn State University on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

348. Name: Professor John Rudisill, Philosophy Department, The College Of Wooster (Wooster, Ohio, USA) on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

349. Name: Kian Mintz-Woo on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

350. Name: Cristiano Diddi on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

351. Name: Matthew Hernandez on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

352. Name: Anonymous on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

353. Name: Anson Fehross on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

354. Name: Jason Gordon on Oct 07, 2012
Comments: One should always fight for the rights of people they don't like. What good are they if they don't?

355. Name: Max Hayward on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

356. Name: Andrew Lugg on Oct 07, 2012
Comments: Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, University of Ottawa, Canada

357. Name: Alex Dunn on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

358. Name: Professor Michael Weisberg on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

359. Name: Professor Matthew H. Kramer, Churchill College, Cambridge University on Oct 07, 2012
Comments: I am a great supporter of Israel, and I regard some past public pronouncements by Neve Gordon as repugnant. However, if academic freedom is to be robust in Israel -- as it must be in any flourishing liberal democracy -- academics who stop short of inciting criminality should be at liberty to speak their minds unrestrictedly, whether wisely and judiciously or intemperately and foolishly. Closing down a department because of the objectionableness of some of the public pronouncements of some of its members is a gross infringement of academic freedom. As someone who warmly admires Israel, I very much hope that this grievously ill-considered decision will not be confirmed and implemented.

360. Name: Ingo Brigandt, Associate Professor Of Philosophy, University Of Alberta, Canada on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

361. Name: Jonathan Trerise on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

362. Name: George Pappas, Department Of Philosophy, Ohio State University (retired) on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

363. Name: Jeffrey Roland on Oct 07, 2012
Comments: Prof. Jeffrey Roland, Department of Philosophy, Louisiana State University

364. Name: Ben Laurence on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

365. Name: Professor Ur Shlonsky, University Of Geneva on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

366. Name: Chase Fuller on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

367. Name: Peter Loptson, Dept. Of Philosophy on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

368. Name: Dr. Jim Vernon, York University on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

369. Name: Prof. James Wilberding, Department Of Philosophy II, Ruhr University on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

370. Name: Dr. Robin Celikates, Associate Prof., Dept. Of Philosophy, University Of Amsterdam on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

371. Name: Leslie Green on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

372. Name: Rachel Bryant, Lecturer, University Of Toronto Mississauga on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

373. Name: Angela Coventry on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

374. Name: Peter L. Vallentyne on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

375. Name: Matthew M. Konig on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

376. Name: Professor Ronald Salzberger, (Emeritus) Philosophy, Metropolitan State University on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

377. Name: Prof. David Stern, Dept. Of Philosophy, University Of Iowa, USA on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

378. Name: Dana Howard on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

379. Name: Julietta Rose on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

380. Name: A. J. Julius on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

381. Name: Max Rosenkrantz, Department Of Philosophy, California State University Long Beach on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

382. Name: Professor Stephen Biggs, Department Of Philosophy And Religious Studies, Iowa State University on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

383. Name: Simon Cullen on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

384. Name: Prof. Amy M. Schmitter, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Alberta on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

385. Name: Prof. Robert Johnson, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Missouri, Columbia, MO on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

386. Name: Anonymous on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

387. Name: Jacquelyn Sanders, PhD on Oct 07, 2012
Comments: Clinical Assoc. Prof Dept Psychiatry, emerita University of Chicago

388. Name: Professor Michael V. Wedin on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

389. Name: Prof. Michael Rosen, Department Of Government, Harvard University on Oct 07, 2012
Comments: If Jewish history hasn't taught the State of Israel the importance of academic freedom, then I fear it is incapable of learning.

390. Name: Aaron Greenberg on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

391. Name: Assistant Prof. Sinan Dogramaci, The University Of Texas At Austin on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

392. Name: Professor Samir Okasha, University Of Bristol on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

393. Name: Caffi Claudia on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

394. Name: Dr. Ilan Dinstein, Department Of Psychology, Ben Gurion University on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

395. Name: Keith Allan on Oct 07, 2012
Comments: I urge you to rethink this action.

396. Name: Prof. Dr. Christine Lubkoll-Klotz, Erlangen University on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

397. Name: Prof. Ivan Kalmar, Department Of Anthropology, Univesity Of Toronto on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

398. Name: Prof. Dr. Peter Klotz, University Of Bayreuth on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

399. Name: L Cohen on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

400. Name: Konrad Talmont-Kaminski on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

401. Name: Brydon Gombay, Ed. D., OISE, University Of Toronto on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

402. Name: Stewart Cohen on Oct 07, 2012
Comments:

403. Name: Professor Robert Nola on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: It is important that academic freedom be respected even in cases where one might disagree with is being said. Shutting down those to whom one objects is a crude response and displays intolerance.

404. Name: Monica Heller on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: University of Toronto

405. Name: Matheson Russell, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Auckland on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

406. Name: Dr Vanya Kovach, Philosophy, University Of Auckland on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

407. Name: J Derek Crytser on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: student Virginia commonwealth University...The Israeli treatment of the Palestinians is abhorrent -- only compounded by the unlawful (Geneva convention) usurpation of the pales eating -- and this is yet another reason why Israel not deserving of political and economic support they demand from the civilized world which they have repeatedly shown they ant apart of

408. Name: Mr. Joe Finnerty, School Of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork on Oct 12, 2012

409. Dr. Bastiaan Vos, Department Of Chemistry, University College Cork on Oct 12, 2012

410. Name: Judith Deutsch on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: Unconscionable and wholly ignorant. Can't hide the hideous things that Israel does to Palestinians and other ethnic minorities.

411. Name: Jeremy Proulx on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: without knowing the details of the debate here, I am fully confident in my objection to political interference higher education, especially as retribution for dissent.

412. Name: Horace Fairlamb on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

413. Name: Brendan Mc Guire on Oct 12, 2012

Comments: isolation is not the answer

414. Name: Stewart Shapiro Ohio State University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

415. Name: C. D. C. Reeve on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

416. Name: Nickolas Steffen on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

417. Name: Dr Glen Pettigrove, University Of Auckland on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

418. Name: Emeritus Professor Michael Neill, English Department, University Of Auckland on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

419. Name: Prof. John Hyman, Faculty Of Philosophy, University Of Oxford on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

420. Name: Lorne Falkenstein on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

421. Name: Tom Bishop on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

422. Name: Kit Fine (University Professor, New York University) on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

423. Name: Anonymous on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

424. Name: Professor Alex Miller, University Of Otago on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

425. Name: Nancy Serrano on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

426. Name: Prof. Richard Rubenstein on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

427. Name: Blake Thompson on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

428. Name: Jake Spinella on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

429. Name: Associate Professor Charles Pigden, University Of Otago, New Zealand on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

430. Name: Professor John P. Wright, Central Michigan University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

431. Name: Professor Debra Satz, Stanford University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

432. Name: Ben Orlove on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

433. Name: Paul Raekstad on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

434. Name: Georgia Warnke on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

435. Name: Robert W McColl on Oct 07, 2012

Comments: Let us hope this is not true

436. Name: Asst. Prof. Amir Goldberg, Stanford University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

437. Name: Dr. Steve Mckay, Cégep De Sherbrooke on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

438. Name: Dr Ronny Swain, School Of Applied Psychology, University College Cork, Ireland (retired) on Oct 12, 2012

Comments:

439. Name: Prof. John R. Pfeiffer, English, Central Michigan University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

440. Name: Hrafn Asgeirsson, Faculty Of Law, Monash University on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

441. Name: Anonymous on Oct 07, 2012

Comments:

442. Name: Matthew Ellis on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

443. Name: Andrew Blom on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

444. Name: David Livingstone Smith on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

445. Name: Professor Sue Ann Martin, Central Michigan University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

446. Name: Dr Joanne Wilkes, University Of Auckland, New Zealand on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

447. Name: Prof. Frances Egan on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

448. Name: Jaleh Mansoor on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

449. Name: Anonymous on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: Dr Lisa Stampnitzky, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University

450. Name: Steven Levine University Of Massachusetts Boston on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

451. Name: Dr. Jason Burke Murphy, Department Of Philosophy, Elms College on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: Academics are supposed to provide an alternative to government and media. Answer them with arguments and let their students do the same.

452. Name: David Hachen on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

453. Name: Asaf Bar-Tura, Loyola University Chicago (PhD Candidate) on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

454. Name: Professor William Reader, Department Of Philosophy And Religion, Central Michigan University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: Politically motivated closures of any academic department of a university discredit the government and/or administration doing this, and bring a loss of quality and prestige to the university on which such a closure is imposed.

455. Name: James Griffith on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

456. Name: Owen Flanagan, Philosophy, Duke University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

457. Name: Dr Roy Perrett, School Of Historical & Philosophical Studies, University Of Melbourne on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

458. Name: Professor Mark Schroeder, School Of Philosophy, University Of Southern California on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

459. Name: Dr Roni Harnik on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

460. Name: Sarah Kaiksow on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: Thank you to all the brave Israeli academics who are speaking up for justice and humanity.

461. Name: Prof. Sara Nimis, Miami Univeristy on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: Academic independence is the foundation of societies able to meet the challenges of a changing world, and of good political decision-making. Silencing academic inquiry may be tempting for those with partisan agendas, but can only cripple governments and the societies they serve in the long-term.

462. Name: Ori Simchen, University Of British Columbia on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

463. Name: Anonymous on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

464. Name: Anonymous on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

465. Name: Dr Robin Hooper, Hon Research Fellow, Dept Of English, University Of Auckland on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: I strongly deplore this attack on academic freedom.

466. Name: Prof. Sigrun Svavarsdottir, Department Of Philosophy, The Ohio State University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

467. Name: Dr.David C.K.Curry on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

468. Name: Prof. Susan Bernofsky, Writing Program, Columbia University School Of The Arts on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: How can universities remain the seat of critical thinking and learning if thought and speech are squelched by a government intolerant of dissent? The repression of free speech is not a humanistic value.

469. Name: Prof. Folke Tersman, Department Of Philosophy, Uppsala University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

470. Name: Gil-li Vardi on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

471. Name: Prof John Gardner, Faculty Of Law, University Of Oxford on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

472. Name: Julien Murzi on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

473. Name: Roger Clarke on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

474. Name: B. Scot Rousse on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

475. Name: Anonymous on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

476. Name: Hanno Sauer, Department Of Philosophy, Leiden University) on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

477. Name: Professor David Owens on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: Professor of Philosophy, University of Reading UK

478. Name: Shelagh Coe on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: Any democratic nation needs to have ongoing dialogue that informs and educates its population. Closing down the political department will be just the ammunition your critics want to discredit your even handedness.

479. Name: P J E Kail on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

480. Name: Professor Jonathan Dancy on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

481. Name: Alan Hajek on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

482. Name: Professor John Ellis on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

483. Name: Andres Moles, Department Of Political Science, Central European University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

484. Name: Roger Gordon on Oct 17, 2012

Comments:

485. Name: Stewart Candlish, Editor Of Australasian Journal Of Philosophy on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

486. Name: Prof. Peter Wadhams, Department Of Applied Mathematics And Theoretical Physics, Cambridge University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

487. Name: Dr Havi Carel on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

488. Name: Dr Jani Hakkarainen, Philosophy, School Of Social Sciences And Humanities on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

489. Name: Arnaud Bondon, CNRS - University Of Rennes on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

490. Name: Patricia Mindus on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

491. Name: Anonymous on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

492. Name: Prof. Lars-Göran Johansson, Department Of Philosophy, Uppsala University, Sweden on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

493. Name: Monica Wusteman PhD on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

494. Name: Dr Napoleon Katsos, Department Of Theoretical And Applied Linguistics, University Of Cambridge on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

495. Name: Professor R A Duff (Department Of Philosophy, University Of Stirling) on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

496. Name: PhD-student Paul Maslov Karlsson, Dept. Of Philosophy, Uppsala University, Sweden on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

497. Name: Anonymous on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

498. Name: אהוביה כהנא on Oct 8, 2012

Comments: כבוד שר החינוך סער, הדמורקרטיה בישראל ואיכותן הגבוהה (בצדק) של האוניברסיטאות בישראל תלויות בנכונותנו להתיר דיון פתוח בשאלות מהותיות - כולל השמעת דעות שאנו עצמנו איננו מצוידים בהן. אנא אל תאפשר את סגירתה של המחלקה באוניברסיטת בן-גוריון. בברכה, פרופסור אהוביה כהנא ראש המחלקה ללימודים קלאסיים רויאל הולווי אוניברסיטת לונדון

499. Name: Professor Gustaf Arrhenius, Swedish Collegium Of Advanced Study, Stockholm UNiversity on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

500. Name: Professor Judith Rodenbeck on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

501. Name: Jeremy Paltiel Professor Of Political Science Carleton University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: As a vocal opponent of the BDS movement I am appalled the Israel's Minister of Education has undermined the most powerful argument that we had to stop this movement. Academic freedom and Israel'S universities as a haven for those who dissent from government policy. He has given ammunition to Israel's enemies.

502. Name: Guy Meiss on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

503. Name: Saul Traiger on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: I strongly support this petition.

504. Name: Katherine Rothschild Jackson on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: This unconscionable assault on our basic human freedom of speech and thought is moving Israel ever closer to a closed society, afraid to hear uncomfortable truths.

505. Name: Professor Daniel Weinstock, Faculty Of Law, McGill University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

506. Name: Matias Vernengo on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

507. Name: Lloyd Gerson Department Of Philosophy University Of Toronto on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

508. Name: Maria Da Paz Campos Lima, Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE) on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

509. Name: Prof. Minda Rae Amiran, Dept Of English, SUNY Fredonia (retired) on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

510. Name: Chris Bertram on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

511. Name: Prof. Amelie Rorty on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

512. Name: Dr Gerald Lang, Philosophy, University Of Leeds on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

513. Name: Prof. Neville Morley, School Of Humanities, University Of Bristol on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

514. Name: Walter Lapini on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

515. Name: Diana Versenyi, Library, Williams College (retired) on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: The founders are turning over in their graves.

516. Name: Professor John Protevi, Dept Of French Studies, Louisiana State University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

517. Name: Benjamin Prud'homme (Master Candidate, Faculty Of Law, Université De Montréal) on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

518. Name: Mason Richey on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: As a professor of politics, I find the politically motivated decision to effectively close the poli sci department at Ben Gurion a reprehensible act worthy of Nazi Germany.

519. Name: Thomas Scanlon on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

520. Name: Professor Rosalind Petchesky, Department Of Political Science, Hunter College Of The City University Of New York on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: The move of Israel's CHE to shut down the Department of Politics and Government at Ben-Gurion University is not only an egregious violation of academic freedom and integrity but will also further isolate Israel in the world.

521. Name: Irina Pereira on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

522. Name: Micha Glaeser on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

523. Name: Russell Shafer-Landau on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

524. Name: Brian Bix on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

525. Name: Professor Malcolm Povey, Leeds University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

526. Name: Prof. Donald Baxter, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Connecticut on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

527. Name: Michael Thompson, Professor Of Philosophy, University Of Pittsburgh on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: This is of course an outrage from an academic point of view, and from the point of view of those, many now dead, who aspired to an Israel with a genuine university system. And what for? -- it is plain the friends of the people behind it will someday quote the friends of Napoleon, saying "It was worse than a crime, it was a mistake";.

528. Name: Barranger Distinguished Professor Adam Versenyi, Department Of Dramatic Art, University Of North Carolina on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

529. Name: Elaine Enriquez on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: Knowledge, progress, and freedom depend on the ability of people generally and the intelligentsia particularly to opening discuss and critique all aspects of society. I support the Department of Politics and Government at Ben-Gurion University. I

respectfully call upon your committee to reject the recommendation to close it down.

530. Name: Marshall Berman on Oct 08, 2012

Comments:

531. Name: Prof Jonathan Wolff, Dept Of Philosophy, UCL on Oct 08, 2012

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532. Name: Penelope Bulloch on Oct 08, 2012

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533. Name: Alexander Stöpfunghoff on Oct 08, 2012

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534. Name: Lee B on Oct 08, 2012

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537. Name: Joshua Cherniss, Harvard University on Oct 08, 2012

Comments: Those of us who oppose academic boycotts of Israel will find it harder to collaborate with Israeli colleagues if those colleagues' departments are shut down for political reasons.

538. Name: Prof. Jacob Remes, History And Public Affairs, SUNY Empire State College on Oct 08, 2012

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539. Name: Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Oct 08, 2012

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540. Name: Christopher Brooke on Oct 08, 2012

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541. Name: Aaron Garrett -- Philosophy, Boston University on Oct 08, 2012

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542. Name: Name: Prof. David Hyder, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on Oct 11, 2012

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543. Name: Prof. Stephanie Hollis, Dept Of English, University Of Auckland (retired) on Oct 08, 2012

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544. Name: Rosalyn Baxandall on Oct 08, 2012

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545. Name: Lecturer In Economics And Research Investigator, Frank Thompson, University Of Michigan on Oct 09, 2012

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546. Name: María Stoopen Galán on Oct 09, 2012

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547. Name: Ken Hirschkop on Oct 09, 2012

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548. Name: Ian Blaustein on Oct 09, 2012

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549. Name: Prof. Robert Schwartz, Dept Of Philosophy, Univ. Of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Oct 09, 2012

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550. Name: Professor Gunnar Björnsson, Umeå University on Oct 09, 2012
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551. Name: Andrew Grant on Oct 09, 2012
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552. Name: Professor Janice Boddy, FRSC, Department Of Anthropology, University Of Toronto on Oct 09, 2012
Comments:

553. Name: Warren Ingber on Oct 09, 2012
Comments: I was relieved to learn here that Rivka Carmi has come to the defense of academic freedom. More must do the same for Israel to remain a democracy.

554. Name: Matthew Van Der Merwe on Oct 09, 2012
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555. Name: Peter Fitting on Oct 09, 2012
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556. Name: Professor Samuel Scheffler on Oct 09, 2012
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557. Name: Anonymous on Oct 09, 2012
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558. Name: Anonymous on Oct 09, 2012
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559. Name: John Greco on Oct 09, 2012
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560. Name: Nick Zangwill, Philosophy Department, Durham University on Oct 09, 2012
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561. Name: Dr Subramaniam Pillay, NUBS, University Of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (retired) on Oct 09, 2012
Comments: It is very disappointing for this to happen in a country which claims to be a beacon of democracy.

562. Name: Hilary Cunningham, University Of Toronto on Oct 09, 2012
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563. Name: David Polden on Oct 09, 2012
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564. Name: Martin Klein, Professor Emeritus, History, Toronto on Oct 09, 2012
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565. Name: Irene Elkin, Ph.D. on Oct 09, 2012
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566. Name: Edward Andrew, Professor Emeritus, Political Science, University Of Toronto on Oct 09, 2012
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567. Name: Ivan Huber, Prof. Emeritus, Biology, Fairleigh Dickinson Univ., NJ, USA Member Of CS4AF on Oct 09, 2012
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568. Name: Professor Yitzhak Melamed, Johns Hopkins University on Oct 09, 2012
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569. Name: Don Marquis on Oct 09, 2012
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570. Name: Dustin Crummett on Oct 09, 2012

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571. Name: George S Davies on Oct 12, 2012

Comments: Restriction of learning is not something that and government who pretends it is democratic should be doing. The decision to try and close this department is a disgrace and is quite correctly condemned far and wide.

572. Name: Sandra A. Thompson, University Of California on Oct 10, 2012

Comments:

573. Name: Prof. Jessica Wilson, Department Of Philosophy, University Of Toronto on Oct 10, 2012

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574. Name: Adam Shear, Department Of Religious Studies, University Of Pittsburgh on Oct 10, 2012

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575. Name: Cristobal Young on Oct 10, 2012

Comments: Prof. Cristobal Young, Stanford University, Dept of Sociology

576. Name: Jonathan Way on Oct 10, 2012

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577. Name: Jean-"Paul Laurent on Oct 10, 2012

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578. Name: James Harris on Oct 10, 2012

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579. Name: Prof. Kenneth Campbell, School Of Psychology, University Of Ottawa, Canada on Oct 10, 2012

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580. Name: Associate Professor Marie Monaco, NYU School Of Medicine on Oct 10, 2012

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581. Name: Caitlin Ni Chonail MA, PGCE. Retired Schoolteacher. on Oct 10, 2012

Comments: Having waged war against the indigenous people of Palestine, the Israeli government has now declared war on any of its own people brave enough to challenge its colonial-settler policies. The Israeli government will not succeed.

582. Name: Professor John Pinkerton, School Of Sociology, Social Policy And Social Work, Queens University Belfast on Oct 11, 2012

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583. Name: Professor Greg Philo on Oct 11, 2012

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584. Name: Dr Brian Kelly, Queen's University Belfast on Oct 11, 2012

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585. Name: Dr. Feilim O'hAdhmaill, University College Cork, Ireland on Oct 11, 2012

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586. Name: Prof. James Bowen, Dept. Of Computer Science, UCC, Cork, Ireland on Oct 11, 2012

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587. Name: Susan Babbitt, Dept Of Philosophy, Queen's University, Canada on Oct 11, 2012

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588. Name: Dr Des McGuinness, Dublin City University on Oct 11, 2012

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589. Name: Dr Annie Pfingst on Oct 11, 2012

Comments:

590. Name: Iain Atack on Oct 11, 2012

Comments: We must support freedom of speech, academic freedom and human rights at Israeli universities.

Dr Iain Atack, International Peace Studies, Trinity College Dublin.

591. Name: Anonymous on Oct 11, 2012

Comments:

592. Name: Dr Barra O'Donnabhain, Dept Of Archaeology, University College Cork, Ireland on Oct 11, 2012

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593. Name: Professor(Emeritus) Tom Dunne, School Of History, University College Cork on Oct 11, 2012

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594. Name: Dr Mike Murphy, School Of Applied Psychology, University College Cork, Ireland on Oct 11, 2012

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595. Name: Anonymous on Oct 11, 2012

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596. Name: Anonymous on Oct 11, 2012

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597. Name: Alastair Christie, University College Cork on Oct 11, 2012

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598. Name: Ms Angela Flynn, College Of Medicine & Health, University College Cork on Oct 11, 2012

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599. Name: Dr Joseph Manning on Oct 11, 2012

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600. Name: Ken Bond on Oct 11, 2012

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601. Name: Professor Graham Parkes, Department Of Philosophy, University College Cork on Oct 11, 2012

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602. Name: Dr Liam Lenihan on Oct 11, 2012

Comments: I commend my colleague in the support of academic freedom and the intellectual independence of an academic

department to work without fear of governmental interference

603. Name: Professor Dr. Eric Reuland, Institute Of Linguistics, Utrecht University on Oct 18, 2012

Comments: I would like to express my deep concern with actions curtailing the free academic and political debate in a country that in other respects I love and admire so much

604. Name: Prof. Eran Zaidel, University Of California at Los Angeles on Oct 18, 2012

Comments:

605. Name: Mike Cushman, London School of Economics on Oct 18, 2012

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