

VEDLEGG 1: MODERN ATTACKS ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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I den siste tiden har vi sett flere angrep på akademisk frihet. Vi ser det i hvordan myndighetene angriper organisasjonsfriheten og akademisk frihet i Ungarn. Vi ser det i hvordan Trump viser til «alternative fakta» eller hvordan tyrkere har jaktet ned vitenskapelig ansatte etter statskuppet i fjor.

NSO står sterkt i sin tro på akademisk frihet og vil med denne resolusjonen oppfordre flere til å verne om dette viktige prinsippet i akademisk.

RESOLUSJON

1 **Modern attacks on academic freedom**

2 Academic freedom is under threat. The Hungarian government, with Viktor Orbán's party Fidez' in
3 charge, is targeting non-governmental organisations (NGOs) they plan to disband through multiple
4 law proposals that will prohibit organisations or institutions with foreign funding. Sadly, these days,
5 the same tendencies are visible in many other Western countries. We see this in Russia, where
6 the European university of St. Petersburg lost their teaching licence, as we also saw Turkish
7 authorities attack their own university deans and professors.

8 The Central European University (CEU) ¹ in Budapest, Hungary, are one of the threatened
9 universities in Europe today. CEU is partially financed by American-Hungarian George Soros. The
10 university is organised as an American-style institution and is accredited both in the US and
11 Hungary. It was established in 1991 and hosts circa 1380 students within the arts of business,
12 social sciences, law and mathematics. Its social science faculty is acknowledged as one of the
13 best 100 communities in the world. However, the whole university is under threat of having to shut
14 down following Hungarian authorities' witch-hunt.

15 Academic freedom is under threat, even among our own neighbours. It seems alarmingly more
16 accepted to meddle with autonomous universities and their academic freedom. This development
17 must be taken seriously. The National Union of Students in Norway (NUS Norway) urge that the
18 academic community continue to display their resistance against these hostile attacks on
19 academic freedom.

20 NUS Norway fully supports the Norwegian government's decision to withhold EEA and Norway
21 grants until the Hungarian government decides to respect academic freedom. It is now up to other
22 actors to act and support the autonomy of higher education institutions.

23 The National Union of Students in Norway (NUS Norway) support the resolution adopted by ESU ².

¹ <https://www.ceu.edu/>

² <https://www.esu-online.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/On-the-controversial-law-amendment-on-the-operation-of-foreign-higher-educational-institutions-in-Hungary.pdf>

24 **Students in Norway demand:**

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- That the academic community continues to display their resistance against current attacks on academic freedom.
 - That the Norwegian government continues to withhold grants until the Hungarian government decides to pull back their law proposal, which weakens the position of academic freedom.