

Mr. Zoltán Balog
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Dear Minister Balog,

On April 4, the Hungarian Parliament passed a law that will affect the status of the Central European University in Hungary and possibly force this internationally renowned institution to leave the country. The faculty, doctoral researchers and staff of the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin are profoundly concerned about this law because it will undermine academic freedom, research, and exchange.

Over the past years, BGSS and CEU have closely cooperated in different contexts, such as the "European Doctoral Program" and the „European Graduate Network“. We highly estimate CEU as an excellent partner, attracting students and faculty from all over the world, among them also alumni from the doctoral program of BGSS.

CEU is a valued member of the international academic community and its presence in Hungary has added to the reputation of Hungarian academic life on international level.

We respectfully urge the government and the parliament of Hungary to guarantee the academic freedom and to allow the CEU to pursue its very successful and important work in Hungary.

With best wishes


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