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Letter of support

The members of the Institute of Estonian and General Linguistics, in particular the Department of Finno-Ugric Studies, at the University of Tartu have followed with alarm developments in concern of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. We are concerned about the developmental possibilities for free and competitive research in an academic institution which faces growing influence by the Hungarian government. In particular, we refer here to the budgeting plans of the Ministry for Innovation and Technology. We herewith express our support for the engagements in order to keep the freedom of academic life from political interest as one of the pillars of a functioning democracy and vigorous intellectual inquiry.

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