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BRwiP Newsletter 12-26:
Demo der MUI und LFU gegen Budgetkürzungen am 29. Oktober in Innsbruck

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

der Betriebsrat für das wissenschaftliche Personal lädt Sie / euch alle mit Nachdruck gemeinsam mit dem Rektorat und der ÖH ein, an der geplanten Demonstration gegen das von der Regierung beschlossene Sparpaket gegen die Universitäten teilzunehmen.

Soweit bisher fixiert, treffen wir uns am Donnerstag, den 29. Oktober um 14 Uhr in der Innenstadt zu einem Demonstrationszug durch die Stadt.
Wir informieren zeitnah über weitere Details!

Gemeinsam mit der LFU protestieren wir dagegen, dass die Regierung durch unverhältnismäßiges Sparen am falschen Platz die Zukunft der Universitäten, ihrer Mitarbeiter, vor allem aber Lehre, Forschung und Patientenversorgung massiv gefährdet. Mit dieser Politik wird Österreich kein Wissensstandort mehr bleiben!

Die Konferenz der Vorsitzenden der Betriebsräte der österreichischen wissenschaftlichen und künstlerischen Universitäten (BRVK) und die Universitätengewerkschaft der GÖD haben sich heute mit einem offenen Brief an die Bundesregierung gegen diese Sparmaßnahmen gewandt:

https://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20261021_OTS0010/die-betriebsraete-an-oesterreichischen-universitaeten-protestieren-gegen-die-unverhaeltnismaessigen-budgeteinsparungsplaene-der-bundesregierung

Gehen wir am Donnerstag, alle mit weißen Mänteln, auf die Straße!

Mit kollegialen Grüßen
Wolfgang Freysinger
Vorsitzender BRwiP

PS: Der Rektor gibt zur Teilnahme nach Maßgabe des Dienstbetriebes in Absprache mit dem OEL frei (Beantragung in "Meine Abwesenheiten" unter sonstige Abwesenheiten, Kommentar "Demonstration Innsbruck").

********** English version **********

Dear Colleagues,

the Works Council for Academic Staff, together with the Rectorate and the Students' Union (ÖH), strongly encourages you all to participate in the planned demonstration against the government’s austerity package targeting universities.

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As currently scheduled, we will meet on Thursday, October 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the city center for a march through the city.
We will provide further details shortly!

Together with the University of Innsbruck (LFU), we are protesting against the government's disproportionate and misplaced budget cuts, which severely jeopardize the future of our universities and their staff—and, most importantly, compromise teaching, research, and patient care.
If this policy continues, Austria will no longer be a hub for knowledge and research!

The Conference of Chairs of Works Councils at Austrian Academic and Artistic Universities (BRVK) and the University Union (part of the GÖD trade union) have issued an open letter to the Federal Government today, opposing these austerity measures:

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Let's take to the streets this Thursday—everyone, please wear your white coats!

Best regards,
Wolfgang Freysinger
Chair, Works Council for Academic Staff (BRwiP)

P.S.: The Rector has authorized participation, subject to operational requirements and in consultation with your immediate supervisor (please submit a request via the "My Absences" portal under "Other Absences," using the comment "Demonstration Innsbruck").

******* For your convenience, here is an English version of the open letter sent to the Austrian government:
The works councils at Austrian universities protest against the disproportionate budget savings plans of the federal government

The quality of education at universities is at stake
Austria (OTS) –
In view of rising personnel, infrastructure and operating costs, the nominal update of the budget means a real cut. More than 2 billion euros are missing just to maintain the status quo. If the announcement of the federal government remains, the inevitable staff reductions in this case will endanger the substance of the universities.

For students, this means fewer courses, poorer supervision ratios and a further loss of scientific and artistic substance.

Academic careers need continuity, reliable framework conditions and long-term development opportunities. A university system that trains young people but then offers them no prospects to research and teach in Austria for Austria endangers their own future. The same applies to the artistic professions.

Austria's international reputation as a country of music and culture is not only based on its historical heritage, but also on the highly qualified education and continuous artistic work that takes place here. Art has an independent cultural, social and democratic value that cannot be reduced to economic exploitation or tourism.

The financing of art universities must therefore take into account their special structures, without playing off science, medicine and art universities against each other.

It must be possible to develop, communicate and discuss insights and artistic positions even if they contradict economic interests, majority opinions or political expectations. Permanently insufficient funding jeopardizes these prerequisites.

Public universities must remain places where education, scientific and artistic qualifications and social participation do not depend on the economic performance of the parental home. Those who save money at universities not only save on research, teaching and artistic development. They also weaken the conditions under which a democratic society produces, critically examines and passes on knowledge.

The question of how much money Austria makes available to its universities does not only affect the people who study or work there. It concerns medical care, our environment, the education of our children, the development of our economy and the future of our cultural life. The Conference of Works Council Chairpersons therefore calls on the Federal Government to finance public universities in such a way that they can continue to fulfil their tasks in research, teaching, and the development and development of the arts without having to jeopardise employment, the quality of education and the skills built up over decades.

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