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University of Exeter

Dear Professors Roberts, Charman, Jones, and Stansfield,

I am writing in my capacity as President of the Croatian Society for Analytic Philosophy (<https://hdaf.ffri.hr>) to express our serious concern about the proposed redundancies at the University of Exeter, and particularly their potential impact on Philosophy and the Egenis Centre for the Study of Life Sciences.

Exeter has established an outstanding international reputation in philosophy, including through the work conducted at Egenis. Its philosophers produce research of the highest international quality, publish in leading venues, attract major competitive research funding, and have developed an exceptionally successful interdisciplinary research environment. Egenis in particular has become internationally recognized as a centre for innovative philosophical and interdisciplinary research on the life sciences, medicine, cognition, and scientific practice.

This is not something we know only from Exeter's international reputation. Members of the Croatian Society for Analytic Philosophy and of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Rijeka have collaborated with several philosophers at Exeter, and we have first-hand experience of the quality of their research and their contribution to the international philosophical community. These collaborations form part of precisely the kind of international research networks that successful university departments should seek to develop and preserve.

Against this background, we find the prospect of redundancies affecting Philosophy particularly troubling. It is difficult to understand the academic rationale for reducing research capacity in an area that has been so demonstrably successful in producing internationally recognized research, attracting external research funding, and building productive international collaborations. Such reductions would also inevitably affect students, by reducing their opportunities to learn from leading researchers and to benefit from the intellectually rich and research-led environment that Exeter has successfully developed. Research environments of this quality take many years to develop, while their loss through staff reductions can be rapid and extremely difficult to reverse.

We therefore strongly urge the University of Exeter to reconsider any proposed redundancies affecting Philosophy and Egenis and to protect the research capacity that has made these areas so successful.

On behalf of the Executive board of the Croatian Society for Analytic Philosophy,

Yours sincerely,

Dr Marko Jurjako



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