

Press release

Boğaziçi University, 13 March 2017.

Statement of Boğaziçi University Academics

We have learnt that the work permits of Noémi Lévy-Aksu, Associate Professor at the Department of History, and Abbas Vali, Professor at the Department of Sociology, were revoked by the executive commission of the Higher Education Council [YÖK] on February 22. We declare that this decision, which completely discarded our university's procedure and councils, is contrary to our academic principles and autonomy. We will monitor this issue until the decision is reversed.

Statement of Noémi Lévy-Aksu

I will say a few words on my own behalf. The reaction of Boğaziçi University Academics is a first, I hope it will set an example for other universities. The decision of the Higher Education Council does not only go against the academic principles of Boğaziçi University but also against freedom of speech. It is no different from the attacks against critical voices in many universities of Turkey. A university where criticism is impossible is not a university; a democracy where the opposition is silenced is not a democracy. I will continue to fight for peace, democracy and the university.

A few sources:

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