



Statement of Solidarity
with the students and academics of Boğaziçi University
by the academic staff of the School of Primary Education
at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

We, the academic staff at the School of Primary Education, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki stand in solidarity with protesting students and academics at Boğaziçi University and express our concern for the repression of their democratic rights.

We consider the appointment of the University's rector by a presidential decree a brutal violation of university autonomy and academic freedom.

We condemn the endeavor of state authorities to put under their control the academia in Turkey. The repressive state policy against universities annihilates their crucial role in opening new prospects in science and culture, serving the progressive development of modern societies.

We express our support to the students and professors at Boğaziçi University and call for the immediate release of any protesters in custody.

We demand the Turkish authorities respect the autonomy and democratic rights of students and faculty at Boğaziçi University and throughout Turkey.