



### Public statement of the Council of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

The Council of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, Babeş-Bolyai University, hereby expresses solidarity with its partner institution, the Central European University/ Közép-európai Egyetem (CEU) Budapest, which currently faces an unmerited crisis following the approval of several amendments to the Hungarian Law on Education (Law CCIV/2011). These amendments endanger the continuation of CEU's functioning in its institutional framework established 25 years ago.

Our university signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* with CEU on the 26th of April 2015, which opened up new ways to develop already existing collaborations, especially in the fields of social sciences and humanities. A considerable number of our faculty members participated throughout the years at various academic programs organized at the CEU, such as summer schools, curriculum development workshops, research and documentation fellowships etc. Five of our tenured faculty members obtained master or doctoral degrees at CEU. Starting with the 2015-2016 academic year, we organize together with CEU the CEU Global Teaching Fellowship program, that allows fresh PhDs and PhD candidates at CEU to participate at teaching and research activities at the Sociology Department, and thus to contribute at the internationalization of our faculty.

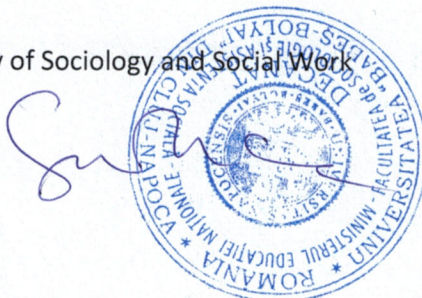
We join voices with the international academic community in expressing our deep concern for the extremely difficult situation faced by CEU, one of the most prestigious academic institutions in Central and Eastern Europe, which had an undoubted role in the revival of social sciences and humanities after the changes of political regimes in 1989.

We hope that CEU will be able to continue its fruitful activities in Budapest, receiving the support that any respected academic institution should benefit from in a society guided by democratic and humanist values.

The Council of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

Vice-Dean,

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