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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to express our concern with the difficult situation which Czech science will face due to the budget reduction. We think that the drastic reduction of the budget for science could lead to unpredictable results in the future, which the governing political powers should always keep in mind. It seems that humanitarian studies will be afflicted most gravely by such an approach – lack of resources will impede the completion of current projects, and the endowment of new ones. We believe that the steep decrease of the expenditure for science could have dire results for Czech society in the future. A true democratic society cannot afford to deprive itself from the knowledge provided by humanitarian studies – in the same way that it cannot afford to give up self-understanding, and living up to its values.

We believe you will successfully overcome the existing situation and sincerely trust that humanitarian studies in the Czech Republic will continue their development with unabated pace in the future too. We relate to your efforts.



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