

To the Attention of
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Dear Rector,

I am a Professor of Public Law at the University of Siena, Italy and coordinator of an Erasmus agreement with your University.

I would like to express my deepest concern for the dismissal of Professor Ibrahim Kabođlu, pursuant to the Law Decree published on February 7, 2017.

Over the years, Professor Kabođlu has participated to several initiatives organized by the Research Center I direct (DIPEC). Furthermore, it is thanks to Professor Kabođlu that the aforementioned Erasmus agreement was established between the University of Marmara and the University of Siena. In this framework, several students of the Law Department have benefited from this exchange opportunity. Anyone who had a chance to meet with Professor Kabođlu could testify to his honesty as a teacher, as a constitutional lawyer and as a promoter of the rule of law.

I respectfully urge the reversal of this decision and the full reintegration of Professor Kabođlu within the University of Marmara.

Kind regards,

Prof. Tania Groppi

Attached hereto is the article published in the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica* of February 15th, 2017, reporting news of the dismissal of Professor Kabođlu. Since then, several other articles have been published by Italian media.