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To the Board of Governors of Middlesex University

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I can speak in the name of all my colleagues here at the Institut für Medienwissenschaft, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany's largest department for media culture studies and media philosophy, if I say that we learn with great dismay that Middlesex University has decided to close its department of philosophy. Your decision comes as a shock to a scholarly community who has come to appreciate Middlesex philosophy as one of the strongest and internationally most visible departments in the field.

We strongly protest against this short sighted and ill considered decision, and we urge you to reinstate the department of philosophy and its programs in their previous forms. A failure to reverse this decision would produce an immeasurable loss to both Middlesex University and to the field of Humanities more generally.

Sincerely



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