

JGU's Executive University Board Shares German Rectors' Conference's Opinion Regarding the Situation of University Members in Iran

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The Executive University Board of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz is shocked and concerned by the increasing repression toward students and members of universities in Iran. It shares the opinion expressed in the statement given by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK):

HRK statement:

"In light of the escalating situation in Iran and the clearly state-sanctioned repression students and academics from multiple Iranian universities are experiencing, the German Rectors' Conference expressed shock and concern during its session on Wednesday. After Mahsa (Zhin) Amini's violent death in police custody sparked nationwide protests, strikes and protests apparently also took place at more than one hundred universities. According to concurring media reports, the state has been taking increasingly violent action against the protestors, many of whom are affiliated with universities.

"The right to free speech and assembly are being violated to a considerable extent. We are greatly concerned by the situation," states HRK-President Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt. The HRK Senate expressed its solidarity with Iranian citizens, especially members of the universities, in their struggle for human rights and explicitly also for the rights of women and called upon all sides to renounce violence."

The statement of Bundeskonferenz der Frauen- und Gleichstellungsbeauftragten der Hochschulen e.V. (BUKOF), of which JGU is a member, can be found at:

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