Letter in support of the Institute of Philosophy of Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow

We have received worrying news on the intention of expelling the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow from its historical building in Volkhonka Street No. 14, which has been used by this world renowned philosophical and scientific institution for 80 years. During the recent celebration of the UNESCO World Philosophy Day in that same building some of us had a chance to become acquainted with impressive scientific and philosophical production of numerous books, journals and encyclopedias which are result of intellectual activity of employees of the Institute. Henceforth, the termination of Institute’s activity would represent significant loss not just for Russian but also for the entire international philosophical scene. With deep expression of professional and humane solidarity with our Russian colleagues, we are urging the appropriate instances of Russian authorities to cast aside the intention of expelling the Institute thus preventing one tremendous cultural and civilizational disgrace both for Russian people and for the whole civilized world.

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