To whom it concerns,

As professional associations of social scientists in various disciplines, the organizations listed below condemn the ongoing persecution by the Turkish government of our colleagues in Turkish universities. We are deeply concerned by current threats to academic freedom in Turkey of signatories of the ‘Peace petition’ in 2016. In particular, we regard the dismissals by executive decree, without due process and legal recourse, and the decision to bring academics to trial as profound violations of academic freedom. Turkey is isolating itself from the international academic community where, for so long, colleagues in Turkey have played such an important role.

We show solidarity with the academics in Turkey and closely follow the development of these trials. We call on the Turkish authorities to stop proceedings immediately and to reinstate academics to their university positions.

*More information on ISPP actions to support colleagues in Turkey will follow throughout the coming months.*