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Dear Prof. Dr. Patrick Cramer,

On behalf of BRISMES's Committee on Academic Freedom, we would like to thank you for your letter of March 7, 2024, explaining your decision to dismiss Professor Ghassan Hage from the Max Planck Institute. We fear, however, that you failed to address our concern about the egregious violation of Professor Hage's academic freedom and freedom of expression. Indeed, your response does not assure us in any way that the Max Planck Institute is committed to academic freedom and freedom of speech, and we look forward to hearing from you what kind of provisions Max Planck Institute has in place to protect these two vital freedoms and whether they were followed when you dismissed Professor Hage.

Sincerely,

Professor Neve Gordon
Vice President, BRISMES
On behalf of the BRISMES Committee on Academic Freedom