

Please join the

Red Line Staff Demo

On the Dies Natalis, Thursday November 20, 15:00-16.00

Starting from the big AH (**Prof. De Moor plein**), ending in front of **Koopmans**

Dress code: red, or gown (toga) for full professors

Bring signs in Dutch or English, focusing on the demands in our open letter

On December 6, 2024, the Advisory Committee on International Collaborations produced a Human Rights Assessment Framework,¹ applied it to the ties with Israeli universities, and concluded that these ties should be suspended.²

The Board remained silent for months.

The Board then only followed a very small part of the recommendations. A report from an independent expert committee on Israeli-Dutch academic ties followed,³ as well as a call from the KNAW.⁴ More than 200 TiU staff members protested in yet another open letter on October 2 2025.⁵

After ignoring this latest open letter for a month and a half, the Board announced⁶ last week that - unlike Radboud University, Maastricht University, and the universities of Leiden, Utrecht and Amsterdam - it will still not fully suspend ties with Hebrew University, thereby making an exception to the ethical guidelines we all are supposed to follow.

Please come out to draw a red line with us, and tell them that they cannot keep ignoring the moral, ethical, and democratic principles they so proudly claim to support!

1 <https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/about/organization/advisory-committee-collaborations/publication-human-rights-assessment-framework>

2 <https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/about/organization/advisory-committee-collaborations/collaborations-partners-israel/publication-advice-collaboration-academic-partners-israel>

3 <https://academictiesisrael.nl/storage/report-israeli-ties-v-2-20250626-gZEz.pdf>

4 <https://www.knaw.nl/nieuws/verklaring-knaw-bestuur-over-de-situatie-gaza>

5 <https://universonline.nl/nieuws/2025/10/02/urgent-letter-tilburg-university-must-suspend-all-ties-with-israeli-universities/>

6 <https://universonline.nl/nieuws/2025/11/13/tilburg-university-sets-strict-conditions-for-future-collaboration-with-hebrew-university/>