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Il Vicepresident dell'AIPPh Prof. Herman Lodewyckx ha informato della notizia sotto riportata nel Forum Internazionale della associazione

Divulgo tale informazione nella "Sezione Internazionale" della Rivista telematica "Nuova Didattica" per opportuna diffusione ai lettori

Secretary dell'AIPPh. prof. Riccardo Sirello

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### **MIDDLESEX TO CLOSE ITS TOP-RATED SUBJECT**

Late on Monday 26 April 2010, the Dean of the School of Arts and Education at Middlesex University, announced the closure of all its Philosophy programmes, including the largest MA programme in Philosophy in the UK. Philosophy is the highest research-ranked subject in the University, and Middlesex is the highest rated of all the post-92 institutions in the subject.

Restriction of student opportunities and choice

Philosophy at Middlesex is one of only a handful of programmes left in the UK that provides both research-driven and inclusive post-graduate teaching and supervision aimed at a wide range of students, specialist and non-specialist. It is the main centre in the UK for the study of European or 'continental' philosophy.

Research

The Centre for Research in Modern European Philosophy is the main centre for 'continental' philosophy in the UK, with an established international reputation, frequent visiting speakers from abroad and increasing numbers of postgraduate students. There are currently 63 postgraduate students in the Centre: 48 MA students and 15 PhD students. 5 PhDs were awarded in 2009. These are remarkable numbers, especially for a small group of six staff.

The Middlesex Philosophy submission to RAE2001 was graded 5, and the 2008 submission was awarded a GPA of 2.80, ranking it joint 13th out of 41 institutions entered in Philosophy - above both its main competitors, Warwick and Sussex. It has hosted 2 Leverhulme Fellowships in the last 6 years, and recently completed a 245,000 AHRC-funded research project, 'Concept and Form: The Cahiers pour l'analyse and Contemporary French Thought' (which included production of a major web research resource). It recently submitted an application for a 2-year AHRC

Project Grant on Transdisciplinarity, and held an international event on Transdisciplinarity in French Thought at the French Institute).

To express support and to help with the campaign against the closure email Professor Peter Osborne: [peter@peterosborne.f2s.com](mailto:peter@peterosborne.f2s.com) <<mailto:peter@peterosborne.f2s.com>> making reference to Middlesex philosophy in the subject line.

PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS NEWS WIDELY - closure at Liverpool and cuts at KCL and elsewhere have been avoided due to protests.

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