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**MANIFESTO IN SUPPORT OF PROFESSOR JUAN PABLO MATEO TOME**

In this letter, we wish to express our support to Professor Juan Pablo Mateo Tomé, who was notified of his dismissal from the Universidad Pontificia Comillas on July 23rd.

Juan Pablo has engaged in extensive research activity, with publications in prestigious journals and several books. He has lectured at universities in Spain and Latin America, presenting papers at international conferences, and his work is recognized by many economists in their field of research.

It seems incomprehensible that he was fired the day before of the start of the holidays, especially given that he was part of the 2013-14 teaching plan, with an increase in teaching hours from the previous year, and was going to direct a Ph D thesis. Also incomprehensible and contradictory is that the university justified the lay off with the decline in economy related teaching hours. Yet, even more serious is that it was reported 11 days after the notice for the upcoming union elections, as Juan Pablo was on the list for the company´s committee, presented by the UGT' Union. We believe that this decision taken by the Universidad Pontificia Comillas is a blatant attack both to freedom of expression in economics as to the right of workers to organize.

Thus, through this paper we show our disagreement with this decision and we ask Universidad Pontificia Comillas to reconsider his dismissal and to reinstate Professor Juan Pablo Mateo.

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