



In view of recent revelations of deeply xenophobic and anti-democratic agendas in parts of society, the College of Fellows would like to make it very clear that we oppose all actions and speech that call into question the freedom of teaching and research, academic exchange across borders and global cooperation. We are deeply committed to the principles of human rights, recognition of and support for diversity, and respectful treatment of each other.

Every type of research, every type of teaching and learning, and every form of administrative work at universities builds on diversity and international cooperation. Without this cooperation, science and teaching are inconceivable. The university as a place of research and teaching thrives on the diversity of its researchers and staff: without it, there can be no lively, excellent scientific research.

We are proud of the international and intercultural diversity that our Research Fellows from all over the world bring to Tübingen, and we will do everything in our power to ensure that they continue to feel welcome and safe here.

We would like to assure our international colleagues in every country in the world that we have not forgotten 1933 and its consequences. We are hereby adding our voice to the many that have been raised in opposition to anti-democratic and xenophobic tendencies. We call on our community to actively oppose racism, prejudice and marginalisation in our society and to show solidarity with those who face racism and discrimination, so that we all may create a more inclusive culture in our academic cooperation and in our living together.