

dear friends,

I am an Italian professor, engineer, and I was at Ecole Polytechnique on sabbatical, so I know a little the French system.

Some colleagues in France pointed me to your movement, which appears to be much more organized than mine, and more experienced, so I would be really appreciating if you could help me, with suggestions, comments on the Harvard blog where I wrote the letter to the Minister Profumo, signed by very good people and scientists, including the brother of former Italy and Eu President Romano Prodi.

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The letter started out of a discussion from a group of Humboldt fellows which I founded. The Humboldt network is quite powerful as is the Fulbright one, and if you have not exploited them, you should do that, perhaps even with the Emails that I collected, and that I am available to share with you.

I have another 3500 personal contacts of University colleagues which you may contact, perhaps with one first Email, to promote your movement, and our collaboration.

I hope that in turn you could share your Email lists, or just promote my movement, commenting on the Harvard blog, and on all your newsletter and groups. I can obviously do the same in my groups and newsletters.

Looking at the French and Italian situations, they seem extremely close, so much that it may be that the plan by Berlusconi and Sarkozy government was unique, or at least they communicated significantly to devise a similar crazy strategy. The idea of splitting good and bad universities, done in Italy in an incredible violent and primitive way, which I think completely buries individual merits, and even constitutional rights, has similarities with your situations. A french colleague explained me the situation, and I was impressed by the similarity.

Please have a look at the Harvard blog where I put the open letter to the Minister and the government, and maybe after that, we should take a meeting, even just on the phone, to discuss possible strategies of collaboration. I am sure we can help each other, although especially you can help me!

With best regards,

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