

- To: Professor Susan Price (Acting Vice Chancellor) and the Senior Management Team at the University of East London

We, the undersigned, regret your action in seeking to cancel the Alternative G20 Summit which was due to be held on the Docklands campus on April 1st. We congratulate the main organizer of this event, Professor Chris Knight, for his insistence that despite your damaging intervention, the planned summit should go ahead.

We urge you to reconsider your decision to suspend and press disciplinary charges against him. We demand his immediate reinstatement.

For more information visit Chris website www.chrisknight.co.uk or [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Knight_\(anthropologist\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Knight_(anthropologist))

703 Signatures

- Harriet Stone *Its an absolute disgrace!*
- Roberta Wiseman
- Emily Wyman
- Luc Steels *The University of East London should be proud to have academics that are concerned with their community and put their research into practice. By dismissing Prof. Knight, the university of East London signals that it is more interested in catering to private financial organisations rather than helping to stimulate debate and canalising public anger through playful protest.*
- Robert Kruszynski
- David Graeber *The idea of suspending a professor for saying they'd like to see a revolution is absolutely chilling: by that standard, half the people whose work we teach would not themselves qualify to teach in our schools. It's all the more ridiculous considering everyone is perfectly well aware Chris is not an advocate of violence. Shutting down the Alternative Summit was absolutely disgraceful. This is precisely the kind of resistance to government policies - the thoughtful discussion of alternatives - that one would have thought universities were there to encourage. Does UEL really want to go down in history as opening a new page in the suppression of intellectual freedom and freedom of speech? Because if they continue this way, that's certainly what they will be most known for throughout the world.*
- Jean Lassegue
- Tony Benn
- Oliver Tickell *Universities should be places for open debate and exchange of ideas in society, not mere education factories. UEL must fulfill this broader mission and it needs people like Chris Knight to achieve that.*
- Catherine Stephens
- DR GERRY WOLFF
- Tigana *The least I can say is that this university has had a total sense of humour failure.*
- Moanna Wright *I learned more from Professor Knight than I did from any other lecturer I had throughout my academic career. You are doing students a disservice by not having him as an active lecturer.*
- Karl Diller *I am surprised that British universities don't have a more robust tradition of freedom of speech. In America this would not happen without an uproar. Are you concerned about the international reputation of the University of East London?*
- Simone Pika
- Laura K. Brown, Ph.D.
- Laura Williams
- Cynthia A. Pearson *Professor Knight's work is important to the health of women around the world. Cindy Pearson, Executive Director, National Women's Health Network (U.S.)*
- Amanda MacLean

- Laurie O'Connell
- Eleanor Leone
- Richard Wilkinson *This is a time when UEL should be doing all it can to encourage debate and engagement with the problems facing society - not trying to prevent it.*
- Andrew Fowler
- John Davey
- Daniela Peluso
- Bella *This is a disgrace and makes mockery of freedom of speech*
- Toby Brown
- Dominic Mitchell *Chris Knight is a researcher of international standing in the field that I study; the Origin and Evolution of Language. The University of East London should be proud to have him.*
- Louise Salkeld
- Katrina Norton-Knight
- Jacqueline Woodward-Smith *Chris Knight is the most inspiring lecturer that I have ever met and is an intelligent and caring man who speaks out against violence. It is refreshing, in this day and age, to meet an academic who engages in what is happening in the real world and is able to relate that to the world of academia. I have learned from Chris Knight that the study of anthropology can challenge our accepted 'norms' and change the world and I never thought that I would find that in a university. UEL should be proud to have him as a lecturer, proud that their courses are so relevant to our society, and should be seen to protect free speech, rather than suppress it.*
- Susanna Lafond
- Nick Rogers *Chris's suspension is a outrageous assault on academic freedom.*
- Camilla Power *A vicious attack on science and revolution!*
- Vanessa David
- lou riboh *Reinstate Chris Knight in the name of free speech!*
- Pauline Moat Bradley
- James Stone
- Leticia Molera-Anderson *I chose UEL because of Chris Knight and I know many others who have as well. Sacking him will be very bad for the UELs reputation and our department, I have already considered transferring.*
- Steve Birch *Dismissing Chris Knight will reflect badly on UEL, it will show potential students that there is little freedom of opinion allowed to the teaching staff and students (something we all loved about UEL, and the reason many of us chose it) in a time when freedom of speech is being eroded by the state, traditionally academics lead where others fear, clearly UEL is no longer a place of learning but a place of profits and business decisions.*
- Emma Sullivan
- Sarah
- Johnny *ANT 352 is the best module EVER. it is A MUST for any anthropology student. Please reinstate Chris knight in the interest of the many anthropologists-to-be at UEL. The University Certificate in Anthropology (A11001,A11002) has been a stepping stone for the BSc at UEL for many mature students; this and last years former RAG students graduated with 2.1 or First and continued their studies at TOP universities in UK, elevating the prestige of the University of East London.*
- Cherie Abbott *Stop the foolishness and bring Chris Knight back into UEL so he can continue teaching and inspiring those that crave knowledge and understanding.*
- Dessalles J-L. *Prof. Knight is a great thinker, who authored one of the most impressive theory in anthropology. Please, let him free to speak !*
- Miroslava Bobakova *As I know, professor Chris Knight is one of the most devoted "renaissance" persons I have ever met. In these days of lack of personalities who would do things with passion and wisdom, he shows us how important is to be critical, active and collective. To open up democracy means to accept all possible alternatives because they can reveal the mirrors for tomorrows solutions we need.*
- Mark Barrett
- Louise Chambers *Chris Knight's theories and teaching of the origins of culture is the heartbeat of UELs anthropology programme and has been the inspiration for so many of his past and present students to go on and seek out the truth of the origins of*

human symbolic culture. This situation has come about because he dared to speak out against those authorities that we all feel totally oppressed by but are too scared to say or do anything. UEL a modern and dynamic university should be embracing Chris, his sacking will be a cruel act of fear and total injustice.

- Simin Erbel
- Gianantonio Bubu Candiani
- Jackie Walker *Freedom of speech and action used to be an ideal defended by the ethos of our higher ed institutions - time to allow diversity*
- Arianna de mario
- Claire Smith
- Steve Cooke
- Artur Wiecezorek
- Angus Coull
- christian campbell
- Sef Mekatoa
- Kimmo Kallio
- Alanna Felt
- John McLintock
- Michael Burgess *He may well be a loony. But he should have the right to be, without losing his livelihood. Who breaks a butterfly on a wheel?*
- Jack Nielsen
- Julian
- gary hill
- antonia
- Robert Knox
- gary jackson
- i believe that in the current global climate of economic collapse and the destitution of huge swathes of the people worldwide, any and every alternative viewpoint should be heard and carefully considered.
- Alex Rugens
- Amy Fellowes *Chris Knight is the reason I went to UEL, and I was not disappointed with his amazing and inspiring lectures. I am however extremely upset by the Universities recent actions against a man whose crime was uniting people to create positive and much needed change*
- Charmaine Penney
- Anne Watkinson
- pamela
- Owen Wiltshire
- Marianne Hyatt *I'm appalled at the witch hunt. Professor Knight is internationally renowned for his work on this movement. His suspension demonstrates a mercenary, unprincipled and ingenuous stance. It is an affront to Prof Knight & to UEL's fine reputation.*
- Jenn Brown
- crab *Reinstate Chris Knight!*
- steve lord *If someone is bold enough to reflect what ordinary people within the country are thinking, then they should be respected for that, and not punished.*
- Emma Catlow
- Melanie
- Liaket Ali
- jess moo *Dear UEL, Please revise your decision regarding Chris. Clearly there is some protocol you are following- but bare in mind Chris Knight's tireless campaigning for those who have little voice. Clearly you have issue with him, but to remove him after his tireless service to UEL is extreme and reflects baddly on a college in one of the most deprived communities in London. Also, Chris is academically an inspiration to many people who have gone onto higher study, phd's and eminent careers. Chris's honesty, integrity and ability to inspire gave me the confidence to obtain a career in public health medicine! Inspiration and dedication to his students must be respected in UEL. your action may send a signal to students that freedom of speech is somehow to be feared. Whether or not we agree with what Chris says and does - or the way he does it - I believe that defending his right to believe*

and take a stand for what is important to him is at stake. Sacking him is not the solution to the issue you have with him.

- chris bell
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- Joel Raku
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 - Comments
 - Freedom of speech?
- Jake Lewis
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 - Comments
 - be progressive - reinstate Chris Knight
- Dorothy Macedo
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is a true original thinker - he's not always right, but who is? In years to come, how will this petty act by UEL be judged? Not well, I'm certain.
- Lewis
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 - Comments
 - D'
- Dimitrij Mlekuz
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 - Comments
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- kerstin rodgers
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 - Comments
 - You can't sack Chris Knight. He is a legend. Don't be small minded.
- Dr. Maximilian C. Forte
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 - Comments
 - UEL's decision was an astoundingly totalitarian intervention into the public speech and activism of Chris Knight, absolutely unforgivable in anything that dreams of itself as a "liberal democracy."
- d.mcdermott
 - (dave.mac.1@hotmail.co.uk)
- Michael White
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- Simon Dowdeswell
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- Ian Pheasey
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- Charles Whitehead (Dr)
 - (charles@socialmirrors.org)
 - Comments
 - I don't always agree with Chris's campaigning methods but sacking him is inappropriate - even the most negative media said his heart is in the right place
- Angels Trias i Valls
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 - Comments
 - Reinstate Chris Knight
- tessa
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- Catherine
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 - Comments
 - A ludicrous decision. Stop all this silliness and reinstate him now. Can you really not see what a huge asset to UEL he is, or could be?

- Juliet Wilkinson
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 - Comments
 - Outrageous action by UEL! Re-instate Chris, immediately! His teaching and conviction are energetic and inspiring, whether you agree with his politics or not.
- jules
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- Peter Kappeler
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- Viky Sousa-Mayer
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 - Comments
 - Open your mind. We are actually all fighting the same battle, we all want the same things. It is a shame that we are blindly fighting each other.
- Fiona Heberle
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- Joe Figg
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 - Comments
 - good luck Chris, am batting for you!
- laurie palacio
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 - Comments
 - universities are meant to be a seat of learning and a melting pot of ideas and challenging theories. if a Uni can't hold an "Alternative Summit" who can??
- Matthew Roberts
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 - Comments
 - Freedom of speech is an absolute right in higher education. The attitude demonstrated by the management team at the University of East London towards professor Chris Knight is disgusting and he should be reinstated immediately.
- Amira
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 - Comments
 - Chris is an incredibly talented academic; it would be a sad day for the education system if students are deprived from his wealth of knowledge.
- Rebecca Martin
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- Ian Blenkinsop
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- Adam Seagrave
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- David Suter
 - (dsuter62@yahoo.com)
 - Comments
 - defeat the ways of evil
- Phil Vellender
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 - Comments
 - Please reinstate Chris Knight immediately
- Adrienne Pine
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 - Comments
 - As a fellow public anthropologist, I am deeply concerned about the increasingly corporatist logic of the university. Actions like Chris Knight's suspension confirm the trend of profit and the security state mattering above all else, to the exclusion of free speech and honest critical analysis. Along with countless others on this petition and elsewhere, I call for the immediate reinstatement of Chris Knight.
- Vera Hochkofler

- - Comments
 - D'
- Carol Roper
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 - Comments
 - To Professor Susan Price and the Senior Management Team at UEL - Academic freedom is a cornerstone of British democracy and so is the right to free speech. Chris Knight's statements to the press were inflated by the media as a means to whip up antagonism to the G20 protests in London and I believe the university's decision to suspend Knight was taken rashly and in response to that. Knight has been an asset to the university and is respected by many on campus. Kindly reconsider your decision to suspend Knight.
- Chloe Frommer
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 - Comments
 - I have used the example of the Alt. G20 and Chris Knight's comments in my Intro. to Cultural Anthropology class as an example of Transnational New Social Movements evolving in relation to the globalization of Financescapes
- nigel drew
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 - Comments
 - Shame.
- Mick Woods
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- Kevin Brown
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 - Comments
 - Bsc Anthropology Student University of East London
- Tracey Baldwin
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is the main reason the anthropology department at UEL has an excellent reputation. If you don't reinstate him, then you are putting politics above education.
- Wendy James (Emeritus Prof, Anthropology, Oxford Univ.)
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 - Comments
 - I have participated in Chris Knight's UEL seminars and his north London extra-mural courses; he has been a contributor to a book on Early Human Kinship of which I am a co-editor; I admire his originality and bold ideas about human society; and regard the two books on language in prehistory, published this month by OUP, of which Chris Knight is an editor, as ground-breaking. He is an important anthropologist, and it is important to our discipline that he should be respected and reinstated.
- Steve Martin
 - (Stevemartin1st@hotmail.co.uk)
 - Comments
 - EAT CHRIS KNIGHT
- Tim Dalinian Jones
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is a world class anthropologist, a radical original thinker, and an inspiration to generations of students, academics and activists. He has been the UEL Anthropology department's greatest asset. Now his right to free speech, academic freedom and continuity of employment are being torn up by what appears to be an uninspired, narrow-minded and repressive management team shame on you all. If a similar fate befell Stephen Hawking or Steve Jones, can you imagine the scale of repetitional damage that Cambridge Uni and UCL would suffer by such auto-foot-shooting shenanigans? Please come to your senses and reinstate Chris Knight.
- Susanne Boehm
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- Jude Hanzo
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- Hamish Paterson
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 - Comments
 - through my bear freind Dr. padel
- Hamish Paterson
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 - Comments
 - through my bear freind Dr. padel
- Zubaida Chowdhury
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- james aicken
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- Neiloufar Family
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is an inspiring intellectual, please let him express his ideas freely!
- Eva Vojinovic
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- Nassim Sabba
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight should be reinstated immediately. Shame on those whose actions have lead to censorship of academic freedom, real shame.
- olivia knight
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 - Comments
 - a professor should not be suspended for his beliefs nor upholding the right of an educational institution to have the right to freedom of speech. I attended the summit along with Tony Benn and like Tony was horrified that a university should try to shut it down and silence its own academics right to express and share their independent thoughts and ideas.
- Helena Tuzinska
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- Emily J Ross
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- beril
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 - Comments
 - D'
- Alistair Johnson
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- Panos Nicolaou
 - (nicolaoupanos@hotmail.com)
 - Comments
 - Shame! Shame ! Shame !
- Massimo De Angelis
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- Elena Mouriki
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 - Comments
 - I could never guess that lack of common sense and and of sense of humour could be the reasons for someone losing his job
- Lorraine Leeson
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- Dr. David Hyde
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 - Comments

- We demand that Chris Knight's suspension be lifted immediately
- Peter Conlin
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 - Comments
 - D'
- Debra Benita Shaw
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- Haim Bresheeth
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- Dr Kevin P Corbett
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- Alan Gallery
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 - Comments
 - Democracy needs him!
- Steve Lauder
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 - Comments
 - Chris is a worthy and valuable member of UEL, and his activism has always been non-violent. Re-instate Chris please... We are not Nazi's are we?
- Sam Ashman
- Melanie Dolan
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 - Comments
 - D'
- Eva Turner
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 - Comments
 - Chris's suspension is highly undemocratic and needs to be put right. I do not believe he or the Alternative G20 ever posed any threat and it was a peaceful event (I was there to see).
- Prof. Donald Filtzer
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- Lisa Kellermann
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- Kirsten Forkert
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 - Comments
 - D'
- Tomas Hatt
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- Corinne Squire

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- Stuart Froud
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 - Comments
 - Universities should support freedom of speech and be centres of free debate
- Dr Tim Hall
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- David Chapman
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 - Comments
 - D'
- Ana Lopes
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- Steve Goodman
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- Marlene Defreitas
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- Patrick Hogan
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- Dr. Ian Watts
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 - Comments
 - Suspending your most renown academic for saying he wanted to snack on a banker suggests that you're desperate to stop being a university and get on with the real business of making loads of dosh as a business college.
- Jeannine Wyman
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 - Comments
 - Luckily I found a class at the Adult Institute in Holmes Road (Camden) back in 1978, called Social Anthropology, taught by Chris Knight. The course and material covered changed my life. I hoped to learn about social anthropology but ended up discovering so much more. The class explored the origins of humans, religions, relationships and so many other areas too numerous to list here. It was an astonishing and scintillating experience. Chris Knight is one of the Great Thinkers in anthropology today. His course was so rich in its scope and breath that I did it the following year. Shame on those people who strive to achieve and maintain mediocrity. They would have forfeited the Industrial Revolution.

- Dr Matt Lee
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 - Comments
 - I strongly urge the University to pull back from this suspension and avoid using 'technical' issues to deal with what is clearly a political disagreement. Radical academics such as Chris should always upset the norm and be encouraged to do so as part of any vibrant culture.
- Estelle Orrelle
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- Clare Parkinson
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- Martin Klopstock
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- Rumana Hashem
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 - Comments
 - Hope this petition awakes the Management Team of UEL and the decision of Chris Knight's unjustified suspension be reconsidered.
- Anna Robinson
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- monique_mahama
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 - Comments
 - I don't agree with the organisation of this alternative summit because this initiative don't correspond to my political convictions (I am a marxist militant and I think that the only realistic "alternative" to day is to fight against the capitalist system in the perspective to built another society). But, by solidarity with Chris Knight, I accept to join all the persons who protest against the repression against the scientist. I hope that this sanction will permit a reflexion about what is the bourgeois "democratic" state. Great Britain is one of the most important "democratic" state in the world. The statute of Freedom in New York is the symbol of the freedom only for the ruling class !). We cannot accept to shut our mouth in front of the barbaria of this decadent system.
- Beth Shaw
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- Fiona Carson
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- Richard Sharpe

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- Judy Greenway
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- Nikos Kourampas
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- Pernigotti Elisabetta
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- Keith Leung
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 - Comments
 - Some days UEL remind me of 80s-90s China with its "free speech" and disappearing of any dissenting opinion to their own.
- ann flowers
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 - Comments
 - people have a right to their views
- Alex Prichard
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- Fiona Harrington
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- Tom Cahill
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 - Comments
 - Retired University Lecturer finds this shameful and embarrassing.
- Eliza Kolovou
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- jocelyn chaplin
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- Dr Jamie Heckert
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- Alison Dudgeon
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- Hilton Bertalan
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- Saskia Dijk
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- Ryan O'Kane
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 - Comments
 - Thanks to Chris's PR and recruitment efforts, we should have a nice new stock of radicals and free thinkers applying to UEL this year... He's a lovely silly man and deserves better treatment.
- GEORGE PAIZIS
 - (g.paizis@ucl.ac.uk)
- Simon Lynn
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- Kelpie Wilson
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 - Comments
 - Thanks for considering this petition. Chris Knight is a valuable and accomplished academic researcher and teacher and it would be a shame to lose his contribution to students and to your university.
- Emma Gribble
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is an original thinker and a genuine believer in the value of science and education. He is just the sort of humane man a good university needs.
- Carolina Major Diaz San Francisco
 - (cantonamia@yahoo.com)
 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is an inspiration for all us and that is what professors are required to be, right? Chris Knight has inspired me in fighting for what I believe because it is out there waiting for me.
- Dr Jonathan Hardy
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- Debra Itzcovitz

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- Comments
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- adania shibli

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- Sarah Grogan

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- nathan bridger
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 - Comments
 - My friend Chris Knight can take you to an industrial tribunal, and he will win!! Shame on you!!
- Marie-Katharine Traunfellner
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- Bruce Denn
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- hannah jenkins-yanetski
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 - Comments
 - eddus5@hotmail.com
- graham marsden
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- p m govere
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- Amelia Woodrow Arai
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- Olivier Boin
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- Adriana
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- Jayan Amin
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- Alex Clements
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 - Comments
 - UEL student
- edmund bradden
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- Dave Isaacson
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- Dr. Dana Medoro
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 - Comments
 - Dr. Knight's anthropological research has been invaluable to my own research and thinking. He is internationally acclaimed across the disciplines. The disciplinary action of your university is too severe, and it only harms your reputation. Please reconsider what a stellar professor you have and what damage this action is doing to academic freedom in a world that is more and more in need of critical thinking. The university must remain some kind of protected space for thinking our ways out of environmental and economic disasters.

- Daniela.Montaldi
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 - Comments
 - Universities are surely all about freedom of thought and speech - Is UEL really a Univeristy, in the true sense of the word?
- Eileen Graf
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- Marion Laporte
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- Lucy Harrison
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- Stephen Watkins
 - (stephen.watkins@student.manchester.ac.uk)
- Ray Wilkinson
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- Patricia Oliver Martinez
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- Jeansy Kazadi
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 - Comments
 - Please reinstate Prof. Chris Knight. His suspension is part of an act of intellectual intimidation.
- paul
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- Robert Allen
 - (marlowpurple@aol.com)
 - Comments
 - As a mature student I thought that UEL was an institution which supports democracy and free speech, a university where peaceful and non - violent discourse encouraged. This blinkered and reactionary response to a peaceful protest is just one more reason why I will not be recommending UEL as a university which places fairness and open minded political thinking at the top of its agenda as it should be,shame on you UEL.
- Laura Gribbon
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 - Comments
 - The students (fee paying customers at UEL) were never consulted about the cancellation of the G20 alt. summit or Chris' suspension ... neither were we reimbursed for the lecture days we missed ... or officially informed about why the university took the action it did. This is abominable!
- Katharina Can
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- Rebeka Foster
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- Terry Conway
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 - Comments
 - Education is supposed to be about learning to think critically not behave like robots. Kids need lecturers like Chris who will support them in doing so. Give him back his job - and give UEL back some dignity
- Mira
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- Barut
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- Gïrrard Laporte
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- Molly Flaherty
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 - Comments
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- Marie Schaefer
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- Dermot Lynott
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- Morag Feeney-Beaton
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 - Comments
 - Chris's enthusiasm for anthropology is hugely inspirational
- Zac Bull
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- Simon Child
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- Matthew Hawkins
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- Tom Keene
 - (tom@theanthillsocial.co.uk)
- Sankhara Messado
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 - Comments
 - I have never met Chris but I have read his book "Blood Relations", which left me considering concepts I had not before and asking questions I did not know I wanted the answers to. His teaching at my place of learning lends an added source of pride in the authenticity of the calibre of school UEL purports to be. His suspension, the cancellation of the Alternative G20 and the stated reason for this however seems quite the contrast to an institution which boasts a host of social, scientific and creative free-thinkers. I also think this type of thought and expression policing sinister in nature. Please think freely yourself, Get the respect of your fee-paying students back, Get Chris back on campus!
- Harbi jama
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 - Comments
 - I think what people do outside university grounds should not effect the way they teach and this matter I have signed the petition
- Shannon Couture
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 - Comments
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- Dr. Greg Mills
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- Louise Connell
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- Linda Del
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- Caroline Coombs
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 - Comments
 - Whatever happened to freedom of speech and freedom of association? Exercising his democratic rights is not a crime. Re-instate Chris Knight! Aluta Continua!!!!
- Diego Penaloza
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 - Comments
 - please reinstate christ knight we need some like him at the university
- Ediz Evrenosoglu
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- Lisa Cunningham
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- Tim Murphy
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 - Comments

- I oppose the Turbo-Yuppy Neo-Liberal Corporate take over of the University and the victimisation of Chris Knight
- matthew maleded
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 - Comments
 - save his job
- Jason Wilcox
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 - Comments
 - We are at the beginnings of the most momentous changes in human history. Pressed up against the limits of the planet's natural resources, the "economic growth" paradigm is no longer viable. Chris Knight's work, while providing an account of and explanation for human cultural evolution which complements Darwin's account of biological evolution, is also important in teaching us that another economic paradigm is possible - and necessary for our human survival. It is probably too late now for a "managed" collapse (about 30 years too late), but for those of us who understand that the current economic crisis is not temporary but permanent and terminal so long as the current "growth" paradigm is adhered to, Chris Knight's work points the way forward by showing us how human society operated previously: within a context of ritual and strong social bonds. These two elements, long neglected, will be essential if we are to have any future, and he should thus be reinstated: his work is of fundamental value.
- Nina Temporaer
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- Mohsen Sabbagh
 - (sabbagh1984@gmail.com)
 - Comments
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- Bob Davies
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- Mark Fischer
 - (office@cpgb.org.uk)
- Lee Rock
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- Thomas Rodgers
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 - Comments
 - No body should lose their job for speaking their mind without offence
- Dr John Preston
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- Charlotte Potter-Powell
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 - Comments
 - Chris is an inspiring teacher and his political commitment offers the university community an opportunity for debate not a threat
- Tracey Craig
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- chris kelly
 - (cak460@hotmail.com)
 - Comments
 - my student number is: 0415790
- Jack Conrad
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- Mhari-Anne Lowrie
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 - Comments
 - Total injustice!!! Re-instate him now!!
- Esme Peach
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- Rosie Hurwitz
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 - Comments
 - Your decision to suspend Chris is very misguided and as for pressing charges, that is completely ridiculous.
- Linda Walsham
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- Kathryn Spring
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- Daniel Spring
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- Lawrence Toms
 - (Lawrence@CreativePaperWales.co.uk)
 - Comments

- We really are heading into dark times if the likes of Prof Knight can be treated like this.
- Clare Lofthouse
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- Liz Kirby
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- h. chalmers
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- Vanessa Spedding
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 - Comments
 - I sign to express my support for free speech and free thought, for which Chris Knight so admirably fights, and which the actions of the UEL authorities seek to suppress. Shame on them, and hats off to Professor Knight.
- Judith Holler
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- Katie Drew
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 - Comments
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- Anne Sheehan
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 - Comments
 - I am a film financier and chartered accountant who has had the pleasure of attending lectures by Chris Knight and debating politics and anthropological theory with Chris. It is part of Chris's approach to life and politics to embrace carnival and theatre I believe the University is undermining freedom of speech and misunderstanding Chris Knight's clever and theatrical approach to political protest.
- lucy
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- Jill Salway
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- Sachin Sharma
 - (neo4dude@hotmail.com)
 - Comments

- reinstate him now
- Elizabeth Thornbury
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- Dr Jerome Lewis
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 - Comments
 - Freedom of speech and thought are the basis of a healthy and productive university and society
- Fabio Silva
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- Jill Daniels
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- Emma Cataford
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- Kate O'Shea
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- Morna Finnegan
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- Germano Ovani
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 - Comments
 - Why is UEL so frightened of Chris Knight?
- Dr. Georgios Agelopoulos
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 - Comments
 - I hope that academic freedom will remain a value.
- Dr Christian Blickem
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is a much admired academic and human being and deserves to be supported by his university. His suspension deprives students at UEL of an inspirational experience. I want to believe that smaller universities like UEL are able to champion alternative and radical voices because they can operate on the fringe of mainstream academia. UEL should follow Chris Knight's courageous example and reinstate him.

- David Le Breton
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 - Comments
 - Professor of sociology, Université Marc Bloch, Strasbourg
- Erica Cartmill
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 - Comments
 - Professors like Chris Knight take strong stances, make bold statements, and challenge students to think about the issues that affect our society and shape our humanity.
- Alan Cohen
 -
 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is obviously an original and stimulating thinker. It's not necessary to be in total agreement with either his anthropological theories or his political positions to recognise that he has made a serious contribution to the debate on the origins of human culture. UEL's action in suspending him not only smacks of an attempt to suppress an 'unorthodox' line of thought but also reveals the university's complicity with the wider police action taken at the time of the G20 protests, which included a systematic campaign of hysteria in the press and other media about the danger of riot and violence, creating the atmosphere that justified the brutal police response to the demonstrations. UEL's cancellation of the alternative summit and subsequent suspension of Chris Knight speak volumes about the alleged 'independence' of the university under the reign of bourgeois democracy.
- Dalton Arthur Faulkner
 -
- Dr Sian Sullivan
 -
 - Comments
 - Chris Knight's book 'Blood Relations' is an important academic contribution to thinking about the emergence of culture and of patriarchal social organisation. Chris is an inspiring and innovative thinker and teacher, who has also worked throughout his career for the freedom to think and express ideas that may run counter to the status quo. It is disturbing to say the least that the university should be considering his dismissal over his efforts to stimulate thought and debate.
- Dan Brockington
 -
- Ben Page
 -
- Hala Kilani
 -

- Kris Fire Kovarovic
 -
- Serena Heckler
 -
- Stephen Corry
 - Dr DIMITRIS DALAKOGLU
 - (purityanddanger@gmail.com)
 - Katie Dow
 -
 - Stephan Feuchtwang
 -
 - Comments
 - In this climate of exaggerated fear over security, leaders of academic life and its CEOs, such as you, should be in the vanguard of offering spaces for open discussion on major and urgent issues, not closing them down, let alone dismissing a fellow academic for the trouble organising such a space.
 - Martin Holbraad
 -
 - Doerte Weig
 -
 - Barry Watt
 -
 - Carolyn Heitmeyer
 - (c.m.heimeyer@lse.ac.uk)
 - Chris Kidd
 -
 - Comments
 - Shame on you!
 - Ingrid Lewis
 -
 - Comments
 - Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through ANY MEDIA regardless of frontiers. Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I ask therefore, why are you (senior management team of UEL) doing this?
 - Giuseppina Barnett
 -
 - Barrie Sharpe
 - (b.sharpe@ucl.ac.uk)
 - Comments
 - Your University and the students will be diminished by this petty argument about a scholars life
 - Dorothy Jackson
 -
 - Comments
 - It is shocking that a British University is seeking to stifle non-violent and humorous discussion of these vital issues by unjustly targeting one of its leading academics.
 - Dr Gilbert Lewis
 -
 - Comments

- A shameful response which brings discredit on UEL. Chris Knight has worked tirelessly to promote interest in anthropology among students and a wider public. He is a respected and highly original thinker.
- Prof. Timothy Insoll
 -
 - Comments
 - Universities flourish through free speech - The reputation of UEL will be seriously & permanently compromised by taking this ill-judged action
- Terje Oestigaard
 -
- Prof Martha Mundy
 -
 - Comments
 - In the run-up to the G20 there was an orchestrated media campaign to portray the protests as a threat to public order and a physical danger to those working in the City of London. It was against this background that the police were to act brutally against public and protestors and that individuals, notably Chris Knight, were singled out for attack as leaders of a 'dangerous pack'. The whole media police package was shown to be untrue thanks to the footage taken on mobile phones. That a university continues to propose the dismissal of a senior member of staff in the aftermath of what actually occurred brings not only injustice to the individual but disrepute to the institution itself.
- Sara Randall
 -
 - Comments
 - Freedom of speech should include everyone but in particular universities. UEL should think about the messages their actions are sending.
- Dr Laura Bear, L.S.E.
 -
- Adam Biran
 -
- Andrew Sanchez
 -
 - Comments
 - As well as being based on a spurious allegation of incitement to violence, the decision to suspend Chris Knight represents an evident attack of academic freedom which is incredibly worrying. The role of academics in public life must be to engage in debate and critique in precisely manner that Prof. Knight has sought to. The nature of Prof. Knight's political sympathies may not be of direct concern to many of us. However, his right to express them freely most certainly is.
- Myriem Naji
 -
- Elizabeth Hull (LSE)
 -
- Dr Ruth Malleson
 -
- Alan Barnard
 -
 - Comments
 - I don't agree with Chris Knight's politics, but I support his right to freedom of expression.
- Thanassis Kouravelos
 -
 - Comments
 - Even though the street theatre "Eat the Bankers" was not of my taste, being suspended let alone fired for it is too much of a sanction to understand.
- rosalyn bold
 -
- Chris Hesketh

-
- Irene Peano
 - (ip223@cam.ac.uk)
- Nico Lewis
 -
 - Comments
 - Surely University managers should support the freedom of speech and self expression, whether or not they agree with them.
- Ruben Andersson
 -
- Henrike Donner (LSE)
 -
 - Comments
 - Universities are obliged to respect freedom of speech and the public engagement of academics with current political debate in its many forms ought to be encouraged.
- Sara de Jong
 -
- Dr. Fraser McNeill (LSE)
 -
- Christoph Wiedmer
 -
 - Comments
 - Liu Xiaobo signed the Charter 2008. China sent him to prison. Chris Knight protests and loses the job - what's the difference?
- A David Napier
 -
 - Comments
 - Professor Knight should be allowed to express himself as a private citizen
- Marco Bassi
 -
 - Comments
 - The strength of the open society is the capacity to mainstream alternative visions. This is how we developed our highest achievements, including democracy and fundamental rights such as freedom of opinion and speech. Even more, I think it is important to govern the flow of new ideas, a role that can best be taken by universities.
- Harry Walker
 -
- Rhiannon Firth
 -
- Dr Catherine Allerton
 -
- Mette M. High
 -
- Yanina Hinrichsen
 -
- Peggy Froerer (Brunel University)
 -
- Cynthia White
 -
- Easter Bonnifield
 -
- Anna Portisch
 -
- John Lawrence-Jones
 -
 - Comments
 - Universities should be promoting free speech, not curtailing it.
- Nicola Russel

- - Dr Norah Moloney
 -
 - Dr. Evan Killick
 -
 - becky Garcia
 -
 - Comments
 - good luck in all your activities. regards Becky
- Talal Asad
 -
- Professor Thomas Smith
 -
- Ann Newton
 -
 - Comments
 - This is a deplorable situation, I guess if he had been from the BNP it would have been acceptable. Reinstate immediately as a tax payer to a public servant I demand this
- Lucien Windrich
 -
 - Comments
 - 'Gross professional misconduct' applies to the mishandling of the western banking system and economy for which the taxpayer has had to pay. The term does not apply to professor Chris Knight who courageously and publicly voiced the anger of the people and who protested with professional integrity.
- barney russel
 -
- Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson
 -
- Vasco Pereira
 -
- Jake Smith
 - (jake@uel.ac.uk)
- Marsha Steinberg
 -

- Kathy Fischer
 -
- Patrick Ward
 -
- clare solomon
 - (165786@soas.ac.uk)
- Ed Beron-Cardona
 -
- Silvia Posocco
 -
- Heather Watkins
 -
- Oli Harrison
 - (oli_harrison@hotmail.com)
 - Comments
 - ridiculous.
- choman saeed
 - (panzon@hotmail.co.uk)
 - Comments
 - people need to be free, don't kill the seeds of a better tomorrow
- Pete Steggals
 -
- Alison Reeves
 -
- Anke Holst
 -
- Professor Andreas Bieler
 -
- Rupert Masefield

-
- Jimmy Chan
-
- Miranda Jane Stacpoole
-
- Dr Howard Fredrics
 -
 - Comments
 - B
- Tomas Hadac
-
- Randy Paulos
-
- sukram renfah
 - (holee@saintly.com)
 - Comments
 - <http://renfah.net>
- Ivan Tacey
-
- Bmla Mich6lkov6
-
- abigail bray
 -
 - Comments
 - without democracy we are nothing
- Sara Cominelli
-
- Unjum Mirza
 -
 - Comments

- Voltaire once said "It is dangerous to be right when our rulers are wrong" - Chris was right, our rulers are wrong. If the G20 were to return Chris would do it again with our support. There's a word for it - PRINCIPLES
- Tobias Abse
 -
- Oliwia Drzymuchowska
 -
- Francis Higgins
 -
- Constanza Rendon
 -
 - Comments
 - I am a UEL graduate and I am extremely disappointed by the actions taken against an outstanding lecturer !
- Curtis Muhammad
 -
 - Comments
 - We demand reinstatement NOW!
- Maria Apostolidou
 - (mariaapostolidou@hotmail.com)
 - Comments
 - As a citizen of the country (Hellas) where in its Golden era (5th century b.c.) freedom of speech reached the highest possible level, I am deeply sorry for acts like those taken against Chris Knight by eminent members of a community where freedom of speech and the unobstructed dissimulation of liberal ideas should prevail.
- lida chaves
 -
- Samantha Rigg-David
 -
- Dr. Klaus Schünberger
 -
- Teresa Delaney
 -
 - Comments

- It is shameful that a University should act against freedom of thought and expression and reflects very poorly upon the institution's credentials as a place of learning.
- Cathryn Townsend
 - (cathryn.townsend@ucl.ac.uk)
 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is one of the most brilliant anthropologists whose work I have had the pleasure of reading. He is also a great teacher who is highly committed to ethics such as human rights. Please reconsider this poorly-judged disciplinary procedure and restore the credibility of UEL.
- Javier Sanchez Rodriguez
 - (Cachifo79@hotmail.com)
 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is the most inspirational teacher I have had. One of the reason I went to studied at UEL was because of the radical ideas that the school of anthropology have. If this is changes, then there would not be anything special about the course, just another anthropology course.
- sally morson
 -
 - Comments
 - It is shocking that freedom of speech is being thwarted from the very place where it traditionally is encouraged and valued.
- Henrike Moll
 -
- Julia Riedel
 -
- Rebekah Reeve-Jones
 - (beckyboo2323@hotmail.com)
- Alfredo Verre
 - susanne grassmann
 -
 - Steven Michael Black
 -
 - Rosalind Wilson
 -
 - Comments
 - Universities are meant to uphold the right to free speech and to encourage open debate. Without this there is little point in their continued existance.
 - donna holmes
 -
 - Jane Jones
 -
 - Tim Hill
 - (milton2hill@yahoo.co.uk)

- Comments
 - Chris has all my support both for his academic work and 'political' actions, which should have no repercussions on his academic status
- Graham Durham
 -
 - Comments
 - Chris has been an outstanding populariser of science and a tireless campaigner for peace for the thirty years I have known him. I would suggest that he is exactly the type of free thinking scholar the University of East London would be proud of .Please reinstate him immediately
- Cath Reeve-Jones
 -
- Fiona Brennan
 -
 - Comments
 - An unfair appraisal of a well intentioned man. Long live free speech!
- Fergus Drennan
 -
 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is a breath of fresh air, informed by passion, intellectual rigor and integrity. His dismissal will be a great loss to current and future students. Please reconsider..
- Katia Antz
 -
- Tara Callaghan
 -
 - Comments
 - Please show leadership and recognize the value of dissent.
- Nicola
 -
- Anna Paraiyar
 -
- Deborah Allen
 -
- Mark Boyle
 -
- Frances Hutchingd
 -
- Leoncia Flynn
 -
- jonathan hughes
 -
 - Comments
 - is university not meant to teach us to open our eyes, broaden our horizons, question all around us..think differently, be creative???? so why have you suspended a professor who was organising something that did exactly that... sounds like your just more like a business than a place for education?? shame on you, it makes me question whether i should even come and study in september as you have offered me a place at your Docklands campus!!
- David Grimwood
 -
 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is an inspiration. His tireless efforts have encouraged me to transform my life and inspired me to do more to work towards tackling the world's problems. I am now working for a youth climate coalition which has helped me to feel worthwhile, and pulled me out of depression. Chris Knight is not a trouble maker, he has a good heart and stands up for his beliefs. UEL should be proud to have him and should re-instate him immediately.
- Angela Roy

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- mariana whitehouse
 -
 - Comments
 - we are loosing our right to free speech!
- Mike Macnair
 -
- Glyn Beagley
 -
- Paul Bennett
 -
- Rachel Zatz
 -
- Benedita Whitehouse
 -
 - Comments
 - Reinstate Chris Knight
- Mazy Burns
 -
- Chris Whitehouse
 -
- Ewart FitzGerald
 - (ewart@goodisonpark.com)
 - Comments
 - Demanding the reinstatement of an academic as important as Chris Knight should not be necessary. I am appalled at the behaviour of the Senior Management Team!
- Robert Rae
 -
- emma knowles
 -
- Yianna Koutsioni
 -
- Helen O' Sullivan
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- Helen O' Sullivan
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- Prof. Volker Sommer (Part I)
 -
 - Comments
 - I feel privileged to know Prof. Chris Knight, who has established himself as an eminent scholar through his development of an entirely original synthesis of social and biological anthropology. I am familiar with his work because I have read his publications, I have heard him speak in public, and I had many private conversations with him. His theories are increasingly recognized throughout academia in a wider international scale, and their importance will increase for a long time to come. The University of East London is to be congratulated to harbour such a brilliant contemporary mind. The current actions taken by UEL are therefore puzzling. One would have expected that this institution would have been proud to have enabled the decisive political activism associated with the alternative G20 summit. This is exactly what universities are meant to deliver: a clear stance towards contemporary issues, even and particularly if they are controversial. This is how change comes about.
- Prof. Volker Sommer (Part II)
 -
 - Comments
 - I cannot see how one can misconstrue Prof. Knight's polemics as inciting violence. I hope that the University will re-interpret the current controversy as an opportunity to reap intellectual and political benefits for the institution as a whole, by re-instating Prof. Knight. --- Prof. Dr. Volker Sommer, Department of Anthropology, University

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(www.ucl.ac.uk/gashaka); Pro-Provost for Africa / UCL International Strategy
(www.ucl.ac.uk/global)

- Pam Panesar
 -
 - Comments
 - what has it come to when irony and humour are seen as an act of violence and freedom of political views a punishable offence
- John Farrow
 -
 - Comments
 - freedom of expression is of the utmost importance. Universities are a place where this should be embraced and celebrated. I am very disappointed that the University of East London should take a stance that seeks to stifle this freedom.
- Dr Justin Kenrick
 -
 - Comments
 - If anthropology is not engaged in questioning assumptions, it is not anthropology
- Ant Ince
 -
 - Comments
 - While I don't necessarily agree with Prof Knight's precise politics, the decision to discipline him is an utter travesty.
- Don Flynn
 -
 - Comments
 - Prof Knight's independence of mind and refusal to kowtow to the ignorant actions of authority make him a great asset to the university. He should be reinstated immediately.
- Les Levidow
 -
 - Comments
 - Defend academic freedom!
- Dr David Berry
 -
- Jarmila Rajas
 -
- Robert Knight
 -
 - Comments
 - I think this is an outrageous move which will detract from the standing of UEL, Robert Knight (no relative)
- Carole Miles
 -
 - Comments
 - Reinstating Chris Knight, if you don't do it just bullying on the behalf of the status quo, it is not your job to impose silence, show some courage do the right thing reinstate Chris Knight.
- Michael Edwards
 -
 - Comments
 - As an experienced UCL academic - and after cooperation with UEL on course validation, research proposals, lectures and Urban Buzz - I am profoundly shocked by your action and would certainly try to encourage colleagues here to sever their links with UEL if this goes ahead.
- Fereniki Vatavali
 -
- Margit Mayer

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- Sebastian Schipper
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- Sirin Cagirci
 -
 - Comments
 - B
- Stavros Stavrides
 -
- Fabian Lollert
 -
- Konstantina Soureli
 -
- Nina Schuster
 -
- Andrea Mura
 - (a.mura@lboro.ac.uk)
 - Comments
 - I strongly invite you to reconsider your position. I think university should remain loyal to its universalistic ethos, teaching how to develop intellectual flexibility and political independence, rather than discipline and sense of opportunity.
- Gwendolyn Windpassinger
 -
- Ginger Haag
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 - Comments
 - I teach my students about the terror of living in a dystopian place where freedom of speech is suppressed. I use books such as 1984, The Handmaid's Tale, and Things Fall Apart as examples. Sometimes I bring in real world cases, too. Thanks to your university, I'll sadly have further evidence of Orwellian society in action. Shame on you for cowing to such fear.
- luca zampedri
 -
 - Comments
 - Hope many more will be able to study anthropology at UEL in a department where people care! Respect to Prof. Knight who taught us a very great deal!
- Snehal Shingavi
 - (sshingav@umw.edu)
 - Comments
 - Instructor, Postcolonial Literature, University of Mary Washington
- Loretta Capeheart, Assoc Prof Justice Studies
 -
 - Comments
 - Chris Knight deserves your admiration for his work and dedication to justice. Instead, you give him the boot. What sort of campus are you running? Certainly not a serious center of learning.
- Maistros Yanis
 -
 - Comments
 - University Teachers in Greece have not such an experience, yet. Our turn, I am afraid, will come soon. Keep up fighting collectively to defend academic freedom. Solidarity from Greece.
- Helen Scott, University of Vermont
 -
- Elizabeth Wrigley-Field
 -
 - Comments

- Graduate Student Representative, University-wide student council, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Teachers Assistant Association; International Socialist Organization (affiliations for id only)
- Panagiotis Sotiris
 -
- Jude
 - (judebliss@eatbigfish.com)
- Barbara Murphy
 -
- Lucy Roberts
 -
 - Comments
 - This is very WRONG. Please give the man his job back
- Mark Barden
 -
- Professor Philip Gasper
 -
 - Comments
 - This is an outrageous attack on academic freedom.
- Stephanie Johnson
 -
 - Comments
 - B
- Erkan Gok
 -
 - Comments
 - "And still it moves..." Humour and irony change the world. Those who punish and try to suppress dissent only succeed in putting themselves on the side of fear and ignorance: not where a university should be. Please think again and reinstate Professor Chris Knight, who is respected world-wide for his brilliant academic achievements.
- Jack Kennedy
 -
- Maria Nash
 - (prof.nash@hotmail.co.uk)
 - Comments
 - It is beyond belief that an establishment that has a duty to educate not only it's students but also the community is setting this bad example which denies people's Human Rights and freedom of speech and empowerment of the next generation and their tutors
- Michael Reinsborough
 -
- Ian Cornelius
 -
- Joanne Wiedman
 - (joannewiedman@gmail.com)
 - Comments
 - B
- Zakcq Lockrem
 -
- Victoria Tatham
 -
- Dr Cristian Serdean
 -
- Sebastian Cobarrubias
 -
 - Comments
 - Affiliation: Univeristy of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Andrew Collingwood

-
- Stephen Gwynne
 -
- Evan Hurwitz
 -
- Amanda Sackur
 -
 - Comments
 - It is an appalling and profoundly damaging attack on academic freedom to attempt to discipline a member of staff for opinions or statements. You risk bringing the university into disrepute if you carry on
- Bryan J. McCann
 -
- Julie Landau
 -
- noel douglas
 -
 - Comments
 - Artist, Designer, Senior Lecturer and Course Leader Graphic Design and Illustration, University of Bedfordshire
- Andrew Baxter
 -
 - Comments
 - Good on you Chris Knight!
- Murat Cemal Yalcintan
 - (m.c.yalcintan@gmail.com)
- jen mullin
 -
- marina
 -
- Jessica Roder
 -
- James Ramey
 -
- Tamasine Black
 - (tamasineblack@yahoo.com)
 - Comments
 - Please reinstate Professor Knight immediately!!!!
- Kathleen Brown
 -
 - Comments
 - Reinstate Chris Knight- stop the repression!
- Aristidis Arageorgis
 -
 - Comments
 - B

703 Signatures

- aysim turkmen
 -
- Nick White
 -
 - Comments
 - UEL has a good reputation as a university not afraid to challenge existing norms, which is a wonderful environment for free and groundbreaking research and learning. By threatening to press charges against Chris, you are grossly undermining this well-

earned reputation, and begin to look a lot less attractive as a site of free study and debate.

- Katerina Tzedaki
 -
- Anna-Christin Voigt
 -
- Johnny Darlington
 - (jd33@soas.ac.uk)
 - Comments
 - B
- Andy Middleton
 -
 - Comments
 - At a time when we need a shift in our thinking of almost unimaginable scale to find different ways of living on our fragile and fractured planet, the role of teachers, lecturers and educators in stimulating new thought is something that should be celebrated, not censured.
- Britta Grell
 -
 - Comments
 - Affiliation: Free University Berlin
- Margaret Al Qaruty
 -
 - Comments
 - INJUSTICE!
- Edward Lee
 -
 - Comments
 - University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- jodie chapell
 -
- Unimundal Monad
 -
 - Comments
 - Life & education are learning experiences
- John Roder
 -
 - Comments
 - academic freedom
- Kay Sweeney
 -
- Kenneth Fields
 -
- Mike Cushman
 -
 - Comments
 - UEL are proving themselves worthy successors to Joe McCarthy. This belongs in apartheid era South African East London than East London, UK in the current age.
- Pat Corcoran
 -
 - Comments
 - Solidarity comrade.
- Gopal Balakrishnan
 -
 - Comments
 - Outrageous.
- Meredith Hoy
 -
- Ms Y Castro

- - Comments
 - Stop this ridiculous story and reinstate Chris Knight!
- Yvonne Wake
 -
 - Comments
 - PLEASE Reinstate Mr Knight. He is a very caring and wonderful man.
- Rosie Barton
 -
 - Comments
 - Reinstate Chris Knight - he is my hero!
- Daniel Cairns
 - (dcairns@uchicago.edu)
- pat (flick) harrison
 -
 - Comments
 - Suspending this man is nonsense. Discipline should not be an excuse for partisan police-state tactics.
- Dorothy Wright
 -
 - Comments
 - UCU-LSHTM
- monica paladin
 -
 - Comments
 - let the man speak
- Liza van Zyl
 -
- marc bohlen
 -
 - Comments
 - Fire a professor for organizing a conference - Hello UEL, what are you thinking?
- Paul Fleckenstein
 -
 - Comments
 - This is an injustice and completely out-of-step with what is needed in this world. Reinstate Chris Knight.
- roxanne white
 -
- Steve Wright
 -
- Dr Geoff Cox
 -
- Christopher Isett (Associate Professor of History, University of Minnesota, USA)
 -
- Fiona Green
 -
- Laura Shirran
 -
 - Comments
 - It is an absolute disgrace and goes against all that a university should stand for,
- Christian Garland
 -
- Dr. Mathijs Pelkmans (LSE)
 -
- Margo Ramlal-Nankoe
 -
 - Comments

- UEL's decision to terminate Chris Knight from his position is very wrong and should be strongly condemned! I hope the Administration will do the right thing and reverse this unjust decision immediately! It reminds me of my own struggle at Ithaca College (Ithaca, New York) where I have been terminated from my position for my political work and for speaking out against sexual harassment. Our cases are certainly not isolated!
- Pete Knight
 -
- Eleni Zachmanoglou
 -
- donatella schmidt
 -
- Stephen Carvlin Miller
 -
 - Comments
 - Please reinstate the distinguished professor
- Andrew Yale
 -
 - Comments
 - B
- laura Colini
 - (laura.colini@uni-weimar.de)
- cristina mattiucci
 -
- M.MacDonald
 -
- IA Gwinn
 -
- Pam Thompson
 -
- Dave Mortlock
 -
- John Bennett, Open University
 -
 - Comments
 - This is a shameful way to treat a union officer. In fact this is, "playing the man, not playing the ball!"
- Dr. Ronald Mendel
- helen redstone
 - (helen@eatbigfish.com)
- Philipp Klaus
 -
 - Comments
 - the freedom of opinion making is very much in danger through such acts. universities need to be places of reflection and critique
- Professor Dennis Leech
 -
- Anna Baptiste
 -
 - Comments
 - Tony Benn made an interesting comparison with Iran; why don't we afford the same rights of protest to our Universities, as we've been encouraging in Iran? Surely the UEL supports and encourages freedom of speech?
- laura crocker
 -
 - Comments
 - freedom of speech!
- Katy Clift
 -

- Michelle Keen
 -
- Paula Mendez
 -
- Gillian Scott
 -
- Ben Flint
 -
- Tony Robalik
 -
 - Comments
 - Keep challenging the elite culture!
- Louis P. Burns aka Lugh
 -
 - Comments
 - Reinstate Chris Knight now..!
- Ben White
 -
- David Schaich
 -
- Kasia Fleming
 -
 - Comments
 - Please reinstate Chris Knight. His students love him.
- Tony Hodges
 -
 - Comments
 - Another example of the subjugation of education to the interests of the ruling class. Bring back academic freedom! Bring back Chris Knight!
- Dr Laurence Cox, National University of Ireland Maynooth
 -
 - Comments
 - UEL used to have a good reputation for community engagement in the social sciences. Its treatment of Chris Knight is hard to explain or understand.
- Kerry-Anne Hackett
 -
 - Comments
 - It is astonishing to imagine that those in management at UEL should be so short sighted as to consider dismissing Chris Knight. Do they not realise how respected he is in anthropology and how lucky it is for UEL to have him. I hope they will reinstate him at once so that he can continue to inspire students. Surley education should encourage free expression, otherwise what is it for?
- Ben Basan
 -
 - Comments
 - From the information available, Mr. Knight's "insubordination" was not without cause and the instruction to cancel the event was not legitimate as it overstepped the his rights as an individual and subverted the principal of academic freedom that is central to any insitution of higher learning.
- Zoe Scandrett
 -
- Brett Donahay
 -
- Jaani Reynolds
 -
 - Comments
 - Chris Knight has a brilliant and original mind. His work is valued in academia and in the wider world. He is a great lecturer, thought provoking and astute. Dept of Anthropology, Lampeter University

- David Buckingham
 -
- Andrew Brindle
 -
- Dr Rosalind Galt
 -
- Donna Collier
 -
- Sarah Davenport
 -
- Geraint Ellis
 -
- Geoff Williams
 - (geoff.williams@imperial.ac.uk)
- Allen Abramson (Dr.)
 -
 - Comments
 - Don't stifle creative protest!
- Lisa Wellsted
 -
- Harriet Grant
 - (harrietjanegrant@gmail.com)
- Tony Martin
 -
 - Comments
 - The terrible decision to cancel the counter-summit just lined the supposedly independent academic institution with the state and Government, with those who already have the power. Chris Knight should be congratulated for organising an alternative, not threatened with the loss of his livelihood.
- Dr. ir. Paul Stouten
 -
 - Comments
 - TU Delft
- Stanislava Mislanova
 -
- Sarah Roth
 -
 - Comments
 - As a recent member of RAG, I fully support this petition.
- Marianne King
 -
- Nicolette King
 -
 - Comments
 - Best lecturer in the land.
- emma davenport
 -
 - Comments
 - This must happen!
- Nevin Sabet
 -
- scott caruth
 - (scottcaruth@hotmail.com)
- Tobias Kraft
 -
- amy clifton
 -
 - Comments

- I know that Chris is a dedicated university professional and that he acted in the firm belief that what he was doing was in everyone's interests, for the good of students, professors and people accross the globe. I believe that Chris is a man committed to his ideals and principles and that, therefore, his dismissal would be a great loss to your establishment as well as the community at large.
- panos panagos
 -
- adrien berthou
 -
- Perna Prabhakaran
 -
- Struan Barr
 -
- katie baxter
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- Ms C Walton
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 - Comments
 - Dear Professor Price, I can only speak of the man Chris Knight as my lecturer and friend. He is caring, humorous, open minded, brilliant, intellectual and a free thinker; all of these qualities and many more make him a great man. His ideas and enigmatic passionate teachings make him a wonderful and inspiring teacher. His dismissal will cause a great loss to his students, UeL, the scholarly world, and the field of Anthropology. Please do not dismiss him, find another route of action. Yours faithfully, Caroline Walton
- ben kernaghan
 - (ben_17_kernaghan@hotmail.com)
- Kate Wiggins
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- Dr Simon Yuill
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- Andrew Feeney
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- Rebecca Guild
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- MAGGIE SCRIMGEOUR
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 - Comments
 - CHRISKNIGHTIS INNOCENT
- Arun Kumar
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 - Comments
 - The University should not curtail academic freedom in this manner. This is deplorable. Prof Knight should be applauded and reinstated at the earliest.
- Radical Anthropology Group
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 - Comments
 - Universities should be havens for freedom of speech and thought. The police have not brought charges against Chris Knight for his G20 activities. Why then is UEL doing so?
- Jaime Gutierrez
 - (jaime22@hotmail.com)
- Jeraldine McMillan
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- A Lazar

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- Damon Reid-Williams
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 - Comments
 - I extend my support to you, what you did was amazing and courageous. Here is hoping justice prevails
- Dan Burrows
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- Louise Whittle
 - (Louisefeminista@btinternet.com)
- Claire Hildreth
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- ANNABEL ACTON
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- Sam Hurn
 -
- Victoria Burns
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- Peter Acton
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 - Comments
 - Banning free speech in Universities is a tragedy for the UK.
- Jason Hobbs
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 - Comments
 - I am a former student of Chris knight's, he helped change my life and is a credit to the university. The current administration should be ashamed of their despicable actions.
- Tony Taylor
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 - Comments
 - Freedom is for the one who thinks differently.
- Tina Gross
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 - Comments
 - B
- Deirdre Fitzgerald
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 - Comments
 - Why is the university not backing free speech?
- Fang-Long Shih
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 - Comments
 - I grew up in a country that had martial law for forty years - this reminds me of that.
- Sophie C Simpson
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- Hazel
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- Athena M
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is man with ethos who has been working and fighting for human rights, ideals and knowledge. He is an example and inspiration to many and all he did is acting upon his beliefs. This is a good lesson for all of us in contemporary society who just learn to conform and not speaking out about our beliefs.
- sarah bahdi
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- Jurate Suvaizdyte
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- Michael Leggett
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 - Comments
 - This deplorable action brings shame on UEL
- Stephen Quilley
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- Christopher Deane
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 - Comments
 - I am a student at UEL and it really leaves a bitter taste in my mouth that the University would sack a member of staff, who I was told by friends who were taught by him was a good teacher. His actions were not those of a modern forward thinking university but those of a university that is afraid to show that it is standing up for something. Thank you Chris.
- Lola Martina Mengedoht
 - (lolaspirit@orange.fr)
 - Comments
 - we need such personalities more than ever!!!!
- Mario Rendon MD
 - (mrendon@pol.net)
 - Comments
 - This is a most shameful ideological blow to free speech
- Lowri Bennett
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- Callum Shaw
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 - Comments
 - Evidently when one starts dismissing academics for expressing a revolutionary opinion, we can see that a great tyranny is developing (if it's not already in place, quite covertly)
- laura boast
 -
 - Comments
 - B
- Paul Vieira
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- Paul Josling
 - (pauljosling@blueyonder.co.uk)
 - Comments
 - There has been a slight decline in the temperature of the Samovar, Lord Stansgate. YouR Liberal Friend, Paul josling, Liberal Party of England. Freedom first! liberal Victory, Self Sacrifice, Service, "God save The King".
- Richard Weir
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- Mike Nelson
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- Matt
 -
- Ian Browne
 - (ianbrowne2@aol.com)
 - Comments
 - Obviously the University of East London has no backbone!
- Zaieda Coker
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 - Comments
 - I have alot of respect for Mr Knight. I believe in the importance in standing up for what it is true, and it looks as though he's been sacked or suspended just so that UEL can save face,/look good to the 'public'. There aren't enough people willing to stand

up and make a stand about what should be the basics and improvement of life for the (hard-) working class! Bring Him Back!

- A. Thorp
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 - Comments
 - An inspiring clear minded teacher, a strength for the University
- Jonathan Emeruwa
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 - Comments
 - Used to be a uel student at Barking back in 1999 and remember finding your lessons inspiring, hope that you'll be reinstated as what they have done is very wrong.
- Rhys Williams
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 - Comments
 - An Injury to One is an Injury to all!
- David Murray
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- Vivienne Watts
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- Michael Grainger
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight is an inspiration and we need lots more people like him in education
- Professor Robert Turner
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 - Comments
 - I am shocked and horrified by what your university has done. Your actions are shameful and make me even more embarrassed about my country than I was previously. I am all the more happy to be living in a free and well-governed state-- Germany. God help my fellow countrymen when freedom of speech is so curtailed, in what seems to be an outbreak of fascism.
- Jewlsy Mathews
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 - Comments
 - Your actions are utterly despicable.
- Adrian Burges
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 - Comments
 - I have just become aware of this disgraceful and I do not doubt counter-productive decision by the University. Academia must have a 'public' dimension, not just in terms of 'policy intellectuals' and apologists for the destructive and iniquitous 'world order' - your actions were not just unjust towards the parties concerned but are an attack on the public sphere, on civil society, on those things that for all its many faults give a unique openness and depth to our modern, 'democratic' civilization - shame on you!
- Drew Hempel
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- Iain Page
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 - Comments
 - It is not the proper role of the university to censure political views
- Stefan Marianski
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 - Comments
 - Good on you Chris!
- Jack Ravenhill
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 - Comments
 - UEL = corporatist pigs

- Sonia Bridge
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- Ali Raiss-Tousi
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 - Comments
 - Shame on the UEL corporate management. You are scared of ideas - you have no place in a university.
- Konstantinos Fragkos
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- Ivan
 -
- Adele Barnes
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- Sue Bigg
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- Nigel Coe
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 - Comments
 - The university's actions are absurd. Get a grip!
- s jones
 -
 - Comments
 - What appalling, callous action by the Senior Management Team to a harmless man. Why is he considered to be such a threat?
- Ruby Payne
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- Jim
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 - Comments
 - Screw this guy, trying to insight riots and cause harm to other is no way to get a message out. Its a childish act led by children. Enjoy your unemployment loser
- will greenwood
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- Derrick Gaskin
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 - Comments
 - Britain is a dictatorship of the rich over ordinary families. Your dismissal is typical of that arrogant dictatorial attitude taken by those that we ordinary families subsidise.
- Deirdre N McCloskey
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 - Comments
 - It is shameful to sack someone for merely political action, and worse to reduce the value of a UEL degree by sacking its most eminent faculty member.
- miquel gimenez
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- Julie MAthews
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 - Comments
 - B
- Samuel Wicks
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 - Comments
 - Chris Knight: The Voice of Open-Minded Intellectuals
- James Clark
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- Ben Dubinski
 -
 - Comments
 - Disgusting Actions by Susan Price

- Jessica Sklair
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- Brendan Mooney
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 - Comments
 - Its a disgrace that a university--a supposed bastion of academic freedom--has behaved like a right wing dictator in dismissing this obviously intelligent and visionary man from post. I will ensure to spread the word that UEL is not a place to study. Disgrace!
- d miller
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 - Comments
 - shame on you UEL
- Hannah Eiseman-Renyard
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- john lockwood
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 - Comments
 - sadly this is a growing trend within education... I know of three other contemporary cases within n.u.t.....joint conference?
- Simon O'Hara
 - (jo_simon@yahoo.co.uk)
- Jo Goode
 - (jo_simon@yahoo.co.uk)
- John Pepin
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 - Comments
 - As I get older I now realise that nothing is at it seems in this life, not least that Countries are run by a mixture of crooks.liars ,incompetents and fools and that there is no protection really for the man on the street, who is irrelevant to those in power. As they say "I lifted up the curtain and nothing was ther".
- Andy Summers
 - (andysummers63@hotmail.com)
- carlos buitrago gomez
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- Dan
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- Karl Dangerfield
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 - Comments
 - I would comment, but am frankly left speechless by your university's actions.
- David
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- Dr. E Hankin.
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 - Comments
 - In suspending someone with a massive and innovative academic record such as Professor Knight, the University of East London reveals itself not as a place of free ideas but as merely an adjunct of the corporate state.
- Robert Deakin
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- Shaun Caton
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- Neiloufar F.
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 - Comments
 - May the force be with you.
- Tracy owens
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- Comments
 - Chris taught me at UEL in the early 1990's, he was an inspiration.
- P. Lewis
 -
- James Newman
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- Alexis Hatto
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- sahar khalil
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 - Comments
 - That is just unbelievable!!! shame on UEL!!!
- Richard Cole
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 - Comments
 - Dr Knight's activities do not impinge on his teaching or research, both of which are internationally acclaimed. He may be controversial, but high-profile staff are exactly what the million+ universities need if they are ever to become competitive. This decision ought to be reconsidered.
- Chiara Levato
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- Marialessia FERRARA
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- Francesco Breglia
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- Mihaela Tuluc
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- Paul Veron
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 - Comments
 - Only a university modeling itself on a police state, surely, could expect literal compliance with such draconian restrictions on my personal freedom? Don't you get it Christhat is EXACTLY what they ARE doing and you are getting in their way. See discussions about "common purpose" <http://cpexposed.com/>