

*Il Direttore*

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I would like to express my deep concern about the news we are receiving from our colleagues in Chile. If the Ministry of Education will turn philosophy into an optional subject, or even annexe it to the civic class programme, the damage done would be great. Only as an autonomous subject philosophy can absolve to its most important task: serving democracy by providing the education of citizens who will be capable of critical thinking. Furthermore the high scientific level that research on philosophy has reached in the last years in Chile, as I have experienced during many meetings of the International Plato Society, would be in serious danger. Future students won't receive a education in philosophy until their college years and so the continuity in the academic tradition will certainly been undermined.

Best regards

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