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An: Dietrich Schulze
Betreff: RE: Open letter AW: Offener Brief
an Uni Rostock Snowden
Geheimdienstkooperation

Sorry to hear this. Had hoped for better.

Noam Chomsky

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Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 11:58 AM
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Dear Prof. Chomsky,

you may remember our short meeting at May 30th
at Karlsruhe/Germany. Since that time
I am in contact to Mr Heise due to the academic
honor of Edward Snowden.

The situation in Rostock has turned in a very bad direction which forced me
today to an Open Letter (attached and link below).

In order to save your time I will stay in touch with Mr Heise
if there are any relevant reactions.

Sincerely yours

Dietrich Schulze

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Open letter to Prof: Mackenthun, newspaper taz citation [1]
other media and Prof. Chomsky

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Karlsruhe, 19. August 2014

**Uni Rostock: Snowden-Ehrung nicht mittels
Geheimdienstkooperation zur öffentlichen Farce machen**

Kurzkommentar für die LeserInnen:

Prof. Noam Chomsky war der von der
Philosophie-Fakultät der Uni Rostock
engagierte prominenteste Gutachter
für die Snowden-Ehrung.

Dass Prof. Chomsky kurzfristig auf den
Offenen Brief reagieren konnte, ist der
raschen und ausgezeichneten Über-
setzung von Lothar Letsche zu verdan-
ken. Hier nochmals sein Titel:

**University of Rostock:
Bestowing academic honors
upon Mr Snowden should not
be turned into a farce by
co-operating with secret
agencies at the same time**

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University of Rostock: Bestowing academic honors upon Mr Snowden should not be turned into a farce by co-operating with secret agencies at the same time

Dear Prof. Dr. Gesa Mackenthun,

in reply to an article in "tageszeitung" (taz) on 16th August 2014 [1], which dealt with university cooperation with secret agencies, you wrote in a letter to the editor dated 21st August [2], in your capacity as the person responsible for the Faculty Council of the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Rostock, which had decided to bestow academic honors upon Mr Snowden - quote: "Liberal Arts and Humanities are no repair service for what went wrong with secret agencies that have gone wild".

This is a totally unacceptable statement for three reasons:

1. It is a very old principle, established in history, to understand philosophy as a synopsis of all academic disciplines.
2. It contradicts the "civil clause", contained in the University Statutes of 29th June 2011, and binding for all members of the University: "Instruction, research and study at the University shall be for peaceful purposes, enrich peoples' co-existence and be guided by an awareness of sustainability in the use of natural resources, which are not unlimited".
3. This would turn the proposed academic honors for Mr Edward Snowden into a farce. The idea was to make him an honorary doctor for his courage in standing up against investigation activities by secret agencies.

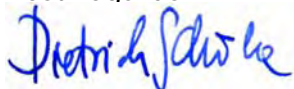
On 3rd September 2014, Mr Brodkorb, Minister of Education and Science in the state of Mecklenburg/ Western Pomerania, had approved of the University Rector's decision not to permit an Honorary Doctorate for Mr Snowden [3]. I understand that your Faculty has the intention of suing the Rector and Minister for that decision.

On the background of your unacceptable statement please allow me to propose two alternatives:

- A. End the farce of bestowing academic honors upon Mr Snowden, because a lawsuit against the Rector's objection, confirmed by the state Minister, would also be a farce. Try to formulate an acceptable apology, if possible together with the Rector and Minister, to the experts who were consulted, especially Prof. Noam Chomsky.
- B. Rectify your own position and support efforts to end cooperation of this University with secret agencies, all spying on students [4] and other violations against the "civil clause" [5], [6].

I will be very interested in reading your reply.

Best regards



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Sources (in German):

[1] <http://www.taz.de/Uni-Rostock-und-Spaehsoftware/!144255/>

[2] <http://kritischeunihro.blogspot.de/2014/08/21/nach-taz-artikel-prof-mackenthun-schreibt-leserinnenbrief/>

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[4] [http://www.mvpo.de/index.php?id=56&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=29211&cHash=0ac4abba381c72a942a9313805f11e59](http://www.mvpo.de/index.php?id=56&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=29211&cHash=0ac4abba381c72a942a9313805f11e59)

[5] <http://kritischeunihro.blogspot.de/2014/08/14/trotz-snowden-uni-rostock-kooperiert-mit-bundeswehr-und-bnd-bei-internet-ueberwachung/>

[6] <http://de.indymedia.org/2014/02/352484.shtml>