

Notice on the strike concerning the first exam of the September session:

I would like to inform the students about my decision to join the strike called by the Italian **Movimento per la Dignità della Docenza Universitaria**, and that will block the first exam of the September Session, academic year 2016-2017. The decision to strike is shared by a large group of colleagues from all Italian universities.

In short, mobilization is aimed at obtaining what other categories with a similar legal framework have already obtained: the recognition of long-overdue seniority-linked salary increases, and the career years in the four-year period 2011-14.

The choice of penalizing university professors, among all public employees with similar legal framework, is very worrying. It is a signal revealing the undervaluation of the role of university teaching, and the intention of resizing the importance of Italian public university. Remuneration of Italian university professors is well below that of their European counterparts. More generally, Italian public university has been facing, over many years, very severe financial constraints.

As in any strike, some inconvenience is laid upon the "users", the students in this case. This is, unfortunately, a condition that is necessary to ensure some visibility to the protest, that would otherwise be passed in silence. I want to emphasize this is the first time, in my long university career, that I decide to join a strike.

In as far as I am concerned, the strike implies that the exams of Microeconomics and Growth and Development, scheduled on September, 5, 2017 are cancelled. The exams scheduled on September 19 will regularly take place.