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Prime Minister Orbán:

The International Society for Political Psychology is deeply committed to academic freedom. As such, we must be vigilant when our colleagues anywhere in the world are persecuted in connection with their academic work. We are therefore deeply concerned about the treatment of our colleague, Péter Krekó, from Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. Professor Krekó has been the target of political attacks by the Hungarian government and media outlets for warning, based on opinion polls showing that Hungarians have little trust in COVID vaccines, that promoting unauthorized vaccines could undermine the efficacy of a vaccination program in Hungary. ISPP urges the Hungarian government not to use the pandemic as an excuse to silence academics and to stop these attacks against our colleague.

Sincerely,

Felicia Pratto, President of ISPP, on behalf of the ISPP Governing Council