

TO THE RECTOR OF THE CARLOS III UNIVERSITY OF MADRID

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The history of the Center for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (CEACS) of the Juan March Institute and, subsequently, its transformation into the Carlos III-Juan March Institute of Social Sciences, is a success story.

In 1987, the CEACS was created with the mission of improving training and research in the Social Sciences (Political Science and Sociology) in Spain. A scholarship program and a demanding two-year MA in Social Sciences allowed a new generation of PhDs to join the international academy. Great Spanish figures in the Social Sciences, Economics, History and Law (among many others, Miguel Artola, Enrique Fuentes Quintana, Juan Linz, José María Maravall, Víctor Pérez Díaz and Francisco Rubio Llorente) passed through the classrooms of CEACS. Courses were also taught by some of the best foreign professors in their disciplines (Gösta Esping-Andersen, James Fearon, Margaret Levi, Michael Mann, Adam Przeworski, Philippe Schmitter alongside many others). Many of the CEACS students obtained their PhDs at Spanish and foreign Universities (among which we can mention the University of Oxford, New York University, the European University Institute in Florence, Yale, Harvard, etc.), developing later very successful academic and professional careers, both in Spain and abroad.

In 2013, the former CEACS was integrated into the Carlos III University of Madrid as a new Institute, with public and private funding, under the name Carlos III-Juan March Institute of Social Sciences (IC3JM). At the same time of this integration, the Carlos III University created an interdisciplinary Department of Social Sciences. These changes had the explicit goal of maximizing synergies between the Institute and the Department to consolidate one of the best Social Science institutions in Spain and in Europe. Thanks to the generous encouragement and support of the University, as well as the close collaboration between the Institute and the Department, the original goal was within reach in less than a decade. Today, the Carlos III University is home to a varied, cosmopolitan and interdisciplinary community in the Social Sciences, capable of producing leading publications and attracting research funding. Unsurprisingly, it has earned significant international visibility and prestige.

When people abroad talk about Social Sciences in Spain, one of the first references that comes to mind is the IC3JM and the Universidad Carlos III. The signatories of this letter have great admiration for the work done throughout all these years. For the same reason, we are seriously concerned about the latest events that are taking place around the IC3JM.

There has been a campaign to discredit the Institute in the press, transforming an administrative problem into a false political and academic scandal that affects the management of the IC3JM. The current director of the Institute, Dr. Sandra León, who has an admirable academic career, excellent publications and significant management experience, has been embroiled in serious accusations and her position as Associate Professor is now in jeopardy. We are concerned that unfounded accusations have also been made against the former director of the Institute, Ignacio Sánchez-Cuenca, Professor of Political Science at the Carlos III University. If there has been any administrative problem in the call for the position obtained in 2021 by Professor León, we trust that the University will resolve it without harming either Professor León's career or the functioning of the Institute.

Our concern also increases because of the delays in renewing vital agreements for the future of the institute. We expect the current rector to come to the defence of the IC3JM and to renew vital agreements that guarantee the Institute's survival and functioning.

The Carlos III University has made a decisive and courageous commitment to the Social Sciences. It would be a tragedy if the effort made were to be diluted in the face of the unjust accusations that have appeared in the media. At stake is not only the prestige of the IC3JM and Dr. León, but also that of the Carlos III University itself, a great university in Spain and in Europe.

We appeal to the academic values that Universidad Carlos III de Madrid has embodied since its creation in 1989, in the hope that the current rector and his team will find a solution that gives stability and confidence to the IC3JM and its director, Professor León. We respectfully request the University to resolve the current uncertainty as soon as possible.

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