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Statement from the Advisory Board

The Advisory Board of the AHRC Network met on 25th October and has accepted the resignation of Dr Jacob Breslow from the membership of the Board.

We reviewed the allegations against Dr Jacob Breslow reported and circulated in the media and their impact on the Network. We underscore our opposition to all forms of sexual violence and harm and distance ourselves from any attempts to normalise child sexual abuse.

We also expressed grave concern at the orchestrated attacks on Gender Studies scholars and on Gender Studies as a field of academic research, teaching and enquiry. We are appalled that allegations made against one person are being used to attack trans people, trans advocacy groups and Gender Studies as a discipline. We strongly oppose slander and rumouring, but believe in accountability and repair if and when any harm has occurred.

The Network, with the support of the Advisory Board, looks forward to continuing its work on mapping the formation and circulation of anti-gender ideology movements across the globe – including anti-feminist, racist and anti-migrant, homophobic, and anti-trans and anti gender-non-conformist violence – and the political struggles and solidarities resisting misrepresentation, harassment, and violence. We endeavour to build a coalition large enough to produce solidarity from and with our differences.

Our shared commitment to the long feminist tradition of gender analysis prioritises the scholarship and wellbeing of the main targets of anti-gender attacks.

Please check our website for details of our full academic programme that will be published soon.