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EHESP support for the mobilisation of Iranian society

On September 16, Mahsa (Zhina) Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman, died as a result of beatings inflicted on her during her arrest by the Islamic Republic of Iran's morality police. Following this tragedy, the Iranian society exploded in revolt with the cry of "women, life, freedom". Secondary school teachers, students and their professors went on strike. This massive movement now affects more than ten universities and counting.

The Advanced School in Social Science Paris (EHESP) brings its full solidarity to the Iranian academic community, to students, colleagues, and more broadly to the entire Iranian civil society, committed to the fight for women's rights and defending civil liberties. EHESS strongly condemns the violent repression inflicted on the people.

While the number of deaths is already in the dozens, and the arbitrary arrests of thousands of activists are multiplying, while Internet access has been cut off in an attempt to hinder the mobilization, EHESS calls the entire international academic community to express their unreserved solidarity, commensurate with the courage shown by the women and men of Iran, by the demonstrators, and by the strikers who are risking their lives today.

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