



**UNIVERSITÀ  
DI TRENTO**  
Consiglio degli Studenti

# **POSITION STATEMENT STUDENT COUNCIL 2022/24**

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To the academic community,

Dear students, dear professors, dear administrative staff and  
Magnificent Rector,

We live in complex times, of extreme instability and uncertainty.

We live in a historical period which has been defined as the era of 'Permacrisis'. A crisis that insinuates in us a distressing sense of bewilderment which, although invisible, becomes heavier day after day, making us think that what we take for granted may suddenly disappear.

Numerous emergencies, global and local, of greater or lesser importance, have followed one another over time, impacting all our lives in various and different ways. We are emerging from the years of the pandemic, the years of lockdowns, the years of interrupted experiences and new ways of interacting, increasingly digitized. Instead, we enter the years of the war. War that returns once again to obscure the European continent with its long shadow.

We live in the years of climate change, of incessant desertification, of drought, in the years in which the numerous alarm bells of science are still ignored.

We are living in years in which high energy costs and the consequent high bills bring families, workers and students to their knees.

We live, therefore, in a context that has led to a serious impairment of psychological well-being. The data tells us this: in Italy there has been a dramatic increase in requests for help, especially from the youngest, just think of our University, where users of the psychological counseling service are more than doubled.



This is also due to continuous social pressure, which manifests itself in an imposed and idealized model of unattainable excellence.

Unfortunately, we live in a country where instability is praxis. In a country characterized by a frenetic succession of new governments and political parties, which have proved incapable of implementing far-sighted measures aimed at the new generations, now disaffected with politics, that do not feel represented and that too often do not see the possibility of building a future in this country.

Politicians that always forget about education and research: we remain among the last countries of the European Union in terms of investments in the research sector.

We are perfectly aware that we are just a drop in the ocean, and that it is not in our power, and perhaps it is in none's power, to solve problems bigger than us.

However, we believe we can make our contribution to leave a university better than how we found it. Finding solutions to common problems that affect us all. Bringing the students' voice to the appropriate venues and representing it at its best.

So let's put here in writing what are our sensitivities and our ideals, that distinguish us and our mandate.

We are for sincere representation of university students and their interests in a non-denominational and anti-fascist way. Independent of political parties, but not apolitical.

We believe in the protection of human, civil, social and political rights. We declare ourselves strenuously opposed to any discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, language, religion, political opinions, personal and social conditions. We believe in the use of constructive dialogue as a means of confrontation and we repudiate violence in any form.



The right to study, its promotion and defense, is the focal point of our policy, which is expressed and consolidated in the public nature of the University of Trento. We will therefore undertake to remove the obstacles and barriers that do not allow students, especially if without appropriate means, to complete their training process.

We think it is essential to guarantee the quality of teaching and the freedom of scientific research.

We are in favor of giving value to the special autonomy enjoyed by our University, but only if it is actually used to ensure better development of the University and access for all to higher education.

We will work to protect the dignity and living conditions of students, inside and outside the classrooms, promoting a system of efficient canteens and housing services and facilitating the integration of the university into the local community.

We will engage in advocacy and support for psychological health.

We will be promoters of meeting and aggregation places, in respect of cultural and social interests.

We will pursue ethical goals of social solidarity and environmental sustainability.

We will establish a close dialogue with the Trentino community in order to promote the inclusion of university students in the social fabric of the area, also through the presence of moments of encounter between the students and the citizens of the Province.

We will support the enhancement of the academic training of students and the transferability of the skills provided by the University in the working environment, through collaborative relationships and exchanges between the University of Trento, companies and national, EU and international institutions.



Notwithstanding that the university must not be reduced only to "churn out workers", but must remain a place of cultural and critical training.

We intend to pay attention to the scarce presence of women in STEM subjects, convinced that a more equitable and just education system must favor equal training opportunities for all genders.

We believe in a University that is not only a provider of teaching or research services, but that constitutes a lively and active community, a community of different people who benefit from this diversity. A community that values equality and equal opportunities, that declares itself against social barriers, economic obstacles and cultural obstacles.

We have found the need to anticipate this political document to the programmatic points of this mandate. This Document should not be a simple promise, but a guarantee of our work, the compass that will guide us during the next few years, the leitmotif to which every single one of our choices or stances can be traced back.

Firm on these ideals and long term objectives,  
The Student Council

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