

Dear Serdar,

I understand that a senior spokesperson on ethics for the American Psychological Association, Stephen Behnke, is in Turkey and will be running a workshop on ethics and that you and colleagues are protesting at this visit.

I am writing to you in your role as a highly valued Turkish member of the Executive of the European Community Psychology Association, of which I am currently President Elect, to offer you my personal support in protesting this visit to Europe from someone representing an organisation which is certainly not in a position to run a workshop on ethics.

As you will recall those present at the final plenary session of the International Seminar ("*Integrating new migrants in the New Europe: A Challenge for Community Psychology*") held in Seville, Spain 19-21 September 2007 unanimously voted to send a message of support from the meeting to Australian colleagues and all those condemning the involvement of psychologists in the practice of torture. I thank Turkish colleagues for doing so.

As colleagues representing the Coalition for an Ethical Psychology have made clear, the policies of the APA in relation to the involvement of psychologists in torture are disingenuous and dishonest and the American Psychological Association has not yet taken any position unambiguously critical of the policies of the US government's systematic program of abuse and torture.

I wish you and colleagues in Turkey well in taking this important principled stand against the appalling involvement of psychologists in the practice of torture.

Yours sincerely,

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