

Logomachy and the Dilution Crisis: When Philosophy Becomes Platform- Hostile

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The closure of philosophy departments is not a peripheral cultural loss – it is the dilution crisis made institutional. Philosophy is the discipline most hostile to platform logic because it demands diffractive reception: slow, resistant, productive of confusion rather than recognition. When the state defunds what cannot be measured, it is engineering maximum emission and minimum diffraction – the exact inversion of where creation lives.

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This article describes institutional pressure to eliminate philosophy departments – a structural case of the DILUTION CRISIS. Philosophy is inherently diffractive: it demands slow reception, resistant reading, the *ouverture's* work. It cannot be algorithmically optimized for recognition. The state-sanctioned closure is not merely budget cuts; it is the platform (neoliberal metrics, REF scores, measurable outcomes) punishing the very discipline that refuses to emit recognizable signals. Philosophy survives where diffraction survives – in small gatherings, the difficult, the foreign to instrumental logic. Its elimination is the dilution engine at work: maximum emission (STEM, vocational training) rewarded; minimum diffraction (contemplation, productive confusion) defunded. The logomachy itself – the conflict over what

counts as knowledge, what language means – is precisely what the platform cannot tolerate, because it destabilizes the codex of measurability.

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