

# **Update on Academic freedom of expression denied by corporate lobbying**

There was a preliminary hearing at the Sheriff Court in Glasgow before Sheriff Reid on Friday 16 June, with my solicitor Ziqyia Riaz and Sir Crispin Agnew QC representing me. I was not present. But I then met Ziqyia in Glasgow the following Friday, when my wife Sundara and I were in Scotland. Since the case is ongoing, my lips are sealed - "No comment" is all I can say, because I have to avoid any risk of prejudice. It is public knowledge, however, that Professor Paul Younger, my nemesis who started all this mess in 2014, has taken early retirement, and that David Newall, the Secretary of the University Court, who took various decisions about my access, has also left. It is also open knowledge that I now have my university email address and online journal access back. Enough said! But we are not there yet.