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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on gender studies

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on gender studies

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the graduate employment rate is 82% for men and 80.2% for women, and whereas in 2015 women accounted for 57% of social science graduates and 64.6% of arts and humanities graduates, but only 40% of science graduates, despite a low unemployment rate among the latter;
- B. whereas the website ‘studyportals.com’ lists 89 European master’s degrees under ‘Gender and Sexuality Studies’, and whereas there is an Erasmus Mundus master’s degree in this field;
- C. whereas according to *The Guardian* (19 November 2012 edition), gender studies courses mostly attract women, and whereas of the 85 students enrolled in gender studies master’s courses at the London School of Economics, only 8 were men;
- D. whereas job prospects are uncertain for graduates of such courses, which lack academic rigour, as illustrated by a recent hoax in the US;
 1. Draws attention to Hungary's decision to ban gender studies;
 2. Is concerned about the attractiveness of gender studies courses for women and the impact on women’s employability;
 3. Urges the Commission and Member States to examine the job prospects for graduates in this field and to verify the accuracy and objectivity of information provided by educational establishments.