

Bogotá, May 4th 2021

Dear eanists:

Universidad Ean rejects the violence exercised against students and others who have participated in recent days of the national strike, and deeply regrets all the injuries, traumatisms and deaths due to the social protests in recent days. We urge the National Government, the military force and police authorities to protect the peaceful mobilization of the protesters, confident that only the vigorous exercise of rights will lead us to just and sustainable solutions to the harsh economic conditions to which we have been subjected, aggravated by the advent of COVID.

The current situation demands from all of us an unparalleled creative exercise, for which we have decided to invite the entire community to participate more actively in a critical reflection on the situation in our country.

For this reason, we call on teachers and students to:

- Promote and facilitate conversations that they consider relevant in their academic spaces and share them with citizens.
- Give priority to reflection on the challenges we face, making academic activities on May 5 as flexible as possible, guaranteeing access to evaluations, final deliveries, and all materials derived from remote classes.
- Contribute to the responsible construction of proposals and paths of action for Colombia, within the democratic dialogue.

In this context, the University will keep all channels open for its students to demonstrate with security and serenity: the role of education is to guarantee spaces for dialogue and to offer the conditions for its prosperity and flourishing in a peaceful way.

Finally, we declare that we will maintain the biosecurity conditions within the campus unless there are new guidelines.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Baptiste
Chancellor of Universidad Ean