

Dear Ms. Woodbury,

Thanks for this - and greetings from Poland, where I am conducting research.

This man clearly has a bee in his bonnet, and is entitled to his opinions. I won't comment on his remarks about my colleagues; they can answer the allegations themselves. But I'm not sure he ever took a class with me (it is not clear from his letter, and I cannot check my records from Warsaw); if he did not, he would not know that I have spent my career criticising communism. Oxford University Press clearly think I know something about that, since they have just commissioned me to write their 'Very Short Introduction' to it. It might also be of relevance to you that I have been a paid consultant to the World Bank, and am currently undertaking a paid consultancy for the Swiss Government; neither organisation has a reputation for being a hotbed of radical lefties!

I could provide you with lots more evidence to counter this man's allegations, but am a busy person. I trust the Committee will make up their own mind about this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think I can help you further.

Best wishes,

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