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The October 9th information on my break with the UA, sent and [posted](#), arose many expressions of unbelief, sympathy and support. Various colleagues confirmed the salient issue of moral decay in human interactions, also at universities. Every personal experience is somehow different, but all seem to emerge from the neoliberal grip on human societies¹. A colleague added: *"I'm pretty angry on behalf of young colleagues who've been badly affected"*. Indeed, young colleagues are affected most, while I have enjoyed an incredible dynamic and diverse life, with opportunities and freedom overwhelming the setbacks and restrictions. The craven measures of UA officials hinder now my academic work but cannot stop it.

Look at the bright side: On October 12th the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced *Robert Hall* and Michael Woodford as the laureates of the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences. During our stay at Stanford University in 1978-79, the home of Bob and Bronwyn Hall was a familiar place for my wife by caring for the children John and Ann Hall. My meetings with Bob Hall were few, because a successful macroeconomist and a foreign student in Engineering Economic Systems did not fit well. Also, he gets a Nobel Prize for boosting the neoliberal financial system, while I would prefer Saule T. Omarova as the laureate for her work on *"How to Democratize Money and Finance the Economy"*.² Nonetheless, the revelation is the 83-year-old emeritus of Stanford University, Robert Hall receives a Nobel Prize. This highlights emeriti being part of a great university.

Look at the bright side:
Navi Pillay is the winner of the
2026 Nobel Peace Prize.

Her winning ends my shyness
to talk about the 2007 Nobel
Peace Prize, assigned to the
Intergovernmental Panel on
Climate Change.

The IPCC chair delivered a
certificate to the authors who
contributed to the IPCC.
[See picture].

In June 2025, the University
of Antwerp blocked my access
to the budget I saved for
producing more contributions
as emeritus.

*Why should a university
obstruct publishing emeriti?*



¹ Guillermina Seri (2026). Neoliberalism and Unlawful Governance. The Crisis of Democratic Rights. University of Michigan Press.

² Omarova Saule T. (2021). The People's Ledger: How to Democratize Money and Finance the Economy. Vanderbilt Law Review, vol.74, N°5: 1231-1300.