





In the framework of the University of Zurich's initiative for refugees, the International Relations Office hosts a presentation about Scholars at Risk, an international network to defend the principles of academic freedom and human rights of scholars around the world.

*“Ayse Dayi lost her job as an Assistant Professor and Acting Chair of Psychology in Istanbul 29 Mayis University on January 14th, 2016, due to signing the petition ‘We will not be a party to this crime – Em ê nebin hevparên vî sûcî!’, a petition by Academics for Peace that asked the Turkish government to stop the military operations and human rights violations in the Southeast of Turkey. She has come to the University of Lausanne as a Scholar at Risk for a two year research position.*

*In this talk, she will give an overview of the academic repression in Turkey that started with the dismissals of signatories (312 people) and extended to other academics (7316 people) through decrees issued under the State of Emergency after the failed coup. Using her personal experience, Ms. Dayi will discuss the ongoing work of Academics for Peace, the Scholars at Risk network and possible ways of expanding international support to scholars in Turkey, in Switzerland, Europe and beyond.”*

**All interested persons are kindly invited.  
Registration is not required.**

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### Welcome Address

Prof. Dr. Gabriele Siegert  
Vice-President for Arts and Social Sciences  
University of Zurich

### Speaker

Dr. Ayse Dayi  
Scholar at Risk, currently a researcher at  
the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences  
University of Lausanne

### Commentator

Prof. Dr. Martina Caroni  
Vice Rector and Professor of International  
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of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Science  
and member of the Federal Commission  
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