The Network
 Scholars at Risk (SAR) is an international network of institutions and individuals whose mission is to protect scholars and promote academic freedom.

The Scholars
SAR provides sanctuary and assistance to more than 300 threatened scholars worldwide each year.

Dr. Tarek Ahmad
Archaeology
Dr. Ahmad is a scholar of archaeology who was barred from employment in Syria after receiving his PhD abroad and faced further threats for his work protecting Syrian archaeology amidst the ongoing crisis. Through SAR and the Philipp Schwartz Initiative in Germany, Dr. Ahmad was offered a 2-year fellowship at Heidelberg University. Dr. Ahmad has been able to safely continue his work on classic Syrian archaeology and has participated in several events and trainings to share his expertise on Syria and contribute to local efforts to better support threatened scholars in Europe.

Dr. Anna Dolidze
International Law
Dr. Dolidze fled Georgia in 2006 after experiencing intimidation, surveillance, and arrest in retaliation for her open criticism of Georgian judiciary policies. SAR helped her secure positions at NYU Law School and Western University, Canada, where she later became a tenured professor. While abroad, Dr. Dolidze continued to advocate for justice and human rights in Georgia. In May 2015, she was able to return home safely to begin her new appointment as Deputy Defense Minister.

The Opportunities

Membership
Member organizations make a commitment to academic freedom, designate a SAR representative, and contribute an annual membership subscription.

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Protection
- Hosting threatened scholars for temporary teaching, research, or study visits
- Referring scholars to the network for assessment, referrals, or transition assistance

Advocacy
- Engaging students in Student Advocacy Seminars & Legal Clinics to conduct real-world research and advocacy
- Supporting imprisoned scholars & students through global campaigns
- Conducting research for SAR’s Academic Freedom Monitoring Project

Learning
- Attending conferences, workshops, and trainings
- Inviting SAR scholars to campus to share their stories
- Joining research groups on pressing issues facing the global higher education community
- Co-organizing workshops and online courses on Promoting Higher Education Values

Scholar Countries of Origin
- Turkey 52%
- Syria 20%

Scholar Disciplines
- Social Sciences 32%
- Physical & Life Sciences 24%
- Arts & Humanities 17%
- Business & Finance 10%
- Law & Human Rights 5%
- Journalism & Writing 5%
- Medicine & Public Health 4%
- Mathematics & Info. Science 3%

Risks Frequently Reported by Scholars*
- Threat of arrest or violence
- General situational risk
- Loss of position
- Harassment & intimidation
- Prosecution
- Other

*Note that scholars often report experiencing multiple risks.
Scholars at Risk is a global movement to protect everyone’s freedom to think, question, and share ideas. SAR raises awareness of and garners support for scholars and students in prison or facing other threats. SAR assists scholars facing immediate danger in their home countries and provides advice and referrals to refugee scholars. Some scholars hosted by SAR face long-term risks. SAR assists them to plan their next steps, including future placements and referrals for additional professional or legal support. SAR members co-organize and attend workshops for faculty, researchers, staff, and students on promoting core higher education values. SAR reports and publications, such as *Free to Think*, encourage international dialogue on higher education values and related issues. SAR members invite SAR scholars to campus to share their academic work and stories of courage and perseverance. SAR coordinates working groups on academic freedom-related research and other issues facing the global higher education community.

**Protection**

- **Hosting**
  - SAR informs the network of scholars facing threats. As they are able, members welcome scholars for visits (usually for a year). These scholars enrich their host communities through teaching, research, mentoring, and study.

- **Advice & Assistance**
  - SAR assists scholars facing immediate danger in their home countries and provides advice and referrals to refugee scholars.

- **Transition**
  - Some scholars hosted by SAR face long-term risks. SAR works with these scholars to plan their next steps, including future placements and referrals for additional professional or legal support.

- **Return**
  - SAR scholars hope to return safely to their home countries. Those whose risks have subsided frequently do so, and they retain a lifelong connection to their host institution.

**Advocacy**

- **Scholars in Prison Project Campaigns**
  - SAR raises awareness of and garners support for scholars and students in prison or facing other threats.

- **Student Advocacy Seminars & Legal Clinics**
  - Guided by faculty, students research & conduct advocacy related to imprisoned scholars & attacks on higher education.

- **Academic Freedom Monitoring Project**
  - Researchers work with SAR to document and analyze attacks on higher education, including physical violence, imprisonment, prosecution, and restrictions on travel.

- **Publications**
  - SAR reports and publications, such as *Free to Think*, encourage international dialogue on higher education values and related issues.

- **Speaker Series**
  - Members invite SAR scholars to campus to share their academic work and stories of courage and perseverance.

- **Conferences**
  - At SAR’s biennial Global Congress, members come together and share best practices for protecting scholars and promoting academic freedom.

**Learning**

- **Workshops**
  - SAR members co-organize and attend workshops for faculty, researchers, staff, and students on promoting core higher education values.

- **Working Groups**
  - SAR coordinates working groups on academic freedom-related research and other issues facing the global higher education community.

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PART 1: DEFINITION AND PURPOSE OF SAR ‘PARTNER NETWORKS’

A SAR ‘Partner Network’ is a cooperation agreement between Scholars at Risk (SAR) and another, pre-existing network of higher education institutions (the ‘Partner’) that shares SAR’s interest in the protection and promotion of academic freedom and related higher education values. The purposes of the arrangement are:
1. To reinforce the Partner by offering new activities and benefits to its existing institutional members;
2. To strengthen protection and promotion of academic freedom and related higher education values by increasing the number and variety of higher education institutions engaged in SAR activities, specifically by:
   a. offering the Partner and its institutional members opportunities to participate in SAR activities;
   b. encouraging them to participate in such activities, at their discretion, individually or in groups;
   c. encouraging them to seek institutional membership in the SAR network, at their discretion;
   d. coordinating services for the Partner and any institutional members that choose to take part in SAR partner network-related activities, including any joint projects which may be developed.

PART 2: RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTNER (REQUIREMENTS)

The rights and obligations of membership include the following. There are no other obligations of membership.

- **Commitment to academic freedom**: The Partner commits to the principle that scholars should be free to work without fear or intimidation, as set forth in the Scholars at Risk network’s founding statement (see other side).
- **Official SAR representative**: Partners designate a primary representative to communicate with the SAR office and network, including receiving information about scholars seeking temporary assistance and other network activities.
- **Partner network coordination**: The Partner and SAR will consult and agree on suitable arrangements for communicating information to partner network members, including invitations to participate in SAR-related activities, updates on such activities, invitations to seek membership in the global SAR network, invitations to events, and reports and other information concerning higher education values. The Partner and SAR will agree on an appropriate name for the partner network, which would generally include reference to both entities.
- **Rights of membership**: Partners in good standing have the same rights of affiliate members of the global SAR network and are eligible to vote at membership meetings; receive discounts on event admission; and receive preferential consideration for services, internships and other opportunities.

PART 3: RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTNER’S INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

By entering into a ‘Partner Network’ with SAR, the Partner does not make an individual membership decision for its institutional members. The Partner commits to offering its institutional members opportunities to participate in SAR activities, to encouraging them to participate and seek membership in the global SAR network, and to coordinating with SAR the activities of the partner network, as stated in Part 1 (Purposes) and Part 2 (Obligations) above. The Partner and SAR will refer to the partner network by the agreed name. They may describe it as a partnership between SAR and the Partner that offers all of the Partner’s institutional members the opportunity to take part in SAR-related activities, but will only identify by name those institutions which have individually agreed to partner network membership. Similarly, SAR will not identify any of the Partner’s individual institutional members as members of the global SAR network unless the institution has separately agreed to seek membership. SAR and the Partner will agree on how to inform the Partner’s institutional members of the new partner network and to invite their participation. This shall include sharing SAR’s ‘Institutional Membership Agreement.’

PART 4: OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION BY THE PARTNER & PARTNER NETWORK MEMBERS (OPTIONAL)

Participation in any specific SAR activity, including hosting scholars, is at the discretion of each institution. SAR provides opportunities for Partners and partner network members to engage at all levels, including: (1) **Hosting lectures, panels and other events**, including SAR Speaker Series events, featuring SAR scholars; (2) **Advocating on behalf of imprisoned, detained or unjustly prosecuted scholars** through the Scholars in Prison Project or through a faculty-led Student Advocacy Seminar; (3) **Promoting academic freedom** through the Academic Freedom Monitoring Project and related research; (4) **Hosting threatened scholars** as temporary visitors, students, researchers, or professors. Affiliates will have access to courageous and inspiring educators for academic visits and will receive direct assistance in making arrangements and in counseling scholar-visitors about relocation, adjustment, job searching and post-visit transitions; (5) **Participating in SAR conferences** on academic freedom, university autonomy and related higher education issues; (6) **Student internship and alumni engagement**, through public events and visiting scholar mentorship opportunities; (7) **Helping to shape SAR’s priorities** and direction, including by suggesting new activities.
PART 5: JOIN THE NETWORK

1. YES, (NAME OF INSTITUTION) ________________________ agrees to form a partner network with Scholars at Risk, to be known as the ________________________.

2. OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE:

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☐ I agree to my personal data being stored and used to receive SAR-related information and offers, subject to SAR's Privacy Policy.

3. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION:

- Membership Levels Please select one.
  - Sustaining Membership (US$ 5,000): This membership subscription reflects the costs of SAR services to scholars and institutions. Scholars at Risk Sustaining Members receive the full rights and opportunities of membership and will be recognized in the SAR website, events and communications.
  - Contributing Membership (US$ 1,000): Institutions interested in exploring membership below the sustaining level are offered the opportunity to join at this level, reflecting SAR’s desire to encourage wide participation in the network.

- Payment Method Please select one.
  - Check payable to “Scholars at Risk/NYU”
  - Credit card: Visit www.scholarsatrisk.org
  - Wire transfer: Contact SAR for instructions.
  - Please send an invoice.
  - We would like to request a reduction to US$____ or waiver.

4. SUBMIT FORM & PAYMENT:

Scholars at Risk Network
c/o New York University
411 Lafayette St., 3rd Floor
New York, NY, 10003 USA

Email: scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu
Tel: +1-212-998-2179

FOUNDING STATEMENT OF THE SCHOLARS AT RISK NETWORK

RECOGNIZING the central importance of scholarship, academic freedom, and higher education for the promotion and protection of peaceful, democratic societies; recognizing that academic communities worldwide, including scholars, administrators, students, and their institutions, have long been targets of attack by agents seeking to curtail expression, silence dissent, and control the flow of information in society; recognizing that such attacks, against any member of the global academic community, threaten the common educative mission of every member of that community; recognizing the shared responsibility of all scholars, administrators, students and their institutions to join in solidarity in defense of their colleagues; and further recognizing that past and on-going efforts to meet that responsibility on an individual, ad hoc, or emergency basis, despite much success, have failed to eliminate the need for common action, we RESOLVE that there should be established a permanent network of universities, colleges and similar centers of research, study and teaching; that this network, in collaboration with like minded institutions, groups and individuals, should dedicate itself to protecting the fundamental human rights of scholars and other members of the global academic community, including among them independent scholars, public intellectuals, writers, artists, and others engaged in the discovery, development and strengthening of the community of ideas; that among its activities, this network should devote its greatest energies to assisting scholars facing the most grave threats to their being and to their profession, including but not limited to threats resulting from displacement, discrimination, censorship, intimidation, harassment, and violence; that where these threats are of such gravity that other forms of assistance would prove ineffective or insufficient, the network should endeavor to provide positions of personal and professional sanctuary within its membership; and that although temporary, the design of these positions should be such as to assist scholars in resuming their careers; RESOLVE that this network should in addition charge itself with raising awareness, understanding of and respect for academic freedom (including its constituent freedoms of expression, opinion, and thought), higher education, scholarship, and the free exchange of ideas; promoting intervention and advocacy in defense of academic freedom and the human rights of scholars; and otherwise undertaking such activities as the network and its membership may in due course deem appropriate; and RESOLVE that this network should be known as the Scholars at Risk Network, and thereafter PLEDGE to support this network by receiving, disseminating and sharing information about the network, its aims and activities; by participating in activities to raise awareness and understanding of attacks on members of the academic community; and by encouraging the participation of colleagues and institutions in the network including, but not limited to, promoting where possible efforts to assist scholars at risk through provision of temporary academic positions or other suitable assistance.


PRIVACY

AT SCHOLARS AT RISK (SAR), WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRIVACY IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. IN THE COURSE OF SERVING OUR MISSION, SAR MAY RECEIVE INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED “PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE,” “PERSONAL,” OR “SENSITIVE” UNDER RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS, INCLUDING FROM WEBSITES, FORMS, EMAILS, CORRESPONDENCE, OR PERSONAL COMMUNICATION. SAR DOES NOT SELL, LEASE, DISTRIBUTE, OR OTHERWISE USE SUCH INFORMATION FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT SAR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. BY CONTINUING TO USE SAR’S SERVICES OR SUBMITTING PERSONAL INFORMATION TO US, YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE TERMS OF SAR’S PRIVACY POLICY, WHICH EXPLAINS HOW SAR HANDLES SUCH INFORMATION. YOU MAY MODIFY OR RESCIND YOUR CONSENT AT ANY TIME AT MANAGE PREFERENCES.