

SCHOLARS AT RISK NETWORK

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Release Professor Khalil Al-Halwachi!

Professor Khalil Al-Halwachi is a scholar of engineering and peaceful activist imprisoned in Bahrain since 2014 for calling for democratic reform. After several postponements of his hearing, a court upheld the ten-year prison sentence against Professor Al-Halwachi on May 6, 2019.

On September 3, 2014, authorities arrested Professor Al-Halwachi in a raid on his home. On March 23, 2017, a court convicted and sentenced Professor Al-Halwachi to ten years in prison on charges of “possession of a weapon” and “insulting the judiciary.” Professor Al-Halwachi has disputed the charges against him, maintaining the evidence of the weapon was fabricated. Professor Al-Halwachi remains in Jau Prison where, despite several medical complications, he has been denied access to medical care and subjected to intermittent solitary confinement, judicial, and custodial mistreatment.



SAR calls for letters, emails, and faxes respectfully urging the appropriate authorities to secure Professor Al-Halwachi's release and to drop any charges against him which stem from his peaceful exercise of the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of association; pending this, to ensure his well-being while in prison, including humane treatment and access to medical care, legal counsel, and family; and to investigate or complete any pending investigations into allegations of torture or other ill-treatment he has suffered.

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Scholars of the Month

SAR scholars are at-risk higher education professionals that exemplify the pursuit of academic freedom, freedom of expression, and university values. If your institution is

interested in hosting a SAR scholar, please email apply.scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu.



A Scholar of Psychosocial Studies from Turkey

This interdisciplinary scholar combines his expertise in psychosocial studies with cultural and literary studies in both his teaching and research. With nearly two decades of experience teaching at the university level, he has taught courses ranging from mythology to critical thinking in psychology and social science. He has also published his work as books and academic articles, in languages including English, French, German and Turkish. He faces risk of arrest, harassment, and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in Europe and Canada beginning October 2019. (Turkey 1019)



A Scholar of Oral Medicine from Yemen

This scholar specializes in oral epidemiology and dental care for underserved populations. He is a highly active researcher with several articles published in reputable, refereed journals. He has spent several years teaching university-level courses in his field in Yemen and Saudi Arabia. He has also held several short term academic visits in North America and Europe. This scholar reports risk due to the ongoing, situational violence in Yemen and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately. (Yemen 539)



A Scholar of International Relations from Turkey

This scholar's work focuses on conflict resolution, security studies, and international foreign politics. He has published numerous papers in national and international peer-reviewed publications, and presented his work at international conferences across Europe. He has taught courses on foreign policy and global issues at a university in Turkey. He reports having faced risk of arrest, harassment, and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in the United States beginning immediately. (Turkey 1165)

All Scholars Seeking Assistance »

SAR Spotlight on Dr. Melanie Adrian

In this SAR Spotlight, we speak with Dr. Melanie Adrian of Carleton University on her involvement with the SAR Network, including her efforts to build the SAR Canada



Section, establish a national program to bring at-risk scholars to Canada, and engage students in SAR's work through the Student Advocacy Seminars.

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Call for Nominations

The Villa Decius Association is accepting nominations for the 16th edition of the Polish Prize of Sérgio Vieira de Mello, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2002-2003). The prize is awarded annually to persons and non-governmental organizations for their activities enhancing peaceful co-existence and cooperation of communities, religions, and cultures. The announcement of the results and the award ceremony will take place on October 24, 2019 at Villa Decius in Krakow, Poland. Please visit the Polish Prize of Sérgio Vieira de Mello Prize [website](#) to submit your nominations by June 30.

Events



Higher Education Values in Practice: Integration of Highly Skilled Refugees and At-Risk Academics in Europe | June 14 | Brussels, Belgium

This event will focus on academic values and the role of the higher education community in supporting students and scholars with a refugee background, and at-risk academics.

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SAR 2020 Global Congress | Mar. 25-28, 2020 | Washington, D.C. & Baltimore, MD

Save the date! Scholars at Risk invites you to the SAR Network 2020 Global Congress on March 25-28, 2020, convened in partnership with Johns Hopkins University and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

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