InSPIREurope Launch

A new EU-funded initiative to support researchers at risk was launched on October 14 by SAR Europe and nine European partner organizations, at an event at Maynooth University, Ireland. Funded under the European Commission’s Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MCSA), InSPIREurope will increase cooperation across Europe, between academia and industry, in support of researchers at risk.

InSPIREurope project partners

Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University (host of SAR Europe) opened the event, welcoming the project partners, associate partners and advisory board. Opening remarks followed by Robert Quinn, Founding Executive Director of the Scholars at Risk Network, Linda Connolly, Director, Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute, and Sinead O’Gorman, Director, SAR Europe. The kick-off meeting gathered representatives from the project partners’ organizations in Ireland, Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Greece, Poland, Sweden, and Norway, associate partners, advisory board and the European Commission. The two days were dedicated to
planning and refining activities for the three years of the project (Sept 2019 to Aug 2022). Project activities are now underway and include: mapping and policy recommendations to improve support in Europe for researchers at risk; provision of mutual learning opportunities for key European stakeholders in research and innovation; development of webinars and trainings to support the career development of over 250 researchers at risk; guidance for prospective employers and host institutions; as well as outreach to grow the diversity of actors supporting researchers at risk in particular in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe.

The next key events for InSPIREurope will be hosted by Jagiellonian University, Krakow on January 9, 2020, and a large stakeholder forum in Paris on June 8, 2020.

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Extended Deadline for Congress Early Bird Registration

Early bird registration for the Scholars at Risk biennial Congress: *Truth, Power and Society: The Promise of Higher Education in Challenging Times* has been extended until **December 15**. The Global Congress will be held March 25-28, 2020 in Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD, in partnership with Johns Hopkins University and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

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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](mailto:apply.scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu).*
A Scholar of Electronics and Computer Education from Turkey

This scholar has nearly two decades of university-level teaching experience in Turkey and the US, where he led courses on wireless sensor networks, cognitive radio networks, and cloud computing, among others. He has also published numerous articles on these topics in international and refereed academic journals. This scholar faces risk of arrest, harassment, and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research opportunities in Canada beginning immediately. (Turkey 859)

A Scholar of International Relations from Bangladesh

This scholar's research focuses on Islamic extremism, globalization, and migration in South Asia and he has published numerous peer-reviewed articles in international journals. He has also taught several undergraduate and graduate courses on topics including politics, public relations, and communications. This scholar faces risk of violence, surveillance and harassment in Bangladesh, and seeks teaching and/or research opportunities in Australia in April 2020. (Bangladesh 557)

A Scholar of Civil Engineering from Turkey

This scholar specializes in structural and materials engineering. He has several years of experience teaching university-level courses in Turkey, including courses on engineering mechanics and mechanics of materials, among others. He has co-authored nearly two dozen publications in international and national peer-reviewed journals in his field. This scholar faces risk of arrest, harassment, and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research opportunities in Sweden beginning immediately. (Turkey 1559)

All Scholars Seeking Assistance »

We Want to Hear from You: Values on Your Campus

In 2017, Scholars at Risk developed the Promoting Higher Education Values guide, and a massive open online course (MOOC) titled Dangerous Questions: Why
**Academic Freedom Matters** with the University of Oslo and partners on the Academic Refuge Project.

This work represents a proactive approach to our mission to promote higher education values at home and in partnerships. We believe that healthy higher education communities thrive when they are grounded in five core higher education values: academic freedom, institutional autonomy, accountability, equitable access, and social responsibility. Commitment to and discussion of these values can help safeguard institutions from being subjected to the range of threats that shrink the space to think, question, and share ideas safely.

In an effort to support our network of colleges and universities, SAR wants to hear from you about your experience with values-related considerations on your campus, and ways that your institution might benefit from SAR-led workshops, trainings, and discussions to proactively integrate core values at home and in partnerships. We aim to continue these conversations at our [Global Congress, March 25-28](#).

Please follow the link below to complete a five-minute questionnaire that will help us advance this work.

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**SAR's New Deputy Director**

Scholars at Risk is pleased to announce that Sarah Willcox has joined our team as Deputy Director. Sarah brings a wealth of experience to SAR, including over 15 years at IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF) and before that three years with the Fulbright program. At IIE-SRF, her roles included program officer, senior program officer, assistant director, more than five years as Director, and ultimately Senior Director.

"Having partnered with and admired Scholars at Risk for many years, it is an honor to join the team in an energizing 20th year to explore the endless possibilities of a growing network of courageous scholars and dedicated institutions worldwide," said Willcox. "My deepest thanks for the incredibly warm welcome to an amazing organization."

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**Make Your Gift Today!**

By arranging temporary academic positions at member universities and colleges, SAR
offers safety to scholars facing grave threats, so scholars’ ideas are not lost and they can keep working until conditions improve and they are able to return to their home countries.

SAR is grateful to the many supporters who have made their gifts this fall. If you have yet to give this year, consider giving today and help us continue this important work.

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Events

POD Conference | Nov. 13-17 | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

SAR will have an exhibit at the POD Network Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from November 13-17. On November 14th, SAR will host a session introducing the work of Scholars at Risk and its observations of the academic freedom landscape.

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Dangerous Questions: Why Academic Freedom Matters | Oct. 28 - Dec. 2 | Online

The EU-funded ‘Academic Refuge’ project, on which Scholars at Risk is a partner, will hold an online course that explores the meaning of academic freedom and how it relates to core higher education and societal values.

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Jewhar Ilham, Activist and Daughter of Imprisoned Uyghur Scholar Visits Roger Williams University | Nov. 16 | Bristol, Rhode Island

Jewhar Ilham, activist and daughter of imprisoned Uyghur scholar Ilham Tohti, will speak at the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center as part of their Lecture Series on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 4:30pm in the Roger Williams University Library, Mary Tefft White Cultural Center.

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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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