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# Inspireurope

## Supporting Researchers at Risk

**When: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 - 10:00 to 19:00 Greek local time (EEST)**

**Where: Thessaloniki, Greece and online**

The first Inspireurope outreach workshop in Greece, hosted by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, will take place on Wednesday, September 30th in hybrid format (online and face to face meetings).

The workshop aims to increase awareness with key stakeholders in Greece and surrounding countries of opportunities to get involved in activities to support researchers at risk. It also aims to discuss effective ways to support researchers at risk in their efforts to continue their academic/professional careers in safe work environments in Greece and in the rest of Europe, either in the academic or in the non-academic sector.

Towards these aims, the workshop will bring together academics, HEI representatives, NGOs, national/EU representatives, representatives of professional/industry associations, and researchers at risk along with the other project partners to share experience, information on existing support/funding programs and good practices, and to promote cooperation across Europe in support of researchers at risk.

Click here to view the [Programme for the Inspireurope Outreach workshop, September 30th 2020](#).

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## Erosion of Academic Freedom in Hong Kong

On June 30, China's Central Government imposed on Hong Kong a sweeping National Security Law (NSL) that has drawn international condemnation for its encroachment on the rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association, and freedom of assembly, among others. Threats to academic freedom are also of particular concern, as scholars and students—both in and outside Hong Kong—worry that research, teaching, or other expression regarding topics considered sensitive by People's Republic of China authorities may result in arrest and imprisonment under the law. Such concerns are the subject of a recent article in *The Economist*, "[China is killing academic freedom in Hong Kong](#)," which offers analysis from SAR's Executive Director Robert Quinn and others.



Within weeks of the NSL's enactment, two Hong Kong scholars, [Benny Tai](#) and [Shiu Ka-Chun](#), were removed from their positions in apparent retaliation for their peaceful

participation in the pro-democracy protests of 2014. Their removals inflamed fears that management of Hong Kong's universities has fallen out of the hands of those in academia.

The NSL and the recent politically-motivated removals of Professors Tai and Shiu fit a pattern of threats to academic freedom that SAR discussed in our 2019 report, [Obstacles to Excellence: Academic Freedom & China's Quest for World Class Universities](#). The report maps pressures on academic freedom that imperil China's higher education ambitions and offers governments, higher education leaders, and civil society recommendations aimed at safeguarding academic freedom, institutional autonomy, and other core university values while supporting efforts to build quality higher education.

SAR encourages members to read [Obstacles to Excellence](#) and [The Economist](#) article, and to share with us your ideas for assisting colleagues in Hong Kong at this critical moment.

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## Scholars of the Month

*SAR scholars are at-risk higher education professionals who 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 Sociology from Turkey**

This scholar specializes in the study of poverty, gender and labor. She has



### **A Scholar of Education Science from Turkey**

This scholar has over a decade of university teaching experience in



### **A Scholar of Economics from Turkey**

This senior scholar of economics has nearly two decades of experience

several years of experience instructing courses in departments of sociology at universities in Turkey and the United Kingdom. Complementing this, she has over a decade of experience as a researcher within the university and has published numerous international refereed publications. She reports facing prior arrest, harassment and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately. (Turkey 778)

Turkey leading courses on education science, teaching methods and critiques, curriculum development, and more. He has published a variety of peer-reviewed articles and conference papers on education science topics as well, including teacher education, learner autonomy, and foreign language learning strategies, among others. He reports risk of arrest, harassment and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately. (Turkey 616)

teaching and researching at universities in Turkey and Germany. He specializes in European and Ottoman economic histories, environmental economics, and development economics. He has published several dozen academic articles in his field, and frequently presented his work at international academic conferences. He reports risk of arrest, harassment and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in a safe location beginning January 2021. (Turkey 629)

**All Scholars Seeking Assistance »**

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## Bahrain: Free Professor Al-Halwachi amidst concerns of COVID-19!

Since his wrongful imprisonment in September 2014, Professor Khalil Al-Halwachi, an engineering scholar and political activist, has experienced several health complications without access to medical care. Join SAR in calling for his immediate release!

Professor Al-Halwachi, imprisoned in Bahrain's Jau Prison for his peaceful political activism, has faced worsening conditions, including ill-treatment, unsanitary conditions, and inadequate access to medical care. Coupled with recent reports of positive COVID-19 cases in the prison, these conditions raise grave concerns for Professor Al-Halwachi's health and well-being. Support Professor Al-Halwachi by signing SAR's letter calling for his immediate release!

[Take Action»](#)

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## Inspireurope Webinar: Academic Publishing for Researchers at Risk

**October 21, 2020 | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (CET)**

Inspireurope is pleased to invite you to a webinar titled, Academic Publishing for Researchers at Risk, which will be held on October 21, 2020. This webinar will provide an overview on academic publishing for researchers at risk, including guidance on the style of writing for academic publications as well as advice on how to get published.



More specifically, the webinar will include:

- An introduction to the Inspireurope project and opportunities to get involved.
- Guidance on how to write for academic publications.
- Advice on how to get published.
- A shared experience by a researcher at risk on publishing within academia.
- Opportunities to raise questions with the expert panel and share ideas for future webinar topics.

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# Call for Country Experts

The [Academic Freedom Index](#), the first global measurement of academic freedom, is based on expert assessments from over 1,800 scholars.

For the next update, the V-Dem Institute is looking to fill some gaps in the data. Join V-Dem's efforts and [become a country expert](#).

[Learn More »](#)

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## SAR Ireland Workshop: The Hidden Threat of Covid

**November 6, 2020 | Virtual**

In recent months, many governments have used the COVID-19 lockdown as the pretext for a crackdown on intellectual dissent and academic freedom. SAR Ireland invites you to a virtual roundtable discussion regarding the renewed attacks on academic freedom in the wake of the pandemic. This network-wide webinar, sponsored by Scholars at Risk Ireland, will explore these attacks in several different contexts, including Turkey, China, India and elsewhere, drawing on individual presentations and a concluding panel discussion. Contact [Anthony Soares](#) or [Rowena Pecchenino](#) to learn more.

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## Opportunities



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### **Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowships in 2021–2022 | Application Deadline: October 1, 2020**

The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program is an international exchange program that offers five-month fellowships to leading democracy activists, journalists, civil society leaders, and scholars from around the world to conduct independent projects at the National Endowment for Democracy.

[Apply Today »](#)

### **SAR Greece Section Building | October 12, 2020 | Virtual**

SAR Europe in cooperation with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, will hold an online meeting on developing a Scholars at Risk (SAR) section in Greece for interested higher education institutions, NGOs, government representatives, and individuals.

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### **Academic Publishing for Researchers at Risk | October 21, 2020 | Virtual**

This webinar will provide an overview on academic publishing for researchers at risk, including guidance on the style of writing for academic publications as well as advice on how to get published.

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### **Science, Technology and Human Rights Conference 2020 | October 22-23, 2020 | Virtual**

On October 22-23, 2020, the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition will host its first-ever virtual conference. Open to all who are interested in building connections across science, technology, and human rights, the virtual format will include new opportunities

for engagement.

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### Connect with Us



Scholars at Risk is an independent not-for-profit corporation, hosted at New York University. Our international network of institutions and individuals shares a mission to protect threatened scholars, promote academic freedom, and prevent attacks on higher education communities around the world.

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