Scholars at Risk demonstrated an exemplary commitment to protecting scholars and promoting academic freedom. November 2021.

Scholars at Risk is seeking nominations for the 2021 Courage to Think Award, which will be presented during an award ceremony at SAR’s annual Free to Think event in November.

This award recognizes individuals who have courageously defended the intellectual freedom of others, and exemplify the commitment to academic freedom.

Nominations are encouraged from colleagues, friends, family, and others who have observed the nominee’s actions over time, and can provide specific details about their efforts.

Please submit nominations by October 31, 2021.

On June 18th, Scholars at Risk co-hosted with the Global Young Academy’s At-Risk Scholars Group a workshop at the University of Washington titled “Opportunities for At-Risk Scholars in North America.”

With more than 45 attendees, this workshop provided an opportunity to discuss diverse career paths and opportunities for at-risk scholars in the United States. The event featured speakers from the Global Young Academy, Scholars at Risk, and the At-Risk Scholars Group, offering insights into potential careers and networking opportunities.

An important part of the event was a panel discussion on “Career Options Beyond Academia.”

Attendees were invited to discuss the variety of career paths available to at-risk scholars, including various fields such as government, industry, and international organizations. The panelists provided valuable advice and guidance on transitioning to new careers.

This workshop was designed to promote discussion and offer support to at-risk scholars in North America, aiming to help them explore new opportunities and make informed career choices.

On July 27, 2021, we launched the Free to Think Podcast series, featuring interviews with leading advocates for academic freedom.

The episodes are available on Google Podcasts and on the Scholars at Risk website. Please subscribe to stay updated on future episodes.

The conviction is reportedly based on social media posts critical of Egypt’s violations of human rights and freedom of expression.

Mr. Santawy, an Egyptian citizen and a graduate of the American University in Cairo, is facing charges related to publishing works online and participating in protests. He was previously detained for 46 days without charge before being sentenced to four years in prison.

His family has not been able to contact him since his detention on February 1, 2021. He has reported being subjected to violence against himself.

The conviction is based on reports of a hunger strike by the defendant, who is now facing charges related to publishing works online and participating in protests. He was previously detained for 46 days without charge before being sentenced to four years in prison.

Scholars at Risk is still accepting applications for the 2021-22 Mellon/SAR Academic Freedom Workshop for Scholars Seeking Hosts.

The workshop provides an opportunity for scholars to share their experiences and strategies for protecting academic freedom.

Registration is open until August 8, 2021. Please visit the Scholars at Risk website for more information.

On June 17th, scholars and advocates held a free-to-air broadcast on the Free to Think Podcast series.

The event’s panelists discussed the promise and challenges of liberal education in a time of protests and unrest.

The panelists were joined by a leading advocate for primary and secondary education, who shared his experience as a SAR-assisted scholar at Rutgers University-Newark, emphasizing the effort it takes to reframe one’s narrative.

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