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"Register today: Free to Think 2021"

Registration is open for SAR's "Free to Think 2021" virtual symposium, marking the release of SAR's *Free to Think 2021* report documenting attacks on higher education communities around the world. Featuring experts on Afghanistan, Belarus, Myanmar, and elsewhere, the December 9th event will conclude with a presentation of the 2021 Courage to Think Award, which recognizes individuals, groups, or institutions that demonstrate an exemplary commitment to protecting scholars and promoting academic freedom. The event is free and open to the public, with pre-registration required. An optional virtual networking session will follow the event.

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Courage to Think Award: Ahmadreza Djalali

SAR will present the 2021 Courage to Think Award to Dr. Ahmadreza Djalali, a prominent scholar of disaster medicine who was imprisoned in Iran in 2016 and faces a death sentence. The award recognizes his courage, dedication to his field, and continued struggle for freedom. In presenting the award, SAR also recognizes the many members of the SAR network and wider higher education and human rights communities around the world calling for Dr. Djalali's release. The award will be presented in absentia on December 9th at SAR's virtual symposium, “Free to Think 2021.” His wife Vida Mehrannia will accept the award on his behalf.

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Scholars Seeking Hosts

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.

A Scholar of Translation Studies from Syria

A Scholar of Computer Science from Yemen

A Scholar of Political Science from Afghanistan

This scholar specializes in translation studies, computer science, and natural language processing. She has several years of teaching and research experience in her native Syria and most recently in the UK, where she has pursued research on translation and interpreting technologies, crisis translation, and machine translation quality evaluation and estimation. With her technical background as a linguist and translator, she has implemented a cross-disciplinary approach to her work and provided expertise on issues relating to multilingual communications in crisis and emergency settings. She has a promising publishing record and has presented work internationally. She reports risk of violence, harassment, and threats to her career in Syria and seeks teaching and/or research positions in a safe location beginning immediately. (Syria 977)

This scholar of computer science specializes in artificial intelligence, natural language processing, machine learning, text mining, and sentiment analysis. In his recent work, he developed senti-lexicon algorithms to expand sentiment analysis classification models for languages other than English. He has several years of teaching and research experience and a robust publication record. He reports the loss of his position, risk of violence, and threats to his life due to the ongoing conflict in Yemen, and seeks teaching and/or research opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately. (Yemen 640)

This scholar specializes in conflict analysis and peacebuilding. He has researched conflict and post-conflict reform since 2013, joining projects with international organizations and a Norwegian university. He has made significant contributions to research on community-based policing, post-conflict police reform, and projects examining women's involvement with the peace process in Afghanistan. He reports risk of violence and threats to his life in Afghanistan, and seeks research opportunities in Norway beginning immediately. He is presently in Pakistan. (Afghanistan 586)

All Scholars Seeking Assistance »

Scholars at Risk awarded the 2021 ISC Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award

On October 28th 2021, the International Science Council (ISC) awarded Scholars at Risk their Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award in recognition of SAR's "outstanding contribution to defending and promoting the free and responsible practice of science."

Rob Quinn gratefully accepted the award on behalf of the SAR network with the hope that the recognition will bring greater visibility to matters of scientific freedom and encourage individuals and institutions to join the growing global efforts to support scholars, scientists, and researchers at risk. "We have the great privilege of working with a community of institutions, associations, and individuals who are similarly dedicated to the values of higher education; so much so that they open their hearts, homes and campuses to offer sanctuary to threatened colleagues," said Quinn. "They deserve this award, and I accept it on their behalf."

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SAR Europe granted observer status with Council of Europe committee

SAR Europe joins 14 other organisations, including the European University Association and the European Students' Union, as an observer on the Council of Europe's Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice (CDPPE).
The CDPPE oversees the Council of Europe's programmes in the field of education and advises the Committee of Ministers on educational matters, including academic freedom, and higher education governance.

The CDPPE includes representatives from the governments of the 50 States Parties to the European Cultural Convention. Observer organisations contribute to the work programme of the CDPPE by raising the voice of stakeholders in the field of education. Recent developments of note for SAR's work include the Parliamentary Assembly's recognition of the threats to academic freedom and autonomy of higher education institutions, and the Committee of Ministers' Reply to Recommendation 2189 (2020). Given the focus on academic freedom, this is a key time for SAR Europe to increase engagement with the Council of Europe's Education programme, and to contribute to efforts to strengthen protections for academic freedom.

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The IACHR circulates the "Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom and University Autonomy"

This month, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) circulated a draft document titled "Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom and University Autonomy." The draft represents a significant step forward in the fight for academic freedom in the Americas and around the world, laying out -- from an Americas perspective -- much of the current legal and human rights doctrine supporting academic freedom. Those interested are invited to review the Principles and either provide substantive comments, or simply acknowledge and endorse this important step. Comments on the Principles will be accepted until November 12 via this comment form.

News & Events

Resisting Multiple Pressures: Perspectives on Academic Freedom in Europe I November 11-12, 2021

Dr. Joel Hanisek, SAR Europe's Policy & Programme Manager, will be a featured speaker at a conference on "Resisting multiple pressures – Perspectives on Academic Freedom in Europe", at New University in Ljubljana from 11-12 November 2021. Further information on the event is available here.

Hosting a Scholar or Practitioner at Risk: Practical (and Other) Considerations I November 11th, 2021

Join the Consortium of Higher Education Centers for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies for a panel discussion about the practicalities of hosting at-risk scholars and practitioners in university communities. For more information and the event flyer, see here.

Lessons Learned from the Afghanistan Crisis: Higher Ed Responses to Support At-Risk/Displaced Students and Scholars in the US | November 18th, 2021

In a townhall discussion of the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), SAR Deputy Director Sarah Willcox will join colleagues from Rutgers University and Oklahoma State University to explore recent higher education responses to the crisis in Afghanistan, drawing on lessons learned to help broaden resources for displaced student and scholars displaced in the US. For more, see here.

Scholars at Risk Finland Day I November 25th, 2021

Scholars at Risk Finland (SARF) is delighted to invite all interested parties – including academics, university staff, students, trade unionists, human rights activists and others – to attend the first SARF Day which will take place at the University of Turku on the afternoon of Thursday 25 November. For more about the event, program and speakers, see here.

Inspireurope Webinar: Research Careers Outside Academia I November 29th, 2021

The Inspireurope project will host a webinar for researchers at risk interested in pursuing careers outside academia. More information

and registration information forthcoming here.

Free to Think 2021 and Courage to Think Award I December 9th, 2021

SAR invites members and the general public to save Thursday, December 9 for the release of *Free to Think 2021*, the annual report of SAR's Academic Freedom Monitoring Project. The virtual symposium will bring together experts for conversation about key issues in the report, and a presentation of SAR's annual Courage to Think award. For more, see here.

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