Available now: MSCA4Ukraine launch & informational recording

MSCA4Ukraine

A new EU fellowship scheme to support displaced researchers from Ukraine was officially launched on October 6. Viviane Hoffmann, Deputy Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission, and Igor Taranov, Director General, Directorate of Science and Innovation, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, were among officials who launched the scheme at an event that attracted more than 1,300 online registrations. MSCA4Ukraine is funded under the EU's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and coordinated by Scholars at Risk Europe hosted by Maynooth University in partnership with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the European University Association. Following the launch, an information session for potential applicant organisations and researchers from Ukraine clarified practical details such as eligibility criteria, preparing an application, and finding a host institution. The session was recorded and is available in full here. Prospective applicants are advised to begin preparing their applications so they are ready for submission soon after the online application portal opens for submissions on October 24th. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all available funds are committed. Read more »

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 Hosting@SAR@nyu.edu.
A Scholar of Chemistry
This scholar of organic chemistry specializes in the preparation of cancer-inhibiting derivatives, including quinoline and pyridopyrimidine derivatives. She has ample experience advising and mentoring both undergraduate and graduate students and instructing courses in organic chemistry, organometallic compounds, industrial chemistry, and polymers and petroleum compounds. She reports facing general risk, harassment, and intimidation due to the ongoing, situational violence in Yemen and the occupation of her city and university by armed forces. [Yemen 704]

A Scholar of Education
This scholar has over a decade of university teaching and research experience in Afghanistan, where his work focused on knowledge management and the development of social capital in Afghan education systems. His academic background is complemented by significant work in capacity building in Afghan higher education, including biannual teacher training workshops in which he worked with local teachers on improving pedagogy for socioemotional learning and empowerment in the classroom. He reports risk of violence and threats to his life from the Taliban and is seeking teaching and/or research opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately. [Afghanistan 842]

A Scholar of Ottoman and Middle Eastern History
This scholar of Ottoman and Middle Eastern history specializes in fiscal policy and nationalism in the Ottoman Empire in the 16-18th century. He has more than a decade of teaching experience and has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals on various topics including the role of Islam in the Iranian Revolution, and Ottoman financial and judicial policies. He reports risk of arrest, prosecution, and loss of position due to the continuing crackdown on the higher education sector in Turkey following the attempted coup in July 2016. [Turkey 1885]

SEE ALL SCHOLARS >

“Courage, determination, dignity, and life-long friends” at the University of Agder, Norway
"The University of Agder (UiA) has been a member of Scholars at Risk (SAR) since 2009 and was instrumental in the creation of a [Norwegian section](#) in 2011. In the past six years, Agder has supported nine scholars, and also chaired the section steering committee, witnessing a tremendous growth in hosting capacity across the country.

Our nine scholars represent seven different countries and eight disciplines, bringing new perspectives, academic traditions and knowledge to our university.

Speaking for myself, I have deepened my understanding of new countries and cultures, heard fascinating life stories, seen patience, courage, determination and dignity, and have made some life-long friends. As our Rector says, this is truly "Internationalization at Home." We have learnt something from every single scholar, which is exactly what makes it so rewarding to do this kind of work."

Karen-Lise Scheie Knudsen, SAR’s primary representative, University of Agder, Norway

[Read the full reflection »](#)

Are you a SAR Network member interested in writing a Network Reflection? We would love to hear from you. Please email us at scholarsatrisk@NYU.

---

Students advocate for detained scholars & students

Scholars at Risk published its inaugural Student Advocacy Seminar end-of-year report detailing the research and advocacy work of over 320 students at 16 universities in 8 different countries during the 2021-2022 academic year. These seminars provide university and college students the opportunity to develop human rights research and advocacy skills through direct engagement on behalf of threatened members of the global higher education community.

In partnership with SAR, students research country conditions, monitor cases, and work collaboratively to advocate on behalf of wrongfully detained scholars. This year, participants
raised awareness about 10 Scholars in Prison Project cases, ranging from East Asia to Central Europe to the Middle East.

Seminars ran social media campaigns, held public events, and organized meetings with public officials to demand global action. Learn about student advocacy efforts and how to get involved by reading the report. Read more »

---

**Free to Think 2022 to be released at inaugural CAFA conference**

Join the SAR Network on November 10-11 online and in Monterrey, Mexico, to mark the release of *Free to Think 2022*, SAR's report on attacks on the global higher education sector. The report will be formally released as part of the first Regional Conference on Academic Freedom in the Americas, organized by the Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas and hosted by Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico.

The conference will convene partners for discussions on academic freedom concerns in the region and an assessment of available tools to address them, including an analysis of how the IACHR's *Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom and University Autonomy* can be used to create further protections for academic freedom. Registration for the conference is now open and the preliminary program is available. Register here »

---

**News and events**

**Iran students abroad stand in solidarity as peers lead uprisings, The PIE News | Oct 6, 2022**

Iranians studying abroad have taken to the streets in solidarity with the student-led, anti-government protests that erupted across Iran in September, while efforts have begun to protect Iranian scholars involved in the uprising. Read more »
SAR Europe at the IAU General Conference, University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland I Oct 25-28, 2022

Dr. Joel Hanisek, SAR Europe’s Policy & Programme Manager will be a featured speaker at the IAU General conference on a panel addressing: “How to Foster a Culture of Democracy and Human Rights in the Curriculum?”, taking place at University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland from 25-28 October 2022.

Read more »

Inaugural regional conference on academic freedom in the Americas, Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico I November 10, 2022

The conference will convene partners for discussions on academic freedom concerns in the region and an assessment of available tools to address them, including an analysis of how the IACHR's Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom and University Autonomy can be used to create further protections for academic freedom. During the event, SAR will also launch the Free to Think 2022 report, documenting attacks on the global higher education sector.

Read more »

SAR United States General Assembly, New Orleans, LA, United States I December 1, 2022

From December 2-3, the first ever General Assembly of the United States Section of the Scholars at Risk Network will be held in New Orleans, hosted by and in partnership with Xavier University of Louisiana. An optional, pre-conference gathering will be held on Thursday, December 1.

Read more »
Free Online Course on Academic Freedom I March 6, 2023
Are some questions too dangerous to ask? What happens to scholars and students who ask those questions? These are among the questions we will discuss in “Dangerous Questions: Why Academic Freedom Matters,” a free online course created by the Academic Refuge project. This course run begins on March 6, 2023 and is free and available to anyone with internet access. The material is divided into 3 weeks with an expected workload of 3 hours per week. Once registered, participants will have access to the course for five weeks.

Register today »

Student Advocacy Days, Washington DC, United States I March 29-30, 2023
Scholars at Risk’s annual US Student Advocacy Days convene faculty and students in Washington, DC, to receive training and seek meetings with government representatives to raise awareness about wrongfully detained scholars and students.

Read more »

Student Advocacy Days, Ottawa, Canada | April 5 – 6, 2023
Student Advocacy Seminar participants gather at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, to participate in workshops and discuss cases of wrongfully detained scholars and students with government representatives.

Read more »

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.

411 Lafayette Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10003 USA
Tel: 212-998-2179

scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu
www.scholarsatrisk.org

Scholars at Risk values your privacy and data security; you have received this email consistent with our privacy policy based on your prior consent. You can manage your preferences here or (Unsubscribing is not supported in previews)