The University and the Future of Democracy
Scholars at Risk Network 2018 Global Congress

jointly convened by the Scholars at Risk Network, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and Freie Universität Berlin

April 23 – 26, 2018
Berlin, Germany

AGENDA

The Scholars at Risk Network, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and Freie Universität Berlin invite you to an international conference on “The University and the Future of Democracy.” Hosted at Freie Universität, the event brings together the annual workshop of the Humboldt Foundation’s Philipp Schwartz Initiative and the biennial Global Congress of the Scholars at Risk Network, consisting of over 500 higher education institutions in 38 countries. The combined Global Congress aims at raising understanding of the threats to academics and academic freedom across the globe, and about the role that scholars, higher education institutions and policy-makers can play in protecting higher education communities as engines of democratic discourse and values. The Global Congress will feature plenary keynotes, panel discussions, first-person dialogues with formerly threatened scholars, working groups, an activity expo and the biennial SAR membership meeting. There will also be a number of pre-Congress workshops relating to SAR’s protection, advocacy and values-promotion activities. All events will be held in English. Some sessions may be recorded for online broadcasting.
PRE-Congress Workshops and Meetings

Monday, April 23

09:00 – 17:30  SAR Pre-Congress Workshops & Meetings
- Promoting Higher Education Values workshop
- Academic Freedom Advocacy workshop
- Scholar workshop

Tuesday, April 24

09:00 – 13:00  SAR Pre-Congress Workshops & Meetings (continued)
- SAR Germany Section meeting
- Other SAR Section meetings (including prospective sections)
- SAR International Advisory Committee meeting
- SAR staff individual consultations with at-risk scholars
- How to Host workshop

13:00 – 15:00  Registration and light lunch

Scholars at Risk 2018 Global Congress

Tuesday, April 24

15:00  Opening of the SAR 2018 Global Congress

15:00 – 17:00  Welcome and Introductions
Prof. Dr. Klaus Hoffmann-Holland, Vice President, Freie Universität Berlin
Prof. Dr. Domna Stanton, Board Member, Scholars at Risk Network
Prof. Dr. Hans-Christian Pape, President, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

PSI/SAR Scholar Voice
Dr. Nil Mutluer, Philipp Schwartz Fellow
Department of Diversity and Social Conflict, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Opening Address
“The University & the Future of Democracy”
Robert Quinn, Executive Director, Scholars at Risk Network

Keynote Address
Prof. Dr. Judith Butler
Maxine Elliot Professor of Comparative Literature
University of California, Berkeley

17:00 – 19:00  Reception & Scholars at Work: Poster Session 1
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

**09:00 – 09:45**

**Plenary:**

**Greeting & Overview**

**Scholar Voice**

Dr. Tarek Ahmad, Philipp Schwartz Fellow, Institute for Prehistory, Protohistory and Near Eastern Archaeology, Heidelberg University

**Keynote Address**

**Prof. Dr. Markus Hilgert**

Director, Museum of the Ancient Near East, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

**09:45 – 12:00**

**Parallel Sessions:**

**Track 1, for PSI, SAR & partner researchers & scholars, including:**
- Legal issues affecting threatened scholars in Germany
- Understanding research careers & funding in Germany
- Support for career searches outside of academia
- Support for founding your own company/ tech transfer

**Track 2, for host institutions**
- Legal issues affecting threatened scholars in Germany
- Creating opportunities and managing expectations: Synergies between academic hosts and administration
- Career Mentoring for Refugee Academics: Good Practice
- Welcoming refugee students on campus in Germany

**Track 3, current threats to scholars & universities in:**
- Egypt
- Venezuela
- India & Pakistan

**12:00 – 13:30**

**Lunch & Scholars at Work: Poster Session 2, Activity Expo and Networking**

**13:30 – 14:15**

**Plenary:**

**Scholar & Host Voices**

Dr. Anan Alsheikh Haidar, Philipp Schwartz Fellow

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Claus Kress, LL.M., Chair

Institute of German and International Criminal Law, University of Cologne

**Central European University and the Case for Academic Freedom**

**14:15 – 15:15**

**Parallel Sessions:**

**Track 1 & 2, Strategies and Good Practices**
- In-country assistance for at-risk individuals: Example initiatives
- Capacity-building for threatened scholars, students and academic communities: Example initiatives from Germany
- Capacity-building beyond Germany

**Track 3, Current threats to scholars & universities in China & Hong Kong**
15:15 – 15:45  
Coffee Break, Activity Expo and Networking Time  
featuring SAR Global, SAR Sections, partner organizations, research-performing and research-funding organizations

15:45 – 16:45  
Parallel Sessions:

Track 1 & 2, Strategies and Good Practices (continued)

Track 3, North American Higher Education Internationalization and the Role of Visiting Scholars

16:45 – 17:30  
Courage to Think Dialogues  
Interviews with threatened scholars, students and their advocates

18:30 – 18:30  
Transfer to Courage to Think Award Dinner

18:30 – 21:30  
Courage to Think Award Dinner  
bcc Berlin Congress Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

09:30 – 11:00  
Plenary:

Scholar Voice  
Dr. Zafer Yılmaz, Philipp Schwartz Fellow  
Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Potsdam University

Panel: Assisting Scholars and Universities in Turkey

11:00 – 12:30  
Parallel Sessions:

Movement building:
- Advocacy campaigns, seminars & legal clinics
- Students, student movements and higher education values

Current threats to scholars & universities in:
- Nigeria & Kenya
- Russia, Poland, Belarus

12:30 – 13:30  
Lunch and Networking

13:30 – 14:15  
Plenary:

Scholar Voice  
Dr. Amal El-Obeidi, Philipp Schwartz Fellow  
Department of Anthropology, University of Bayreuth

Keynote Address  
Prof. Dr. Susanne Baer, LL.M.  
Professor of Public Law and Gender Studies, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin  
Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

14:15 – 14:30  
Group Photo
14:30 – 16:00  Parallel Sessions:
  • Measuring values: toward a global academic freedom index
  • Promoting Higher Education Values: Workshops, trainings, MOOC
  • European Commission-supported projects to support refugees in academia

16:00 – 17:00  Concluding Plenary
Representatives of Scholars at Risk, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and the Federal Foreign Office

17:00 – 19:00  Reception

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27**

Departures