

## Pressures on Turkey's scholars renewed in the new year

**On January 6, state authorities issued a decree ordering the dismissal of 631 academic personnel and 155 higher education administrative personnel, on suspicion of connection to July's violent coup attempt.**

Following the coup attempt, Turkish authorities declared a national state of emergency which was extended for an additional three months on January 3rd. According to this decree, the individuals dismissed were identified as being affiliated with “organizations or groups that are determined to carry out activities against state’s national security.” However, the evidentiary basis for these claims remains unclear. In addition, the decree provides that the dismissed academics and administrative personnel are subject to a lifetime ban from employment as civil servants; their passports will be cancelled; and they will be stripped of the right to access public housing and those living in public housing will be required to evacuate within 15 days.

**This brings the total number of higher education personnel in the higher education sector dismissed through emergency decrees since the coup attempt to 5,583.**

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## Events



### **SAR USA West Regional Meeting | January 20 | Claremont, CA**

Scholars at Risk and Pomona College present the first regional meeting of SAR Network members in the western United States, featuring a keynote speech by Geoffrey Stone of the University of Chicago. [RSVP online.](#)



### **Panel: Academic Freedom at Risk | January 27 | Los Angeles, CA**

The Center for Near Eastern Studies hosts a symposium addressing academic freedom in the Middle East with a focus on Turkey, launching UCLA's campaign to host a threatened scholar from the region.



### **'Academic Refuge' Staff Training | June 19-23 | Oslo**

The EU-funded 'Academic Refuge' project aims to improve the capacity of European universities to assist refugees and threatened academics, and to promote understanding and respect for higher education values.

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## Scholars at Risk



**Scholar  
of  
Human  
Resource  
s  
Manage  
ment  
from  
Syria**

This scholar has over a decade of teaching experience and more than 20 years working as a human resources consultant . He has also published numerous books on human resources and administrative development. This scholar faced

**Scholar of Law  
from Zimbabwe**

This junior scholar of law is a near PhD graduate and a lawyer with several years of practical experience. His work focuses on human rights violations, corruption, and transitional justice. He faced risk in Zimbabwe due to his human rights work and the content of his writing. (Zimbabwe 574)

[All Scholars Seeking Assistance »](#)

### Scholar of Social Anthropology from Turkey

This scholar has experience teaching at universities in Turkey and the United States and specializes in cultural, minority, and women's rights. This scholar has authored several publications and presented her work in many European countries. She faced risk of arrest, harassment and loss of position after signing a peace petition in Turkey. (Turkey 563)

threats to his life due to the content of his writing in Syria. (Syria 606)

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