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“Each scholar and student that we lose now deepens the challenge of restoring the region when the violence eventually subsides.”

- Rob Quinn, SAR Executive Director, speaking on the Middle East

Last week, SAR launched [A Future for Syrian Scholars](#), a campaign to encourage all of our network members, as they are able, to pledge to host Syrian scholars. We are grateful to those universities that have already committed to providing Syrian scholars with a space where they can be #free2think.

Join our efforts to help Syrian scholars continue their academic work in safety:

1. [Pledge](#) to host a Syrian scholar-at-risk. [Email Margaret Coons](#) to learn more about inviting scholars from diverse fields to teach and conduct research on your campus.
2. [Donate](#) to help SAR assist even more scholars. Each gift helps more Syrian scholars directly through emergency fund grants, advocacy, advice and referrals.
3. [Share](#) our call for pledges with friends and higher ed colleagues over email and social media.

Scholars of the Week

This week, we are featuring scholars who are interested in opportunities for further study or re-accreditation, along with more traditional research or teaching opportunities.

SYRI-572

Field: Analytical Chemistry

Risk: Threat to life/person (Displaced)

Language: Arabic, French (Fluent), English (Advanced)

Education: PhD (France)

Seeking: Research, teaching and/or study opportunities in Canada beginning immediately

The scholar holds a PhD in analytical chemistry and her expertise lies in high performance liquid chromatography and fluorescence spectroscopy. A promising researcher, this scholar previously worked with a research group in Europe, and has published in several prominent

international journals in her field.

SYRI-528

Field: Business; Marketing; Tourism

Risk: Threat of arrest/violence

Language: Arabic, English (Fluent)

Education: MBA (UK)

Seeking: Research and/or study opportunities beginning immediately

This scholar of business and marketing has strong research interests in social entrepreneurship, organizational science, the Islamic banking system, and corporate branding strategy. He has a wide range of experience teaching courses in business, communications, finance and tourism at several Syrian higher education institutions.

DRCO-570

Field: Political Science, Sociology, Conflict Resolution

Risk: Threat to life/person

Language: French (Fluent), Kiswahili (Fluent)

Education: MA

Seeking: Research, teaching and/or study opportunities beginning immediately in French-speaking Africa, Europe, or North America

This scholar of political science and sociology has a decade of teaching experience and presently teaches courses on political science and gender and development at a Congolese university. He has published several articles on peace and conflict in Africa, and his current research interests include the effects of rebel governance on human rights in the eastern DRC.

DRCO-580

Field: Journalism, Communications, African Studies

Risk: Threat to life/person (Displaced)

Language: French (Fluent), Chiluba (Advanced), English (Intermediate)

Education: MA

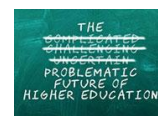
Seeking: Research and/or study opportunities beginning immediately in French-speaking Africa, Europe, or North America

This scholar holds a Master's degree in information and communication sciences and is a career journalist, covering political issues in the DRC for several years. He previously served as a research assistant for a European university project on the influence of ICT in jihadists' recruitment of young Africans.

[All Scholars Seeking Assistance »](#)

Upcoming Events

October 13, New York City, USA: ["The Problematic Future of Higher Ed"](#) Panel at The New School, a SAR member institution



October 15-16, Brussels, Belgium: UNICA, a SAR Partner Network, celebrates its 25th Anniversary



October 19-30, Ireland: A Pakistani scholar of English Literature and Gender Studies will give a SAR Speaker Series tour of the SAR Ireland Section organized in conjunction with [Universities Ireland](#).



October 28-30, Siena, Italy: International Association of Universities International Conference, "Internationalization of higher education: moving beyond mobility"



November 13, Oslo, Norway: SAR Norway Conference "International partnership in academia - an ethical challenge?" at the Nobel Peace Centre



[All Events »](#)

Academic Freedom Media Review

Each week, SAR compiles articles pertaining to academic freedom and higher education communities worldwide. Here are the most-read articles of the past two weeks. [Read the full review.](#)

First Syrian refugee welcomed to Mexico on scholarship scheme

Matthew Reisz, *Times Higher Education*, 10/03

A programme to enable 30 Syrian refugees to continue their university studies in Mexico has welcomed its first student.

[Read More »](#)

After the bombs

Elisabeth Pain, *Science Careers*, 09/30

A Syrian computer scientist describes her professional life before the war and her efforts to rebuild her career and a future for her family in Europe.

[Read More »](#)

Rebuilding higher education after war

Savo Heleta, *University World News*, 09/25

Higher education needs to become one of the key priorities for rebuilding post-conflict countries because they cannot move forward and improve living conditions in the long run without it.

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