

# Free to Think

Report of the Scholars at Risk  
Academic Freedom Monitoring Project

Scholars at Risk is thrilled to be releasing the first report of the SAR Academic Freedom Monitoring Project, *Free to Think*, on Tuesday, June 23rd at the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the UN in Geneva, Switzerland. Knowing your institution shares our commitment to protect higher education from attack, we want to draw your attention to this report and ask for your help in raising awareness about its release in two ways:

## 1) Sharing the following language and links through social media outlets

#Free2Think, out on June 23, explores alarming crisis of attacks on #HigherEd!  
@ScholarsAtRisk [bit.ly/1St5y04](http://bit.ly/1St5y04)

NEW REPORT from @ScholarsAtRisk analyzes 333 attacks on #HigherEd in 65 countries. #Free2Think [bit.ly/1St5y04](http://bit.ly/1St5y04)

[Twitter Handle] calls your attention to #Free2Think, report from @ScholarsAtRisk, documenting attacks on #AcademicFreedom. [bit.ly/1St5y04](http://bit.ly/1St5y04)

Relevant links: [https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50943/content\\_item/freetothink](https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50943/content_item/freetothink) and <http://bit.ly/1St5y04>

## 2) Sharing the following announcement with your institution's media office

[Institution] is a [member/affiliate/partner network/national section] of the Scholars at Risk Network and shares the network's commitment to preventing attacks on higher education. As such, [Institution] calls attention to the release of *Free to Think*, a new report indicating that scholars, students and other members of higher education communities around the world regularly suffer violent and coercive attacks. The report, which is being released at the United Nations Palais des Nations in Geneva, on Tuesday, 23 June from 12:00-14:00, represents over four years of research by SAR's Academic Freedom Monitoring Project. The report analyzes 333 attacks on higher education arising from 247 verified incidents in 65 countries between January 2011 and May 2015 and demonstrates the pressing need to raise awareness and document attacks on higher education.

A [model press release](#) and [the report](#) (*embargoed until Tuesday at 12:00 pm CEST/6:00 am EDT*) are currently available through our website.