



'Academic Refuge' staff training application now open, closes March 6

Scholars at Risk, the University of Oslo, UNICA, and the University of Ljubljana invite applications for a new staff training opportunity on June 19-23, 2017 at the University of Oslo.

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

The training consists of two modules:

- **Understanding Academic Freedom and Related Higher Education Values** –

Discussion of the concept of academic freedom and related higher education values & sharing of experiences with regard to their implementation at home and in partnerships

- **Welcoming Refugees and Threatened Academics on Campus** – Sharing of experiences and policies of European HEIs on the practical aspects of hosting refugees and threatened academics, including qualifications recognition, language training, integration into study programmes, handling risk and security, psychosocial support, and much more

This staff training course is aimed at academic and administrative staff of all levels, especially those involved in welcoming refugees and threatened academics on campus. We welcome Vice-Rectors for International Policy, IROs, staff working on inclusion and widening participation, those with an interest in instruments for promoting higher education values and those involved in negotiating or implementing inter-university partnerships. Successful candidates for the training will have a strong interest and capacity to replicate the training at their home institutions and/or at other institutions. Refugee academics or professionals currently in teaching or administrative positions in Europe are strongly encouraged to apply.



When: June 19-23, 2017
Where: University of Oslo
Deadline: March 6

Scholars of the Week

If your university is interested in learning more about hosting a scholar, please [contact us](#) for more information.

IRAN-713 (Political Science): This senior academic is a political scientist whose work focuses on socio-political and cultural affairs. He has over twenty years of teaching experience, having taught courses on political sociology and constitutional law at an Iranian university. This scholar has previously been arrested due his writing and his political activities as a public intellectual in Iran. He is seeking research and/or teaching opportunities beginning Fall 2017.

TURK-596 (Sociology): This scholar is a researcher and professor with several years of experience teaching courses in Turkey and the United States. Her work focuses on criminal and social justice, urban sociology, as well as Kurdish issues and she has authored several peer-reviewed publications. She faces risk of arrest, harassment, and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in Europe beginning immediately.

TURK-629 (Economics): This scholar has more than a decade of experience instructing courses on European economics, development economics, and economic history, among others. An active contributor to his field, he has published several dozen papers in peer-reviewed publications. He faces risk of arrest, harassment, and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately.

TURK-647 (Media and Communication Studies): This junior scholar's work focuses on film, television advertising, gender, and the family. She has taught courses in her field at a university in Turkey and has published several articles and book chapters on her research about television. She faces risk of arrest, harassment, and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities in a safe location beginning immediately.

Upcoming Events



SAR Speaker Series: University of Hawai'i at Manoa | Mar. 4-11 | Honolulu, HI

A Chinese SAR scholar of law and human rights will visit the University of Hawai'i at Manoa for a week-long residency.



Åbo Akademi University SAR Kick-Off | Mar. 14 | Turku, Finland

Åbo Akademi University will hold a kick-off event to mark the launch of SAR activities, featuring presentations by university leadership in Finland, the Chair of SAR-Norway, Karen-Lise Knudsen and others.



Science4Refugees (S4R) Workshop | Mar. 15-16 | Brussels, Belgium

The EC's Directorate General for Research and Innovation will hold the S4R workshop "European Research with a View to Integrating Refugees," with SAR's Sinead O'Gorman as a session co-facilitator.



Marie Curie Alumni Association Conference and General Assembly | Mar. 25 | Salamanca, Spain

During a session of MCAA's conference and general assembly, SAR's Sinead O'Gorman will discuss ways in which MCAA members might support threatened and refugee scholars and researchers.

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Academic Freedom Media Review

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

Universities Spoke Up in Case That Led to Ruling Halting Trump's Travel Ban

Goldie Blumenstyk, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 02/05

The federal court ruling that put a temporary nationwide halt to the Trump administration's executive order restricting travel into the United States resulted in part from declarations provided by universities.

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Could Trump Cut Berkeley's Funds?

Scott Jaschik, *Inside Higher Ed*, 02/03

Experts say current law doesn't permit punishing a university over handling of a speaker -- and that the president's tweet distorted what took place.

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Rise of autocratic leaders poses threat to academia

Michael Gardner, *University World News*, 01/27

Concern over the widening persecution of researchers and journalists under autocratic governments was raised by a panel of higher education and NGO representatives at a meeting in Bonn, Germany on 25 January.

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