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not crimes.**

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Join SAR in expressing grave concerns over the sweeping actions taken against Turkey's higher education sector

In light of the historic pressures on colleagues and partner institutions in Turkey, including forced resignations, suspensions, detentions, and travel bans, Scholars at Risk has issued a statement respectfully reminding states and civil society partners around the world that ideas are not crimes.

The campaign was launched this past week in Liverpool at the annual conference of the European Association of International Education. We invite all higher education professionals, institutions, and associations worldwide to endorse this statement, available on our website.

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SAR Germany Section launches in Bonn



*Thomas Hesse, Deputy Secretary
General of the Humboldt
Foundation, and Sinead O'Gorman,
SAR European Director
(Photo: Humboldt Foundation/Anne
Servos)*

Yesterday, 20 universities and research institutions founded the German Section of the Scholars at Risk Network (SAR) in order to provide more support for threatened research and draw attention to infringements of academic freedom. The SAR Germany Section will represent Germany in the global SAR Network and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will host the secretariat of the German Section until March 2019.

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Scholars of the Week

There are currently more than 50 SAR scholars seeking positions of sanctuary. If your university is interested in learning more about hosting a scholar, please [contact us](#) for more information.

CHIN-603 (Law): This scholar has more than a decade of experience practicing law and teaching in universities in China and the US. He has published several books and academic articles on property law, taxation, and real estate. This scholar has faced risk including imprisonment due to the content of his work. He is seeking research and/or teaching opportunities in the US beginning immediately.

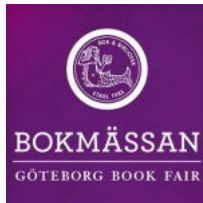
IRAQ-707 (Pharmacy): This scholar has several years of experience lecturing at universities in Iraq and the UK on topics including clinical pharmacy and industrial pharmacy. A strong researcher, he has significant experience conducting laboratory research and publishing in academic journals. This scholar has faced threats to his life in Iraq. He is seeking research and/or teaching opportunities beginning January 2017.

SYRI-625 (Zooarchaeology): This scholar is an archaeologist and professor with several years of university teaching experience. Her research primarily focuses on paleoanthropology in the Near East, and she has published many peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. This scholar faces risk due to the ongoing situation in Syria. She is seeking research and/or teaching opportunities in the US beginning Fall 2017.

IRAQ-784 (Cardiovascular Pharmacology): This scholar is a medical doctor and professor with decades of teaching experience. A highly-accomplished researcher, he has authored numerous studies on pharmacology and internal and cardiovascular medicine. He faces threats to his life due to his status as a high-level doctor and academic. He is seeking research and/or teaching opportunities beginning immediately.

[All Scholars Seeking Assistance »](#)

Upcoming Events



Göteborg Book Fair | September 22 - 25

Freedom of expression is the theme of this year's Göteborg Book Fair, one of the largest cultural events in Sweden, which will feature a table hosted by SAR's Sweden Section.



Peace Corps Beyond, "Freedom of Thought & Deed" | September 23

Rob Quinn, SAR member representatives, and a SAR scholar will report on recent events at American and foreign institutions of higher education that represent challenges to free speech and intellectual freedom.



Human Rights & Science Symposium | September 27

Board Member Domna Stanton will participate in a panel discussion on "Efforts of Science Organisations to Support Suppressed Scientists and those Seeking Asylum in Europe" in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

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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 of the past month. [Read the full review.](#)

Repression of Turkish intellectuals elicits global response

Cengiz Candar, *Al-Monitor*, 09/15

Nobel laureates, intelligentsia and celebrities around the world unite against the arbitrary detention of Turkish authors.

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Purges Since Coup Attempt in Turkey Shake Higher Education

Reuters, 08/31

With the summer holiday almost over, computer science student Hande Tekiner should be gearing up for a year of cram sessions and late-night homework. Instead, she may have nowhere to return to, because her university was shut after Turkey's failed coup.

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Free Expression in Peril

Geoffrey R. Stone, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 08/26

Until recently, and for roughly half a century, American universities enjoyed an era of relatively robust academic freedom. In the past few years, though, that has changed.

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