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Mapping higher ed responses to the refugee crisis

According to UNHCR statistics, there are currently over 4.6 million registered Syrian refugees and over 13 million refugees of concern worldwide. In this time of crisis, higher education institutions have an important role to play. Our partners at the European University Association have launched a survey to showcase the commitment of universities in supporting refugee students, academics and university staff.



The results of the survey will be published as the EUA Refugees Welcome Map. It is EUA's hope that the map will make more visible university initiatives to assist refugees, serve as a platform for exchange, and promote collaboration and partnerships between institutions. While European universities are especially encouraged to participate, the survey is open to all universities, and all initiatives will be displayed on the map. EUA and SAR would like to encourage all SAR members to add their institutions' initiatives to the map by participating in a brief, 10-15 minute survey. [Take the survey now.](#)

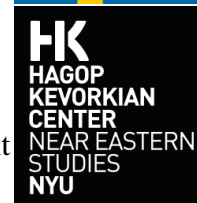
Upcoming Events

March 9, Gothenburg, Sweden: The SAR Sweden Section will celebrate its formal launch at the University of Gothenburg. SAR Sweden is currently made up of nine universities. Please [RSVP](#) if interested in attending.

March 12, New York City, USA: A Syrian SAR scholar of theatre will present on "Theatre as a site of raising people's awareness about their social-political conditions" at the NYU Kevorkian Center's Outreach Workshop on Art in the Middle East. A workshop on "Syrian creative resistance movement as a tool of surviving and challenging the violence" will follow.

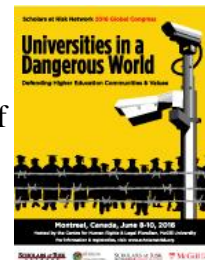
April 6-8, Atlanta, GA, USA: SAR staff will participate in the Forum on Education Abroad's 12th annual conference, "Navigating the Intersections: The Cultures of Education Abroad." [Contact SAR](#) to arrange a meeting.

April 19-20, Berlin, Germany: Launch of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's [Phillip Schwartz Initiative](#), a fellowship program allowing threatened scholars to continue their research at German institutions. The event will include a workshop to share best practices related to hosting



scholars and to discuss a potential SAR-Germany Section.

June 8-10, Montreal, Canada: The 2016 Global Congress, **Universities in a Dangerous World**, hosted by the McGill University Centre for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism. Join the global SAR community in a discussion of how best to protect universities and scholars in these challenging times and strengthen the capacity of the university sector to contribute to a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world. [Registration is now open!](#)



[All Events »](#)

Scholars of the Week

IRAQ-797

Field: Radiology

Risk: Threat of Violence, General/situational risk

Language: Arabic (Native), English (Advanced)

Education: FIBMS

Seeking: Research opportunities beginning immediately

This medical scholar has eight years of teaching experience as a lecturer and assistant professor at an Iraqi medical college where she taught radiology courses. She is an active researcher with interests in musculoskeletal and cardiovascular imaging using MRI and Doppler.

SYRI-619

Field: Civil Engineering

Risk: General/situational risk (Displaced)

Language: Arabic (Native), English (Fluent)

Education: PhD

Seeking: Teaching and/or research opportunities beginning immediately

This scholar specializes in pavement rehabilitation and design and has eight years of experience teaching courses in road construction, airport engineering, and the rehabilitation and maintenance of pavement. He has over a decade of experience in transportation and highway research and has published several studies on flexible pavements and asphalt.

HOND-503

Field: Poetry; Latin American and Spanish Literature; Women's Studies

Risk: Harassment/Intimidation; Threat to life/person (Displaced)

Language: Spanish (Native), English (Intermediate)

Education: PhD (ABD, Costa Rica)

Seeking: Research opportunities beginning immediately

This scholar is a poet, human rights defender and scholar of Latin American and Spanish literature with a specialty in women's poetry. She has 19 years of experience teaching at the university level, teaching courses in Latin American literature, Central American literature, Spanish literature, and women's studies. She has also published several books of her poems.

IVOR-518

Field: Religion, History, Sociology, Francophone Studies

Risk: Threat to life/person (Displaced)

Language: French (Native), English (Intermediate)

Education: PhD (France)

Seeking: Teaching and/or research opportunities beginning immediately

This multidisciplinary scholar has published numerous French-language books and 25 articles in both French and English centering on politics, history, and religion in Africa. He has more than two decades of experience teaching at the university level, and his current research interests include global North-South relations and interreligious dialogue.

[All Scholars Seeking Assistance »](#)

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.](#)

**The murder of my friend
Giulio Regeni is an attack on
academic freedom**

Neil Pyper, *The Conversation*,
02/05

The body of Giulio Regeni was discovered in a ditch in Cairo on February 2, showing evidence of torture, and a slow and horrific death. Giulio was carrying out research on the formation of independent trade unions in post-Mubarak Egypt.

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Hard to say

The Economist, 01/30 (print
edition)

When Louisiana State University fired a professor in June 2015 for using rude words in a class designed to prepare teachers for careers in inner-city schools, it was an early skirmish in a conflict between students (one of whom had complained) and faculties over free speech that has since spread across the land.

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**Police detain 5 academics
who signed peace
declaration**

Today's Zaman, 01/29

Police have detained five academics from Abant İzzet Baysal University in Bolu province for signing a declaration that called for the restoration of peace and an end to ongoing military operations in the Southeast.

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