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This week, Khan, a Pakistani scholar of linguistics, was offered a full-time teaching position at an American university. His work, which explores themes of violence and hate in Pakistani educational texts, is highly controversial in his home country.

Upon receiving his offer, Khan wrote, "Often times, individuals consider their achievements as the result of their individual efforts, perseverance, and commitment but I always find on pondering that it is hardly ever that an individual achieves something big or small. There are so many people and institutions that play their parts in making an individual achieve something.

SAR[']s constant support has gone a long way in helping me reestablish my academic career in the United States. It is our joint achievement."

Thank you for being a part of the SAR network and a part of this achievement.



Scholars of the Week

SYRI-590

Field: Physics; Engineering

Risk: Threat to life/person

Language: Arabic, English (Fluent)

Education: PhD (UK)

Seeking: Teaching and/or research positions beginning immediately

This scholar is an experienced professor and researcher of physics and engineering specializing in a branch of radiological physics called microdosimetry. He has almost a decade of university-level teaching experience, has published nearly a dozen academic articles in regional journals, and has authored and co-authored three books for undergraduate physics courses.

IRAQ-743

Field: English Literature

Risk: Threat of re-arrest/violence (Displaced)

Language: English, Arabic (Fluent)

Education: PhD (UK)

Seeking: Teaching and/or research positions beginning immediately

This scholar specializes in English and Arabic literature and human rights, and recently completed his PhD at a university in the UK, where his thesis focused on how human rights translate in modern English and Arabic poetry. He has experience teaching courses in modern Arabic literature, Arabic language, and English literature at universities in the UK, Iraq, and Syria.

SYRI-611

Field: Accounting

Risk: General situational risk (Displaced)

Language: Arabic, English (Fluent)

Education: PhD (UK)

Seeking: Teaching and/or research positions in Ireland beginning immediately

This scholar has over seven years of university teaching experience, instructing courses in economics, accounting and finance and previously serving in departmental leadership positions at universities in the UAE and Syria. He has also co-authored two textbooks on appraisal techniques and risk management.

All Scholars Seeking Assistance »



Upcoming Events

- **September 15-18, Glasgow, Scotland:** Scholars at Risk will have a booth at the European Association of International Education (EAIE) Annual Conference
- **November 13, Oslo, Norway:** SAR Norway Conference "International partnership in academia - an ethical challenge?" at the Nobel Peace Centre
- **June 7-10, 2016, Montreal, Canada:** 2016 Scholars at Risk Network Global Congress at the McGill University Faculty of Law Centre for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism

All Events »

Academic Freedom Media Review

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

China's liberal academics fear growing censorship

Tom Phillips, *The Guardian*, 8/6
 "It's getting worse" for liberal Chinese academics, as they face the most pressure since western ideas and practices

Reading lecturers rebel over 'erosion of academic freedom' in new contracts

Jake Grove, *Times Higher Education*, 8/6
 Academics at the University of Reading have voted to reject a new employment

Russia: 'Terror' trial of Ukrainian film director and activist

Amnesty International, 8/6
 Evidence presented at the ongoing trial of the well-known Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov and ecologist

were attacked by the anti-spiritual pollution and anti-bourgeois liberalisation campaigns of the 1980s.

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contract that many fear could leave them at risk of immediate dismissal if they criticise their employer.

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Aleksandr Kolchenko in Russia may have been extracted under duress.

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