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## SAR urges expression of support for Turkey's threatened higher education sector

Scholars at Risk is gravely concerned about [sweeping actions against Turkey's higher education sector](#), including forced resignations, suspensions, and travel bans, reportedly effecting thousands of individuals, in Turkey and abroad. SAR has received reports that in the days following the attempted coup, Turkey's Council of Higher Education (YÖK) ordered the resignations of over fifteen hundred faculty deans at state and foundation universities; thousands of education ministry personnel were suspended from their positions; travel restrictions were placed on civil servants, including a number of higher education administrators; and academics abroad were instructed to return to Turkey. We are deeply concerned, not only for the personal and professional well-being of the thousands of scholars implicated in these action, but also for the future of Turkey's higher education and society generally.



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## Scholars of the Week

There are currently more than 60 SAR scholars seeking positions of sanctuary. If your university is interested in learning more about hosting a scholar, please [contact us](#) for more information.

**IRAQ-820 (Mechanical Engineering):** This scholar has over a decade of lecturing and research experience at universities in Iraq and the United States. A strong researcher as well, this scholar has published his work on thermal analysis, composite materials and nonlinear dynamic analysis in several international and local journals. He reports facing threats to his life in Iraq and seeks research opportunities in the US beginning immediately.

**TURK-573 (Anthropology):** This scholar is a social and cultural anthropologist with a focus on multiculturalism and social identity. She has nearly a decade of teaching experience instructing graduate and undergraduate courses, and has authored numerous academic publications. She faces risk of arrest, harassment and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities beginning immediately.

**TURK-574 (Literary Studies):** This scholar is a professor and researcher with several years of experience lecturing at universities in Turkey. She has published articles and book chapters which examine comparative literature, autobiographies, and contemporary novels, with a focus on the body and identity. She faces risk of arrest, harassment and loss of position in Turkey and seeks research and/or teaching opportunities beginning immediately.

**YEME-508 (Political Science; Communications):** This scholar of political science and communications has taught courses in the media department of two universities in Yemen, served as a researcher at a Yemeni research center, and published numerous articles in academic journals. He also contributed to Yemeni forums and newspapers which analyze the ongoing conflict and its actors. He reports facing threats to his life in Yemen and seeks

research and/ or teaching opportunities beginning immediately.

[All Scholars Seeking Assistance »](#)

## Upcoming Events



### Global Conference | August 22 - 24

SAR will attend the first-ever Global Conference, hosted by IEASA. The Global Conference is a platform for members of the higher education community to discuss the challenges higher education faces.



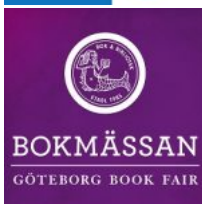
### Graduate Women International Triennial | August 24 - 26

SAR will participate in a panel on "Intimidation & Cyberbullying" in education at Graduate Women International's 32nd Triennial Conference in Cape Town, South Africa.



### EAIE Annual Conference | September 13 - 16

Scholars at Risk's Sinead O'Gorman will speak on a panel concerning academic freedom and students at the European Association for International Education's Annual Conference in Liverpool, UK.



### 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.

[All Events »](#)

## 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 three weeks. [Read the full review.](#)

### Canadian professor jailed in Iran for 'dabbling in feminism,' family says

Morgan Lowrie, *The Globe and Mail*, 06/26

A Montreal-based university professor being held in an Iranian jail is being investigated for "dabbling in feminism and security matters," according to her family.

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### Three UT Professors Sue to Block Campus Carry Law

Matthew Watkins, *The Texas Tribune*, 07/06

Three UT Austin professors sued their university and the state on Wednesday, claiming Texas' new campus carry law is forcing the school to impose "overly-solicitous, dangerously-experimental gun policies."

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### Turkey's Fight Against Academic Freedom

Heinrich Böll Stiftung, 07/13

Since signing a public call for peace in January, 2218 researchers and academicians have faced an unprecedented amount of pressure including disciplinary and criminal proceedings.

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