

November 10, 2015



From coffee houses to conferences, SAR events come in all shapes and sizes. In the coming month, a series of events throughout the global network will raise awareness about the challenges facing threatened scholars and the importance of the university space as a safe place to think, question, and express ideas. Through events like these, students, faculty, and staff at member campuses learn about and [get involved](#) in SAR's work.

We hope to see you at one of these upcoming events, and if there isn't an event near you on the calendar, please [contact the SAR](#)

[Secretariat](#) to organize one today!

Upcoming Events

November 11, Ottawa, Canada: Carleton University's Students for Scholars at Risk will hold its first [coffee house](#) featuring conversation with Prof. Melanie Adrian and SAR scholar Hossein Raessi

November 11-12, Bonn, Germany: Program associate Margaret Coons will represent SAR at Table 13 during the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Leitertagung 2015

November 11-13, Mazatlán, Mexico: SAR primary presentative Thomas Buntru will be available to discuss SAR at the 2015 AMPEI Meeting, "Comprehensive internationalization: A global perspective"

November 12-17, USA: Roger Williams University, UC Berkeley, and the University of Arkansas will host SAR Speaker Series events featuring the scholarship and stories of scholars from Ethiopia, Pakistan, and Syria

November 13, Oslo, Norway: SAR Norway Conference "International partnership in academia - an ethical challenge?"

November 20-22, New York City, USA: Syrian SAR scholar Naila Al-Atrash directs [The Sultan's Dilemma](#), a satirical meditation on sovereignty, corruption, and the relationship between religion and government

December 10, Brussels, Belgium: A SAR scholar from Syria and SAR's European Director, Sinead O'Gorman, will present during a session at the Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) Policy Seminar on ["The International Refugee Crisis: What Role for European Higher Education?"](#)

[All Events »](#)

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Scholars of the Week

SYRI-619

Field: Civil Engineering

Risk: General/situational risk (Displaced)

Language: Arabic, 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.

SYRI-630

Field: French Literature

Risk: General/situational risk (Displaced)

Language: Arabic, French (Fluent), English (Advanced)

Education: PhD

Seeking: Teaching and/or research opportunities in the US or Europe beginning immediately

This scholar of French literature specializes in French contemporary poetry and has experience teaching courses in French poetry, grammar, and linguistics at a university in Syria. He has several articles published in academic journals and regularly gives readings of his poetry.

IRAN-724

Field: Sociology

Risk: Threat of arrest/violence; Loss of position/profession (Displaced)

Language: Kurdish (Native), Persian (Fluent), English (Fluent)

Education: PhD

Seeking: Teaching and/or research opportunities in the US beginning Fall 2016

This scholar of sociology has eight years of experience teaching courses in sociology, anthropology and philosophy at universities in the MENA region. He has published several books and over 50 articles on social science research methods in regional and international journals.

[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.](#)

**Kiron University: Open
only for refugees**

**Marx, Bauer and Academic
Freedom**

**The Door for Many Middle
East Scholars is Slamming
Shut**

Peter N. Kirstein, *The*

Will Heilpern, *CNN*, 11/6

Imagine a university that could provide an education to refugees, wherever they are in the world, for free. Not only would this give displaced people a higher chance of employment in their new countries, but it would provide a social and professional network where they can meet others facing similar challenges.

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Academe Blog, 11/2

While a lengthy exposition of Marx is more appropriate for a “scholarly” venue, I have long believed the academic community’s nineteenth-century persecution of Marx, and one of his colleagues has not been sufficiently exposed.

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Ursula Lindsey, *Al-Fanar Media*, 10/27

Many academics who study the Middle East say they are working in a climate of increased repression and paranoia.

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