Human Rights session

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Unjustly imprisoned scholars

- Abdul Jalil Al-Singace (Bahrain), Mechanical engineer, jailed since 2011 for pro-democracy and human rights activism. Life imprisonment.[1]

- Ilham Tohti (China), Economist, jailed since 2014, sentenced to life imprisonment for “splitting the state”. [2]

- Ahmadreza Djalali (Iran), Medical researcher, jailed since 2016, on death row, for refusing to cooperate with Iranian intelligence. [3]
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- Narges Mohammadi (Iran), Engineer, jailed since 2021 (in addition to earlier periods) for her human rights activism.[4]
- Rahile Dawut (China), Ethnographer, jailed since 2017, secretly sentenced to life in prison. Only acknowledged publicly in 2023.[5]
Released

Niloufar Bayani (Iran), Biologist, jailed from 2018 to 2024 on trumped up espionage charges. 10 year sentence. Pardoned on April 8, 2024. Reported sexual and psychological harassment in prison.[9]
Governments controlling academic activity

- China: April 2023: Ministry of Education released plans to establish an “Ideology and Politics Index” that ranks universities according to their promotion of political and ideological education.[10]

- USA: multiple state laws banning discussions of race, gender or sexuality, including book bans. Politically motivated denials of tenure.[10]

- Nicaragua: government taking over university leadership.[10]

- Russia: Moscow free university labeled as “Undesirable” and forced to close.[10]
Scholars caught up in political upheaval

- Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- Sudanese civil war.
- Iranian protests.
- Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.
- Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- February 2021 coup in Myanmar, followed by repression and arrests.
- Mass incarceration of Uyghurs in Xinjiang, China.
- Failed 2015 coup in Türkiye (firings, arrests and travel bans en masse).
- Yemen civil war.
Awards fellowships to at-risk Scholars. They are 1 to 2 years long. SRF provides up to $25,000 a year, and requires a matching donation from the host institution.

So far, 1,807 awards have been granted to 1,108 scholars.

List of endangered scholars supported by SRF (currently 10 entries from Afghanistan, Cameroon, Iraq, Palestine, Russia, Sudan):
https://www.scholarrescuefund.org/hosts-partners/fellows-seeking-placement/

To participate, an institution can join the IIE-SRF alliance by visiting https://www.scholarrescuefund.org/
Scholars at Risk

- List of endangered scholars seeking a short term position (currently 61 entries from Afghanistan, China, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, Yemen):
  [https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/actions/host-a-scholar/](https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/actions/host-a-scholar/)

- Free to Think: yearly report by the Academic Freedom Monitoring Project:
  [https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/resources/free-to-think-2023/](https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/resources/free-to-think-2023/)

- Institutions can join the SAR network by visiting
  [https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/](https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/)
Local initiatives

- UK: Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA).
- France: Programme national d’Accueil en Urgence des Scientifiques en Exil (PAUSE). (Website is outdated.)
Committee of concerned scientists

- Advocacy group for the protection of the human rights of scholars.
- Looking for new members (Council of Young Scholars)!

https://concernedscientists.org
• Scholar Rescue Fund: https://scholarrescuefund.org
• Council for At-Risk Academics: https://cara.ngo
• Schwartz: https://www.humboldt-foundation.de
• PAUSE:
• Scholars at Risk: https://www.scholarsatrisk.org
• Committee of Concerned Scientists: https://concernedscientists.org