

2023 Philipp Schwartz and Inspireurope Stakeholder Forum
23 and 24 May 2023 (Invitation Only Pre-Forum Meetings 22 May 2023)
Hotel Melia, Freie Universität Berlin, Cafe International
Berlin

Agenda

The 2023 Philipp Schwartz and Inspireurope Stakeholder Forum, convened by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Philipp Schwartz Initiative and Inspireurope+, will bring together up to 500 scholars, host institutions, partner organisations across Europe to address topics related to the protection of academic freedom and the support of researchers at risk. Researchers, administrators and other stakeholders will present their perspectives on institutional, national, European and global initiatives to promote academic freedom and support scholars. A particular focus will be placed on mutual learning opportunities for at-risk scholars, academic mentors, and administrators working to support at-risk academics and to strengthen academic freedom. European and national government officials and other policymakers will also participate alongside representatives from NGOs, SAR sections, and higher education institutions across Europe.

The conference language will be English. Parts of the programme will be available online via online streaming (day 1) and through hybrid virtual rooms (day 2). The times indicated represent Central European Summer Time. Please note that this event is by invitation only and requires advance registration.

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Pre-Forum Meetings (by invitation only)

Hotel Melia, Friedrichstraße 103, 10117 Berlin

Monday, 22 May 2023

- 15:30 – 16:45 AvH MSCA4Ukraine Team Meeting (6 pax, on site only)
17:00 – 18:30 MSCA4Ukraine Coordinating Committee Meeting (12 pax, on site only)
19:00 – 21:00 Partner Organisation Welcome Dinner (35 pax, on site only)
SAR European Advocacy Committee Dinner (8 pax, on site only)

Tuesday, 23 May 2023

- 9:00 - 10:30 SAR Germany General Assembly (60 pax, onsite only)
SAR European Advocacy Committee (20 pax, hybrid)
10:30 – 12:00 SAR Germany Regional Meetings (open space area for informal exchange)
MSCA4Ukraine Advisory Board (12 pax, hybrid)
SAR European Advocacy Committee continued (60 pax, onsite only)
12:00 – 14:00 Bus Transfer to Freie Universität Berlin and Welcome Lunch

Tuesday, 23 May 2023: Forum Opening (530 pax; on site with live video and recording via YouTube)


Henry Ford Building, Freie Universität Berlin, Garystraße 35, 14195 Berlin

From 12:30	<i>Welcome Lunch</i>
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Forum Opening Günter M. Ziegler, President Freie Universität Berlin (tbc) Enno Aufderheide, AvH Katja Keul, Minister of State, German Federal Foreign Office (tbc) Sinead O’Gorman, SAR Europe, Coordinator of Inspireurope+ and MSCA4Ukraine</p>
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Keynote Address: Historical Perspectives on the Current Situation in Iran Maryam Dezhamkooy, Philipp Schwartz Fellow, Käte Hamburger Centre for Apocalyptic and Post-Apocalyptic Studies, University of Heidelberg</p>
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Panel 1: Rebuilding Ukrainian Academia as a Driving Force of Reconstruction Following a phase of primary crisis responses across Europe and elsewhere to support displaced Ukrainian researchers, strategic planning among stakeholders must now center on efforts to counter long-term brain drain and to prepare for the reconstruction of Ukrainian academia to "build back better". This panel will highlight complementary approaches to supporting researchers both in exile and in Ukraine, and outline further needs for the post-war reconstruction phase of Ukrainian academia.</p> <p>Potential speakers: Claire Morel, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission Jerzy Duszyński, 2015 – 2022 President, since 2023 Advisor to the President, Polish Academy of Sciences Oleksiy Kolezhuk, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Chair of the Scientific Committee of the National Council of Ukraine on Science and Technology Development; currently a Philipp Schwartz Fellow, University of Mainz Oksana Seumenicht, Programme Director, MSCA4Ukraine, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Stephen Wordsworth, Executive Director, CARA/United Kingdom Chair: Amanda Crowfoot/Monika Steinel/Michael Gaebel, European University Association</p> <p>Coffee Break</p>
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Panel 2: Academics in Forced Exile – Coming to Terms with a Lasting Reality Continuing discussions of previous Forums (2021: Rebuilding a Research Career at the Intersection of Gender and Risk ; 2022: Assessment of Scholarly Achievement at the Intersection of Diversity and Risk), this panel will explore challenges for researchers faced with long-term academic exile both on individual and institutional levels.</p>
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Potential speakers: PSI Fellow PAUSE Fellow Laura Lohéac, Executive Director, PAUSE/France Beate Scholz, Scholz CTC (online) Chair: Enno Aufderheide, Secretary General, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation</p> <p>Coffee Break</p>
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Panel 3: The State of Academic Freedom: Afghanistan and Latin America Displaced researchers will share their perspectives on the safety of researchers and students and on the situation of Academic Freedom in their countries of origin.</p>
18:00 – 19:00	

<p>19:00 - 21:00</p> <p>From 19:30</p>	<p>Potential speakers: 2-3 PSI/PAUSE/CARA/SAR Fellows from focus countries Katrin Kinzelbach, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, co-author Academic Freedom Index and member, PSI Selection Committee Chair: Robert Quinn, Executive Director, Scholars a Risk Network</p> <p>Dinner Reception (<i>530 pax, on site only</i>)</p> <p><i>Transfer to Hotel Melia and Hotel Melia Innside</i></p>
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Wednesday, 24 May 2023

Café International (formerly Cafe Moskau), Karl-Marx-Allee 34, 10178 Berlin

<p>09:00 – 15:00</p> 	<p>Track 1 for Researchers: Trainings and Networking</p> <p>1a: Trainings for Scholars: on-site only, AvH/AiS to lead For the training sessions in this track, the organisers are proud to partner with “Academics in Solidarity”, a peer-mentoring program that connects displaced and at-risk researchers. It seeks to create a network of solidarity, strengthen transnational research cooperation and offers university support to members of the AiS network. The project has been funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and is currently funded and hosted by the Freie Universität Berlin.</p> <p><i>I) Navigating the German and European Research Funding Landscape</i> This training will give an overview of the fundraising landscape in Germany and the EU and give a deeper insight into how to approach the fundraising process in science.</p> <p><i>II) Paid to Research: How to Prepare Successful Funding Applications</i> This workshop supports participants in learning how to adequately prepare and write their own successful applications for scholarships and research funding (both in Germany and beyond).</p> <p><i>III) Transitioning from Research to the Market</i> This workshop supports scientists in developing projects to bring their research to the market. It gives insights to grant applications for collaborative projects with industries, specific industry funding programs and advice on building start-up projects.</p> <p><i>IV) Digital Repression: Methods, Risks and Responses</i> This workshop gives an overview of methods of digital transnational repression targeting political exiles and diaspora communities, discusses specific risks of exiled scholars and introduces concrete actions and tools to reduce digital repression.</p> <p><i>V) The Mobile Researcher</i> This workshop discusses how to cope with forced and desired mobility in academia. This workshop discusses how to withstand the pressure of academic performance as a mobile and displaced researcher and touches upon practicalities of movement, such as networking, finding employment between positions and coping with the stress of moving places.</p> <p><i>VI) Your Career Path as a Scientist: Gaining Clarity</i> This workshop supports scholars in building a professional identity as a scientist and gaining clarity on how to navigate the research scene within and beyond academia as a researcher.</p>
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	<p><i>VII) Safer Fieldwork for Social Sciences</i> Fieldwork on repression, armed conflict and other sensitive topics is increasingly dangerous for both researchers and their interlocutors. This workshop introduces basic concepts of research risk and safety when doing fieldwork in sensitive environments.</p> <p><i>VIII) The Legal Status of At-Risk Researchers: Knowing your Rights</i> This workshop gives insights to the legal framework conditions for working in German research institutions as well as those pursuing a research activity in industry or companies. It gives an overview of German and EU migration law, gives insights into how to deal with one's changing legal status, the advantages and disadvantages of certain residence permits, how to approach rights of residency when a fellowship is ending and discusses matters of movement as a researcher with the EU.</p> <p>1b: Training & Networking for MSCA4Ukraine: 100 pax; on-site only Coordinator: Sarah Field, Programme Officer MSCA4Ukraine, SAR Europe Designed specifically for MSCA4Ukraine fellows, this workshop will be in three parts: In the first part, it will offer information and training on Research Ethics. In the second part, it will offer a platform for networking and exchange among MSCA4Ukraine fellows, aiming to foster a dialogue about longer-term strategies with regard to strengthening the Ukrainian research system in cooperation with the European research and university sector. In the third part, MSCA4fellows will have the opportunity to meet and network with academic mentors and host institutions representatives from across Europe.</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Track 2: Workshops for Academic Mentors and Host Institution Representatives</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>2a: PSI Workshop for Host Institution Representatives – Grant Management and Beyond (80 pax, on site only) This workshop will serve as a forum to discuss questions on the administrative implementation of Philipp Schwatz grants and other challenges in providing support to displaced researchers. Facilitators: Katja Machacsek and Nina Marsh, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation</p>
11:00 – 12:30	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
09:00 – 10:30	<p>2b: Inspireurope+ Workshop for academic mentors and host institution representatives across Europe Academic Mentors, administrators and other members of host institutions are essential partners in the support of researchers at risk with regard to academic guidance, access to professional networks and preparing for next steps after the current placement. This workshop aims to foster exchange among academic mentors and other host institutions representatives from across Europe on their expectations and experiences with regard to supporting researchers at risk. (hybrid, max 40 pax on site) Facilitators: Karolina Catoni, University of Gothenburg, Malamati Tsapoutzoglou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Sarina Rosenthal, Scholars at Risk, Joel Hanisek, Scholars at Risk Europe, DG EAC?</p> <p>Track 3: Workshop for National-Level Initiatives (hybrid, max 40 pax on site) AvH to lead, PAUSE to contribute Focus: Current Developments in Scholar Protection Initiatives across Europe</p>

The Russian invasion in Ukraine has led the establishment of new support programmes for researchers at risk. While many are designed as a temporary measure, this might prepare the ground for long-term programmes with a broader regional focus. Existing support programmes on the national or local level may provide models for those willing to develop such long-term programmes or activities elsewhere. In this session, aimed at representatives of SAR sections and individual institutions across Europe interested in organising at the national-level, representatives from long-established, newly formed or developing programmes will share insights into what is necessary and helpful to establish a support programmes for researchers at risk.

Speakers:

Laura Lohéac, Executive Director, PAUSE (*confirmed*)

1 Rep SAR Italy (Prof. Ester Gallo, Francesca Helm or Claudia Padovani)

1 Rep SAR Greece, Alexandros Triantafyllidis (*confirmed*)

Chair: Maike Didero, Programme Director Inspireurope+, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Post-Forum Meetings (by invitation only)

12:30 – 13:30 Inspireurope+: Joint Advisory Board Coordinating Committee Working Lunch (20 pax, on site)

13:30 – 15:30 SAR International Advisory Council (25 pax, hybrid)

14:00 – 15:30 SAR Germany Steering Group (12 pax, on site)