

SCHOLARS AT RISK

NETWORK  GERMANY SECTION

Founding Statement **Launch of the Scholars at Risk Germany Section** **Bonn, September 20, 2016**

On behalf of the German members of the Scholars at Risk Network, we declare the official launch of the Scholars at Risk Germany Section, this September 20, 2016, in Bonn. Scholars at Risk Germany Section is a partnership between German higher education institutions and Scholars at Risk (SAR), an international network of higher education institutions dedicated to promoting academic freedom and defending the human rights of scholars worldwide. In joining Scholars at Risk, German academic leadership, faculty, students and staff send a strong message of solidarity with scholars and universities in situations where academic freedom is restricted and research, publication, teaching and learning are repressed. Together with Scholars at Risk members at more than 400 institutions in 40 countries around the world, we hope to make a difference.

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) will act as the secretariat of the SAR Germany Section, initially for a pilot phase running from September 20, 2016, to March 31, 2019.