Workshop on the Philipp Schwartz Initiative

19 – 20 April, 2016
dbb forum berlin
Friedrichstraße 169/170
10117 Berlin, Germany
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AGENDA
Please note that this program is subject to change. Updates will be available on the website of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative.

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the German Federal Foreign Office have launched the Philipp Schwartz Initiative in support of threatened scholars. This is the first workshop in this context which will bring together representatives of interested universities and research institutions in Germany. It is organized by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Scholars at Risk Network, in cooperation with the Scholar Rescue Fund and The Council for At-Risk Academics, with the goal to facilitate the exchange of expertise and best practices amongst institutions in Germany. Representatives from the Scholars at Risk Network and the Scholar Rescue Fund will join and provide expert insights. The workshop will also explore establishment of a SAR German Section to facilitate a regular and on-going exchange of experiences within Germany on the topic of threatened scholars, and to be a bridge for and to represent German higher education in the global SAR network.

Expected number of participants: 100 - 130; Conference language: English.

FUNDERS

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 19 April 2016

from 13:00  Registration and light lunch

14:00 – 14:05  Introduction of Master of Ceremonies
Anna-Lena Scholz
Journalist and author (Tagesspiegel and DIE ZEIT)

14:05 – 14:10  Welcome and goals of the day
Dr. Enno Aufderheide, Secretary General, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

14:10 – 14:20  Setting the stage: Towards a German section of the Scholars at Risk Network
Robert Quinn, Executive Director, Scholars at Risk Network (SAR)

14:20 – 14:30  In the path of Philipp Schwartz: An historical perspective on scholar rescue
Dr. Henry G. Jarecki, Chairman Emeritus/Germany Chair, Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF)

14:30 – 14:40  A European perspective on supporting threatened scholars
Dr. h.c. Stephen Wordsworth  CMG LVO, Executive Director, Council for At-Risk Academics (Cara)

14:40 – 15:15  Panel discussion: Teaming up to finance the Philipp Schwartz Initiative
The German Federal Foreign Office and five major German private foundations have teamed up to finance the Philipp Schwartz Initiative. Perspectives from:
Nicole Menzenbach, Head of Division for International Academic Relations, German Federal Foreign Office
Dr. Frank Suder, Director, Fritz Thyssen Foundation
Birte Ruhardt, Project Manager, Gerda Henkel Foundation
Tina Stengele, Project Officer Science, Robert Bosch Foundation
Klaus Tschira Foundation (text contribution)

15:15 – 16:15  Panel discussion: Sharing experiences to support the Philipp Schwartz Initiative
Leading organizations in the field of assisting threatened scholars collaborate with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and have agreed to provide advisory services to German universities and research institutions. They will explain who they are, the services they offer to threatened scholars, timelines and procedures for assisting threatened scholars, and participation of German universities and research institutions. Two threatened scholars will also share their experiences.
Sarah Willcox, SRF Director
Neda Soltani, SRF Alumna and Germany Programme Coordinator
Robert Quinn, Executive Director, SAR
Kassem Alsayed Mahmoud, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Ghent
Dr. Stephen Wordsworth, Executive Director, Cara

Plenary Discussion

16:15 – 16:45  Coffee break

16:45 – 18:15  Break-out session: Hosting a threatened scholar
Working group 1:
Getting started, identifying a scholar, supporting a stay
Chair: Robert Quinn (SAR)
Co-Chair: Elke Löschhorn (Freie Universität Berlin)

Working group 2:
Getting started, identifying a scholar, supporting a stay
Chair: Emily Borzcik (SRF)
Co-Chairs: Andreas Dittmann (Giessen University), Sophie Roche (Heidelberg University), Pamela Hartmann (University of Cologne)

Working group 3:
Post-fellowship transitions/preparing for the next phase after the stay
Chair: Stephen Wordsworth (Cara)
Co-Chairs: Sinead O’Gorman (SAR), Ragnhild Øien Guldvog (SAR Norway)

Working group 4:
Post-fellowship transitions/preparing for the next phase after the stay
Chair: Sarah Willcox (SRF)
Co-Chairs: Neda Soltani (FU Berlin), Laurence Hafemeister (ENSEA, France)

18:15 – 18:25  Transition back to plenary hall
18:25 – 18:30  Brief wrap-up of the day and introduction of next point
18:30 – 19:00  Forbidden Science Monologue (tbc)
19:00 – 21:30  Dinner at dbb forum

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

09:00 – 9:40  Legal issues of hosting a threatened scholar
15 min presentation Nikolas Kretzschmar, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge

Plenary Discussion

9:40 – 11:00  Break-out session: Hosting a threatened scholar
Participants will have the opportunity to join a different group.

Working group 1:
Getting started, identifying a scholar, supporting a stay
Chair: Robert Quinn (SAR)
Co-Chairs: Mattias Buess (SAR Switzerland), Rose Anderson (SAR)

Working group 2:
Getting started, identifying a scholar, supporting a stay
Chair: Emily Borzcik (SRF)
Co-Chairs: Andreas Dittmann (Giessen University), Pamela Hartmann (University of Cologne)
Working group 3:
Post-fellowship transitions/preparing for the next phase after the stay
Chair: Sinead O’Gorman (SAR)
Co-Chairs: Ella de Lange (Foundation for Refugee Students/UAF Netherlands), Stefan Rummel (FU Berlin)

Working group 4:
Post-fellowship transitions/preparing for the next phase after the stay
Chair: Sarah Willcox (SRF)
Co-Chairs: Oliver Deussen (University of Konstanz), Laurence Hafemeister (ENSEA, France)

11:00 – 11:30
Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45
Creating a German network for supporting threatened scholars
Universities and research institutions hosting or interested in hosting threatened scholars will be provided with a platform for exchanging experiences on a regular basis. During the lifetime of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation plans to offer one workshop per year together with its partners, and to encourage the founding of a German branch of the Scholars at Risk Network as a sustainable format for an ongoing dialogue and support.

11:30– 12:00
Main points of discussion and needs voiced by the German universities during the working groups
Summaries by Working Group Chairs
Working Group 1: Robert Quinn, SAR
Working Group 2: Emily Borzcik, SRF
Working Group 3: Stephen Wordsworth, Cara/Sinead O’Gorman, SAR
Working Group 4: Sarah Willcox, SRF

12:00 – 12:45
Plenary Discussion
The Scholars at Risk Network: Opportunities
Scholars at Risk (SAR) is an international network of higher education institutions and individuals working to protect threatened scholars. Representatives of national SAR networks will report on their experiences and how the network is useful in supporting their work:
Sinead O’Gorman, Europe Director, SAR
Mattias Buess, SAR Switzerland
Ragnhild Øien Guldvog, SAR Norway
Ella de Lange, SAR Netherlands at UAF
Stefan Rummel, FU Berlin
Dr. Stephen Wordsworth, Cara

Plenary Discussion and next steps on behalf of SAR
Moderator: Rob Quinn, SAR

12:45 – 13:00
Closing remarks
Dr. Enno Aufderheide, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

13:00 – 14:30
Light lunch