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SCHOLARS AT RISK
NETWORK  GERMANY SECTION

Forum for Academic Freedom by the Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany: Supporting the Career Development of Researchers at Risk

Monday 18 – Tuesday 19 March, 2019
Venue: Cafe Moskau
Karl-Marx-Allee 34, 10178 Berlin, Germany

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AGENDA

Whenever political strife or armed conflict lead to a surge in forced migration, critical thinkers such as scientists and scholars are often among the first to be displaced, as the victims of armed conflict or as the targets of authoritarian regimes. Many have since come to Germany and found temporary shelter, in the context of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative of the Humboldt Foundation or through other programmes. However, challenges remain, centering around the question of how to transition from what are usually temporary positions relating to a situation of risk into a regular job market; in academia and beyond, in Germany or elsewhere. This event brings together the expertise of all major public research performing and research funding organisations in Germany (called “the Alliance”) – spearheaded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in the context of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative. It will provide targeted information and networking opportunities for persons who have had to flee their countries and are in now in need of planning their next career steps. It will also provide an opportunity for networking and learning for those hosting the scholars.

The expected number of participants is 300; conference language will be English.

Please note that this event is by invitation only and requires advance registration.

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PROGRAMME

Monday, 18 March 2019

Pre-Conference Networking and Meetings (by invitation only)

09:00 – 12:00	<i>For scholars:</i> Workshop with the Scholars at Risk Network <i>Information on how SAR works with scholars and practical skills session for the academic job search.</i>
09:00 – 11:45	<i>For Scholar Rescue Programme Strategists:</i> Scholars in Exile Meeting
12:00 – 12:30	<i>For SAR Germany member institution staff:</i> General Assembly Scholars at Risk Germany Section

from 11:30	<i>For all participants:</i> Registration and Networking Lunch
14:00	Conference Opening
14:00 – 14:05	Introduction by master of ceremonies Dr. Judith Wellen , Director, Strategy and External Relations Department, Humboldt Foundation
14:05 – 14:15	Welcome Prof. Dr. Hans-Christian Pape , President, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
14:15 – 14:45	Opening Remarks: German-French Perspectives on Academic Freedom Michelle Müntefering , Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office Anne-Marie Descôtes , H. E. the Ambassador of France to Germany
14:45 – 15:15	<u>Keynote: On Academic Freedom</u> Prof. Dr. Norbert Frei , Jena Center for 20 th Century History, University of Jena
15:15 – 16:30	<u>Plenary: Successful transitions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Nazan Maksudyan, Centre Marc Bloch, Humboldt Universität Berlin• Dr. Ergün Özgür, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)• Stephen Wordsworth, Executive Director, Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA)• Robert Quinn, Executive Director, Scholars at Risk Network (SAR)• Emily Borzcik, Acting Director, Scholar Recue Fund (IIE SRF)• Laura Lohéac, Executive Director PAUSE, Collège de France• Dr. Enno Aufderheide, Secretary General, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation <p>Moderator: Dr. Barbara Sheldon, Managing Director Philipp Schwartz Initiative, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30

Parallel Workshops 1 (for scholars): Working towards transitions

1.A: Planning your career and developing opportunities

Assessing your potential, exploring opportunities, being open to different options and taking advantage of coaching is essential for successful career planning. What are important aspects? Where can you turn to for advice?

Speakers:

Dr. Christiane Haupt, Max Planck Society

Dr. Korinna Strobel, Helmholtz Association

1.B: Turning an idea into a job

Some ideas and research results have the potential of being applied in industrial, entrepreneurial, consulting or other contexts. How can you assess your idea's potential? Where can you turn to for advice? What are important steps you need to take?

Speakers:

Dr. Anke Soemer, Fraunhofer

Dr. Carsten Hucho, PDI, Leibniz Association

Dr. Rainer Döhl-Oelze, Geesthacht Innovation and Technology Center

1.C: Applying for funding

Major research funding organisations across Germany and the EU offer opportunities for at-risk scholars, in addition to regular funding that is available to any scientists and scholars who qualify. What are the options? What is crucial when applying?

Speakers:

Dr. Myriam Poll, German Research Foundation (DFG)

Dr. Hanna Wielandt, Volkswagen Foundation

Dr. Marion Müller, Einstein Foundation

Victoria Reichl, European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KoWi)

1.D: Understanding the German research system

The German research landscape is characterized by many different types of research institutions and many different funders. What are the key points to know in order to find your way around?

Speakers:

Anne Knab, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Dr. Gordon Bölling, German Rectors' Conference (HRK)

Parallel Workshop 2 (for host institution staff): Knowledge Sharing

Host institution staff will have the opportunity to share their experience on providing support to at-risk scholars.

Moderators:

Dr. Petra Roth, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Dr. Johannes Müller, University of Cologne

18:30 – 21:30

Dinner

Dinner speech: **Robert Quinn**, Executive Director, Scholars at Risk Network

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

- 09:00 – 10:30** **Parallel Workshops 3 (for scholars):** The sessions of parallels 1 will be repeated, allowing participants to attend a different session.
- Parallel Workshop 4 (for host institution staff): Administering Philipp Schwartz Funds**
Host institution staff are invited to discuss administrative aspects, such as the composition of stipends or “proof of usage” (*Verwendungsnachweise*).
- Moderators:
Frank Albrecht, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
Dr. Nina Marsh, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- 10:30 – 11:30** **CONNECT: Information and Networking Space**
An opportunity for scholars, representative of host institutions, and representatives of research funding and research performing organisations to meet for individual conversations or to exchange information and experiences.
- 11:30 – 12:30** **Plenary: Regional Perspectives on Academic Freedom**
China: Dr. Katrin Kinzelbach, Associate Director, Global Public Policy Institute Berlin
India: Prof. Dr. Vandana Joshi, Associate Professor of Modern History, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi
Latin America: Prof. Dr. Günther Maihold, Deputy Director, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Silvia von Steinsdorff, Comparative Political Science and the Political Systems of Eastern Europe, Humboldt Universität Berlin
- 12:30 – 12:50** **Keynote: Academic Freedom Index: A Tool to Promote Academic Freedom?**
Dr. Katrin Kinzelbach, Associate Director, Global Public Policy Institute Berlin
- 12:50 – 13:00** **Closing remarks**
- 13:00 – 14:30** **Networking Lunch**

Post-Conference Networking and Meetings – by invitation only

13:30 – 14:30 *For SAR Germany Steering Group members:*
SAR Germany Steering Group Meeting:
Reflection on the event and potential next steps

14:30 – 16:30 *For SAR International Advisory Committee members:*
SAR IAC meeting

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The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation awards fellowships and research awards to outstanding researchers and fosters cooperation between foreign and German academics, strengthening the German research landscape through international exchange. Through the Philipp Schwartz Initiative, the Foundation provides universities and research institutions in Germany with the means to host at-risk researchers for a period of 24 months on a fully funded research fellowship.



The DAAD is the world's largest funding organisation for the international exchange of students and researchers. Since it was founded in 1925, around two million scholars in Germany and abroad have received DAAD funding. It is a registered association and its members are German institutions of higher education and student bodies.



The DFG is the self-governing organisation for science and research in Germany. It serves all branches of science and the humanities. In organisational terms, the DFG is an association under private law. Its membership consists of German research universities, non-university research institutions, scientific associations and the Academies of Science and the Humanities.



Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is Europe's largest application-oriented research organisation. Our research efforts are geared entirely to people's needs: health, security, communication, energy and the environment. As a result, the work undertaken by our researchers and developers has a significant impact on people's lives.



The Helmholtz Association pursue the long-term research goals of the state and society, including basic research, in scientific autonomy. To do this, the Helmholtz Association conducts top-level research to identify and explore the major challenges facing society, science and the economy.



The German Rectors' Conference (HRK) is the association of public and government-recognised universities in Germany. The member institutions are represented in the HRK by their executive boards and rectorates. The HRK currently has 268 member institutions, in which around 94 per cent of all students in Germany are enrolled.



The Leibniz Association connects 93 independent research institutions that range in focus from the natural, engineering and environmental sciences via economics, spatial and social sciences to the humanities. Leibniz Institutes address issues of social, economic and ecological relevance. They conduct knowledge-driven and applied basic research, maintain scientific infrastructure and provide research-based services.



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The German Council of Science and Humanities (Wissenschaftsrat) provides advice to the German Federal Government and the State (Länder) Governments on the structure and development of higher education and research.