



UiO : **University of Oslo**

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Scholars at Risk – UiO and Norway Experience



University of Oslo – In short

- **Norway's leading university**, 207-yr old, a broad research-intensive university, 8 Faculties, 3 Museums, close cooperation with 2 university hospitals
- **Key figures:** 28 000 students, 2 700 PhD candidates
3 800 academic staff, 6 600 total staff
- **Excellence:** [10 of Norway's 21 current CoE's](#), 30 % of all national competitive funding, 42 ERC Grant holders and growing EU-revenues (highest in Norway)
- **Ranking:** Shanghai/ARWU 2017: 62nd in the world
- **Interdisciplinary research - strategic initiatives:**
[UiO:Energy](#), [UiO:Life Science](#), [UiO:Nordic](#), [UiO:Arctic](#)



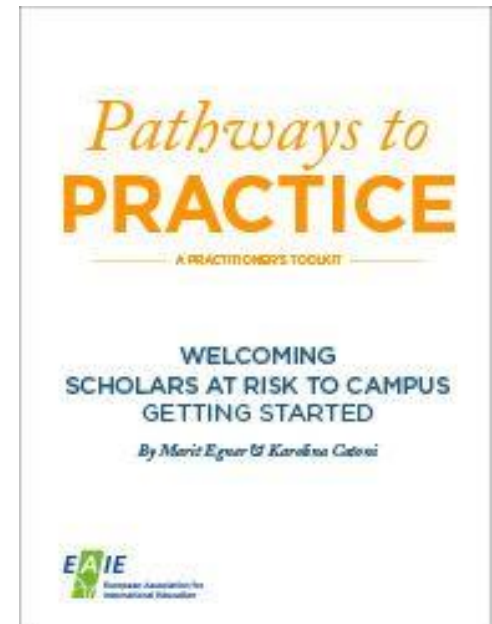
Scholars at Risk at UiO

- Academic freedom is a fundamental value of the university
- UiO has been a SAR member since 2001
- Anchored at the UiO leadership
- SAR local committee (3 staff + 1 student)
- Faculties and departments hosting scholars
- Various other activities



Hosting scholars - Getting started

- **Preparing the institution for hosting a scholar**
 - Learn from others
 - Discuss with the leadership
 - how to contribute
 - Funding possibilities
 - Make the initiative known
 - Decide on some procedures (but keep flexibility)





Bildestreit: Også forskere er utsatt i krigen mot narkotika. Her adlegger den medikalske haren en cannabisplantasje i År. Foto: Enrique Perez Huerta/Demotix/Scanpix

Hjemsoekt av egen forskning

Forsker du på mafiaen i Mexico, kan andre akademikere og myndigheter være et vet så stort hinder som de kriminelle. Det mener mafieforsker.

Mest lest

Forskningsjuks svekker ikke tilliten



3BLIKKFANG: Leieren for SAIH Blinde Audal Berge, vil skape merksom og

Media

Utdanning under angrep

man, 10/11/2014 - 20:46 — Ole Petter Ottersen

I minst 28 land blir skoler og universiteter okkupert av militærstyrker. Dette får konsekvenser for hundretusenvis av elever og studenter verden over. Skoler stenges,

og spesielt jenter blir hater. Norske myndigheter, internasjonale retningsbruk. Fredag 14. november, rhuset i Oslo.

Open letter to the Hungarian minister

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Ole Petter Ottersen, Rektor UiO. Foto: Wanda Nathalie Nordstrøm

Share Your Stories: University of Oslo SCHOLARS AT RISK NETWORK 10th Anniversary. As a part of our 10th Anniversary, Scholars at Risk is compiling stories from scholars who have been helped and campus leaders, administrators, faculty, students and friends who open their hearts and homes to them. Please share your stories with us! Send us emails, letters, pictures, audio, video or whatever you have about how you or your campus has been involved in protecting scholars and promoting academic freedom.

Nettavis for Universitetet i Oslo UNIFORMUM FORSIDEN NYHETER LESERBREV UNIFORMUM MEINER OM UNIFORMUM Tema Arkiv

Forsiden > Nyheter > 2013 > September > Fortylgde studentar skal få vern på UiO Fortylgde studentar skal få vern på UiO Studentar som blir fortylgde fordi dei kjempar for menneskerettar og demokrati, skal no få vern på same måte som fortylgde akademikarar. Det er klart etter at studentorganisasjonar saman med UiO i dag danna «Students at Risk».



UNIFORMUM Nettavis for Universitetet i Oslo Forsiden > Nyheter > 2012 > 11 > - Akademisk fridom må med i listene over verdas beste universitet - Akademisk fridom må med i listene over verdas beste universitet - I løpet av fem år kjem graden av akademisk fridom til å vera som kriterium på rankinglista til Times Higher Education over verdas beste universitet. Det spør Robert Quinn, dagleg leiar for og ein av initiativtakarane til Scholars at Risk. Denne veka tok han imot UiOs menneskerettspris.

NYHETER DEBATT KULTUR REPORTASJE MAGASIN FOTO ANMELDELSER OMVERDEN VI SPURR IN ENGLISH



Økt støtte til forskerflyktninger Akademikere som forfølges i sine hjemland har på to år fått seks ganger så mange støttespillere i Norge.

- Recruiting and welcoming the Scholar
 - Get proposals for scholars in need
 - Discuss priorities for scholar and host
 - Prepare contract, housing, immigration and travel
 - Welcome the scholar



- **Making the most out of the stay**
 - Safety and well-being
 - Academic activity and network
 - Competence development
 - Social network
- **What next?**
 - Preparing for next steps
 - What are the alternatives?
 - Return home?
 - Regular position?
 - New host?
 - Asylum?



Mohamed

- Dentist from Aleppo in Syria
- PhD from France
- Ass. Prof. and dentist in Aleppo, Syria until 2013
- Worked 2 years at UiO through the Scholar Rescue Fund
- Authorisation as a Dentist in two years!
- Options: Post.doc./dentist /clinical instructor
- 2017: Now works as a dentist in Oslo



13 scholar at risk placements at UiO's different departments since 2009

- First policy 2001: host when needed
- From 2009: host every second year
- From 2013: host every year (one or two year stay)
- From 2017: host 4 per year
- Local Budget: ca 100 000 € per hosting one year

Other SAR activities

- Events and media coverage
- Free to Think report launches
- Recruiting new members
- UiO's Human Rights Award
- Academic Refuge Erasmus+



Academic Refuge



Full project title: Strategic partnership to promote core academic values and welcome refugees and threatened academics to European campuses

Project partners: University of Oslo (lead), UNICA Scholars at Risk Network, University of Ljubljana

Associate partners: EUA, EAIE

Budget: 300,000 euros

Duration: 3 years, Sept 2016 to Aug 2019

MOOC



- **Week 1:** What is academic freedom and how does it relate to other higher education and societal values?
- **Week 2:** Why are academic freedom and related values important, and what threats or challenges to these values may be faced in different contexts?
- **Week 3:** How can you promote and defend academic freedom and related values
- Address: <https://www.futurelearn.com/>
- **To be launched 4 June 2018**

SCHOLARS AT RISK

NETWORK  NORWAY SECTION

- Student campaign 2008
- UiO organised a meeting of members in 2010 Interim committee
- Launch → seminar SAR-Norway in 2011
- Invitation letter sent to all Rectors
- 17 member institutions
- Promotion by Norwegian Association of HEIs
- Cooperation with PEN, ICORN, Fritt Ord etc.

Present activities

- Steering committee: 5 members meet 4-5 times a year
- SAR Norway membership meetings twice a year
- Advise and discussions on hosting of SAR scholars
- SAR handbook supplements for Norway
- www.facebook.com/ScholarsAtRiskNorge
- www.scholarsatrisk.no
- Joint events and local events:
SAR seminars and workshops
- Mobility of SAR scholars within Norway
- Represent Norway in the global network



Student involvement



- SAIH and the student parliament at UiO
- Student seminars and joint activities with UiO
- UiO wants to develop student advocacy seminars
- SAIH creative campaigns and pressure on higher education institutions
- SAIH Member of SAR Norway steering committee

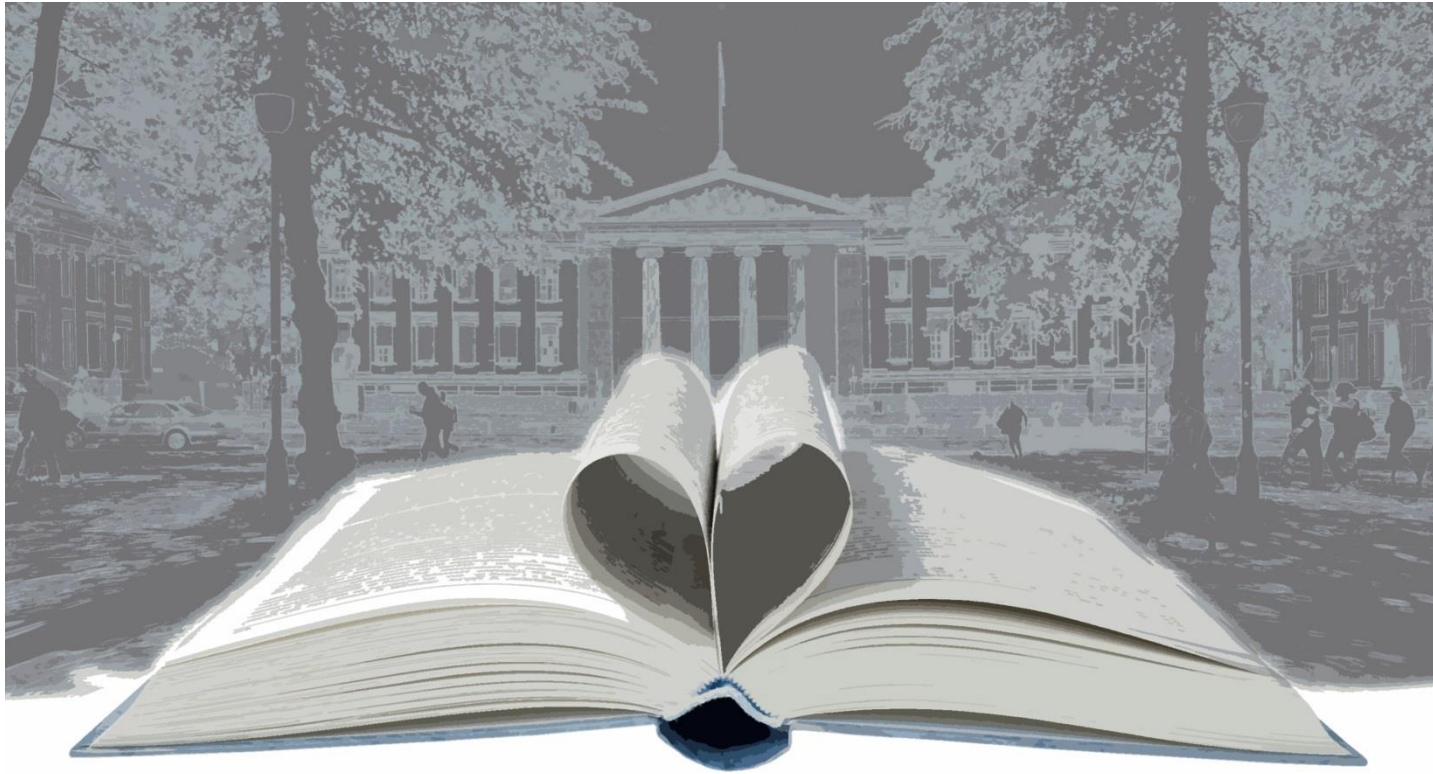


Students at Risk

- Support scheme for expelled student activists
- A programme initiated by student associations, supported by the MFA and coordinated by [SIU](#)
- Aim: to help expelled student activists complete their education in Norway. First intake 2015



Thanks for your attention.



<https://www.uio.no/english/about/global/globally-engaged/academic-refuge/>