

Challenges to Academic Freedom and the Protection of Academic Refugees

Barcelona - February 15th, 2018
Sala Polivalent, Mercè Rodoreda Building (Ramon Trias i Fargas, 25)
Pompeu Fabra University (UPF)

Programme

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30 Opening Remarks

Arcadi Navarro – General Secretary, Universities and Research Secretariat, Government of Catalonia

Pablo Pareja – Vicerector for Host Programmes, Participation and Students, UPF

09:30 – 10:30 Plenary Session I - Contemporary Challenges to Academic Freedom

- *Challenges to academic freedom in Europe and beyond*

Terence Karran – Professor of Higher Education at the University of Lincoln
Q&A, Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:30 Plenary Session II: Legal Aspects of welcoming at-risk scholars and refugees in higher education

- *Legal implications in Spain: Asylum and Immigration Laws – Possibilities in Catalonia*

Silvia Morgades - Professor of International Law, Pompeu Fabra University (UPF)

11:30 – 13:30 Plenary session III - Real Experiences: Protecting Academics at Risk

Sinead O’Gorman – European Director, Scholars at Risk

Marit Egner - Senior Adviser at the Office for International Relations and Research Support, University of Oslo - Norwegian Section of Scholars at Risk (SAR)

Anas Al Khabour – Researcher in Archaeology and Culture at the University of Gothenburg

13:30- 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Closed door meeting between representatives from Catalan universities and SAR representative Sinead O’Gorman to learn more about ways in which to get involved in the defence and promotion of academic freedom, how to host scholars at risk, the possibility to establish a SAR national section and other related activities.