

## Philipp Schwartz and Inspireurope Stakeholder Forum 2021

**26 and 27 April 2021**

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### AGENDA

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The Philipp Schwartz and Inspireurope Stakeholder Forum 2021 is convened jointly by the Philipp Schwartz Initiative of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Inspireurope Project, a consortium of ten partner organisations across Europe that are committed to the protection and support of researchers at risk. Funded under the European Commission's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and led by Scholars at Risk Europe at Maynooth University, Ireland, Inspireurope anchors the work already underway on a national level in different European countries, and lays the groundwork on a European level for durable support structures.

The 2021 Stakeholder Forum will reflect on the first five years of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative, highlight the situation and the work of displaced scholars who have found refuge in other countries, discuss the state of academic freedom in various regions and nations across the globe, and present mutual learning opportunities for at-risk scholars, academic mentors, and higher education administrators working to support at-risk academics and to strengthen academic freedom. In collaboration with Academics in Solidarity, a mentoring programme hosted at Freie Universität Berlin, a particular focus will be placed on offering information and coaching sessions for at-risk scholars who are working towards long-term professional perspectives.

Participants will include Philipp Schwartz fellows, at-risk scholars supported by other organizations, academic mentors, university administrators, partner organisations on a national, a European and a global level, and other attendees from academia, politics, civil society.

The programme represents Central European Time. The expected number of participants is 400; conference language will be English. Please note that this event is by invitation only and requires advance registration.

### FUNDERS

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**Monday, 26 April 2021**

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**Pre-Forum Committee Meeting** (SAR Germany Section only)

11:00 General Assembly SAR Germany Section

## **2021 Philipp Schwartz and Inspireurope Stakeholder Forum**

**14:00 Opening: “The Philipp Schwartz Initiative - 5 Years On”**

Enno Aufderheide, Secretary General, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

State Minister Michelle Müntefering, Federal Foreign Office

*This programme part will be made available to the public via a YouTube stream.*

**14:30 European Policy Action for Researchers at Risk:**

**Bridging the Gaps between Human Rights and Higher Education**

Themis Christophidou, Director-General of Education, European Commission

Eamon Gilmore, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights

Moderator: Michael Murphy, President, European University Association

*This programme part will be made available to the public via a YouTube stream.*

**15:15 Coffee Break**

**15:45 Parallel Workshops** (limited to 50 participants each)

**1. Rebuilding a Research Career at the Intersection of Gender and Risk**

Beate Scholz (Scholz CTC), Yudit Namer (Bielefeld University), Ekrem Düzen

(Bielefeld University), Curt Rice (Oslo Metropolitan University)

*This programme part will be made available to the public via a YouTube stream.*

**2. Academic Freedom and Solidarity after Covid-19**

Eylem Camuroglu Cig (University of Bayreuth), Latife Akyüz (Freie Universität Berlin), Melehat

Kutun (Humboldt University Berlin)

**3. The Loss of Cultural Heritage in Syria**

Anas Al Khabour (Lund University)

**4. Four Years in Germany – Navigating within Academia and Beyond**

Hussain Al-Towaie (Technical University of Darmstadt), Birgit Bujard (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)

**5. The Situation of Academic Freedom in Belarus**

Gabriele Freitag (German Association for East European Studies), Vasily Navumau (independent researcher), Denise Roche (SAR Europe), Olga Shparaga (European College of Liberal Arts)

## **6. The Situation of Academic Freedom in Brazil**

Carlos Mendes Hübner (University of São Paulo), Katrin Kinzelbach (University of Erlangen-Nürnberg)

## **7. The Situation of Academic Freedom in Turkey**

Esra Demir-Gürsel and Nazan Maksudyan (Freie Universität Berlin)

## **8. The Researcher and Academic Freedom in West Africa:**

### **State of Play, Challenges and Perspectives**

Jean-Philippe Gunn (Université Sorbonne Paris Nord), Zakiyatou Oualet Halatine (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

## **9. Network-Based Initiatives: The OSUN “Threatened Scholars Initiative”, The OFF University, and the New University in Exile Consortium**

Aysuda Kölemen-Luge (Bard College Berlin), Firat Erdoğan (University of Duisburg-Essen), Olga Selin Hünler (Freie Universität Berlin), Ertuğ Tomuş (Humboldt University Berlin), Arien Mack (The New School of Social Research)

## **10. Established Support Programmes: The Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA), the IIE Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) and the Scholars at Risk Network**

Rose Anderson (SAR), Emily Borzcik (IIE SRF), Stephen Wordsworth (CARA)

## **17:00 Closing and Networking Opportunity**

**Tuesday, 27 April 2021**

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**For National and International Partner Organizations**

**11:30 – 13:00    Establishing National-Level Actions/Programmes to Support Researchers at Risk**

Existing national support programmes for researchers at risk may provide models for those willing to set up a new programme or activity elsewhere. Finland, France and Germany have established programmes which provide fellowships and other direct support to researchers at risk. Institutions in these and other countries have formed national SAR sections. In this session, aimed at representatives of SAR sections and individual institutions across Europe interested in organising at the national-level, representatives from these programmes will share their insights into what is necessary and helpful to establish a national programme to support researchers at risk.

Frank Albrecht (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation), Orla Duke (Scholars at Risk Europe), Laura Loheac (Collège de France), Sini Piipo (EDUFI)  
Moderator: Ester Gallo (University of Trento/SAR Italy)

**For All Attendees:**

**13:00 – 15:00    Virtual Lunchtime Fair**

Partner organizations of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative and the Inspireurope project, including support programmes for researchers at risk and general research funders, will be available for informal conversations and advice, individually or in small groups.

**15:00            Parallel Tracks designed for specific target audiences:**

**Track 1: For At-Risk Scholars (see page 5)**

**Track 2: For Academic Mentors and Project Leads at Host Institutions (see page 7)**

## **Track 1: Coaching and Information Sessions for At-Risk Scholars**

**15:00 - 15:45 Plenary Kick Off: Careers in European Research Systems and in the Private Sector**  
Gordon Boelling (German Rectors' Conference), Matthias Ullrich (Evonik Operations GmbH)  
Moderator: Beate Scholz (Scholz CTC)

**15:45 - 16:15 Coffee Break**



*For the coaching sessions in Track 1, the Philipp Schwartz Initiative is proud to partner with "Academics in Solidarity" (AiS), drawing on their immense experience as a peer-mentoring program that connects exiled researchers and established scholars in Germany, Lebanon and Jordan. It seeks to create a network of solidarity, strengthen the value of cross-cultural research cooperation and open up new perspectives within the academic environment of the host country. AiS offers support to displaced and endangered scholars through mentoring, academic counselling, systematic network building, and funding of small research endeavors. It further benefits mentors by offering them special training as well as administrative and technical support both prior to and throughout the mentoring process. The project is hosted by Freie Universität Berlin and funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).*

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### **16:15 – 18:00 Parallel Coaching Sessions**

Most coaching sessions are limited to 15 places. Some include follow-up sessions in the days after the Forum.

#### **1. Career Strategies within/beyond Academia for STEM Scholars (15 participants)**

**Thomas Koch**, academic futures

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 09.00-15.00

Navigate the German research and innovation system; recognise your strength and development needs; set realistic goals; create a road map for personal setting; address job applications more effectively

#### **2. Career Strategies within/beyond Academia for STEM Scholars (15 participants)**

**Christine Issa**, Saminworld

Follow Up: 30.04.2021: 09.00-13.30

Career paths and opportunities between academia/profit/non-profit; academic and non-academic employers' perspectives and expectations; mobility and flexibility between work and individual frameworks; developing a skills profile from motivations, values and capabilities; orientation about different career paths and employers' interest; awareness for "springboard" opportunities in or out of German academia; development of a professional skills profile

#### **3. Career Strategies within/beyond academia for Social Sciences and Humanities Scholars (15 participants)**

**Ulrike Schneeberg**, deinemonster.de

Follow Up: 29.04.2021: 09.00-13.00 and 30.04.2021: 09.00-13.00

Gain orientation; identify strengths, values, motivations; learn storytelling techniques for effective self-presentation; understand differences between job hunting/job applications within and outside academia

#### **4. Career Strategies within/beyond Academia for Social Sciences and Humanities Scholars (15 participants)**

**Anke Soemer**, academic futures

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 09.00-15.00

Navigate the German research and innovation system; recognise your strength and development needs; set realistic goals; create a road map for personal setting; address job applications more effectively

#### **5. Strategic Networking (15 participants)**

**Eva Reichmann**, beruf & leben

Follow Up: 30.04.2021: 09.00-12.00

Analyse your existing network for options to enhance it; define what you can bring into a network (potential analysis); develop a strategy for networking, targeting your individual goal; use communication techniques

for successful networking; design an action plan to transfer learning outcomes

**6. Writing Successful Research Project Proposals (15 participants)**

**Annette Kolb**, coachademics

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 09.30-16.30

The fundraising process in science; overview of the fundraising landscape for science in Germany and the EU; changing the perspective: the reviewers point of view (group exercise, plenum discussion; the logic and essence of a grant proposal (input from trainer); basics of proposal writing (input from trainer, individual and group exercises, plenum discussions); strategic considerations: structure and style

**7. Access to Industry Job Markets for STEM Scholars (15 participants)**

**Philipp Gramlich**, NaturalScience.Careers

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 09.00-11.00 & 14.00-16.00 and 29.04.-09.05.2021

Introspection: making plans based on a closer look at yourself; career options; networking; scoring a job; salary negotiations

**8. How to be more Employable in the Private Sector (15 participants)**

**David M. Giltner**, TurningScience

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 14.00-17.00 & 29.04.2021: 14.00-17.00

How is industry different than academia? Can a scientist build a rewarding industry career? How to design your private sector career path; impressing an industry manager; overcoming job search challenges

**9. Tending Ourselves, Tending the World:**

**Introduction to Mindfulness for Activists/Academics at Risk (20 participants)**

**Ayşe Dayı**, Orca Dreams

Introduction to mindfulness; guided practice; please wear comfortable clothes

**10. Digital Security Dimensions of Working Remotely (40 participants)**

**Peter Steudtner**, holistic security & media projects

Raising awareness for the importance of including digital protection measures into research activities; Creating preparedness for “digital emergencies”; Creating sensitivity towards the interlinkedness of different areas of security for researchers at risk

**11. Reimagining your Career Path – Establishing a Start-up (15 participants)**

**Christine Reuter**, FU Berlin

Turning a great idea into an enterprise – where to start? Funding options – who can help? Existing examples – open discussion

**12. European Research Funding - Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions and ERC Grants for Frontier Research (15 participants)**

**Thomas Weitner & Edda Nitschke**, FU Berlin

EU research funding – what is the most adequate funding scheme for me? MSCA – individual career development and innovative research. ERC – ground breaking research by excellent individuals. Where do I find further information and guidance?

**13. Career Paths within Academia and Alternative Options (15 participants)**

**Matthias Merkelbach**, impulsplus

Job profile and employment options; Career pathways inside and outside of German academia; Typical prerequisites of potential employers; Main aspects of networking and self-marketing; Intercultural awareness

**16:15 – 18:00 Parallel Plenary: Managing Transitions – Reports from Academia and the Private Sector**

Alumni describe their paths from temporary to longer-term positions in academia and beyond.

**18:00 Closing and Networking Opportunity**

## ***Track 2: Programme for Academic Mentors and Host Institution Representatives***

### **15:00 – 16:30 Parallel Workshops**

#### **Workshop 1: For Academic Mentors across Europe**

Academic Mentors are essential in the support structure of researchers at risk by providing academic guidance, by helping them navigate challenges in their new academic environment, by opening academic and professional networks and by helping them prepare their next steps after the current placement. This workshop aims to foster exchange among academic mentors from across Europe, inviting them to discuss their expectations and experiences with regard to supporting researchers at risk.

Ulrike Freitag (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient)  
Doris Jorde (University of Oslo)  
Jonathan Ngeh (University of Cologne)  
Moderator: Karolina Catoni (University of Gothenburg/SAR Sweden)

#### **Workshop 2: For Philipp Schwartz Host Institution Staff: Administering Philipp Schwartz Grants**

Aimed at representatives of Philipp Schwartz Initiative grantee institutions, this workshop will offer advice on administrative questions, in particular recent programme adjustments, and provide an opportunity for exchange and mutual learning.

Frank Albrecht (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)  
Nina Marsh (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)  
Sandro Minafra (ETL-Heimfarth Auditors)

### **16:30 Closing and Networking Opportunity**

#### **Wednesday, 28 April 2021**

##### **Post Forum Satellites (by invitation only)**

10:00 Steering Group SAR Germany Section  
(60 minutes, videoconference, moderator: N.N., AvH)

11:30 Inspireurope Coordinating Committee

14:00 Inspireurope Advisory Council