



It is my great pleasure to invite you to join us for the **Philipp Schwartz and Inspireurope Stakeholder Forum**, which will take place as a **virtual event** on **26 and 27 April 2021**.

The 2021 Stakeholder Forum will be jointly convened by Inspireurope and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Philipp Schwartz Initiative. It will bring together up to 400 scholars, host institutions, and partner organisations across Europe to discuss topics related to the protection of academic freedom and the support of at-risk academics.

Inspireurope is a joint project of ten partner organisations across Europe – among them the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation – that are committed to the protection and support of researchers and academics at risk. Funded under the European Commission's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and led by Scholars at Risk Europe at Maynooth University, Ireland, the project 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.

Acknowledging the growing pressures on academic freedom in regions across the globe, the 2021 Philipp Schwartz and Inspireurope Stakeholder Forum will highlight the state of academic freedom in Belarus, Brazil, Turkey and elsewhere. It will reflect on the situation and the work of displaced scholars who have found refuge in other countries, and highlight the work underway in Europe to support at-risk academics and to strengthen academic freedom. It will also look back at the first five years of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative.

In collaboration with Academics in Solidarity, a mentoring programme hosted at Freie Universität Berlin, a particular focus will be placed on offering hands-on coaching and information sessions for at-risk academics. Other sessions will offer networking and mutual learning opportunities for academic mentors and other representatives of host institutions.

We would be delighted to welcome you!

Sincerely,

on behalf of the Inspireurope Project
Alexandros Triantafyllidis
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AUn's Scientific Responsible

Please note that prior registration is required in order to attend. To see the full programme and to register, please visit the registration portal:

*For academic mentors and other host institution representatives: [LINK](#)
For partner organization representatives (within and beyond academia): [LINK](#)*

For at-risk scholars supported by the Philipp Schwartz Initiative, PAUSE, Scholars at Risk or similar programmes: [LINK](#)



The registration deadline is 19 April 2021. As we expect interest to exceed available places we recommend early registration.

Kindly note that your registration is valid only after it has been confirmed by the convenors.

The conference language will be English. Parts of the event may be documented via photographs, screenshots, recordings, or via live streams. Wherever necessary, the Humboldt Foundation strives to ensure that the identity of at-risk scholars remains protected. During the registration process, at-risk scholars will have the opportunity to request a pseudonym for the duration of the event. Programme elements that are made available outside of the event platform via online video stream will be clearly marked in the programme. Attendance of the event is free of charge.

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