

2020-2021 Seminars Academic Freedom at Risk

Webinar

The Hidden Threat of Covid-19

Friday 6 November 2020, 12.15pm - 2.15pm

In recent months, many governments have used the COVID-19 lockdown as the pretext for a crackdown on intellectual dissent and academic freedom. This network-wide webinar, sponsored by Scholars at Risk Ireland, will explore these renewed attacks in several different contexts, including Turkey, China, India and elsewhere, drawing on individual presentations and a concluding panel discussion.

Registration (compulsory) at the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_b1mjffwoT-aHqdBiAPyVjQ

Seminar Speakers



Lara Jesani



Sevgi Doğan



Jewher Ilham

Lara Jesani is a top Indian human rights lawyer who is engaged in public policy and advocacy work for democratic rights and civil liberties, and in human rights and legal education. She was arrested earlier this year protesting politically motivated attacks on Jawaharlal Nehru University students.

<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/report/2020-01-09-jawaharlal-nehru-university/>

Sevgi Doğan, a Research Fellow at the Dirpolis Institute of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies and collaborator of SAR-Italy in Scuola Normale Superiore. She has written extensively on Academic Freedom in pandemic times. (<https://securitypraxis.eu/academic-freedom-pandemic-times/>)

Jewher Ilham a Uigher activist fighting for her detained father, a prominent Uigher academic, and more broadly on the academic freedom situation in China.

Panel Discussion

Dr Alex Dukalskis (<https://people.ucd.ie/alexander.dukalskis>)

Professor Elçin Aktoprak (<http://independent.academia.edu/ElcinAktoprak>)

Harikrishnan Sasikumar (<https://www.dcu.ie/lawandgovernment/harikrishnan-sasikumar-school-of-law-and-government>)