

Programme Philipp Schwartz and Inspireurope Stakeholder Forum

26 - 27 April 2021, Virtual Conference



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Agenda

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

Philipp Schwartz Initiative

Under the Philipp Schwartz Initiative, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation has been granting funding to universities and research institutions in Germany to host threatened researchers for a period of two years since 2016. The host institutions receive funding that completely covers the costs of a research fellowship or an employment contract. Sponsorship can be extended by one year under a co-financing model. In addition, the host institution is granted an allowance of € 20,000 per individual sponsored. This financial support is complemented by the provision of a platform to connect host institutions, researchers at risk and other organisations active in this field. Its highlight is the annual Philipp Schwartz Forum. So far, 280 researchers from 19 countries have been sponsored under the Philipp Schwartz Initiative.

The next call for nominations for the Philipp Schwartz Initiative will be published in June 2021.

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This event is part of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Philipp Schwartz Initiative, which is funded by:



Academics in Solidarity

For the coaching sessions in Track 1 on Tuesday, 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).



Inspireurope

Supporting Researchers at Risk

Inspireurope is a 10-partner project funded under the European Commission's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and coordinated by Scholars at Risk Europe at Maynooth University, Ireland. Inspireurope facilitates transnational cooperation across Europe to support researchers at risk. As pressures on academic freedom are growing around the world, so too are pressures on individual researchers. Inspireurope partners join forces across Europe to respond. Inspireurope's activities include: Policy recommendations to strengthen European support for researchers at risk; Exchange and mutual learning between key actors in research and innovation in Europe; Training and guidance for researchers at risk; Training and guidance for employers; and growing the network of actors supporting researchers at risk, especially in Central, Eastern & Southern Europe and in the non-academic sector.

For more information please visit www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/inspireurope

Project Partners



International Partner



Associate Partners



The Inspireurope project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 857742.

Programme

Monday, 26 April 2021

Pre-Forum Committee Meeting

	By invitation only; participants will have received the access details via email
11:00 a.m.	General Assembly SAR Germany Section

Plenary

	<p>For All Participants <i>This programme part will be made available to the public via a YouTube stream.</i></p>
2:00 p.m.- 2:05 p.m.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judith Wellen and Frank Albrecht, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
2:05 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.	<p>Opening: “The Philipp Schwartz Initiative - 5 Years On”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enno Aufderheide, Secretary General, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation • Minister of State Michelle Müntefering, Federal Foreign Office
2:30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m	<p>European Policy Action for Researchers at Risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Murphy, President, European University Association • Themis Christophidou, Director-General of Education, Youth, Sport, Culture, European Commission <p>Introduction: Sinead O’Gorman, Director, Scholars at Risk Europe</p>
2:45 p.m.- 3:15 p.m.	<p>Global responses: Measuring academic freedom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Quinn, Executive Director, Scholars at Risk Network • Ilyas Saliba, Research Fellow, Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)
3:15 p.m.- 3:45 p.m.	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Get to know other participants and visit the networking carousel (this possibility is optional, you will find access details in your personal programme). In addition, you can always talk to active participants via personal chat or via video call.</p>

Parallel Workshops

	Participation as selected during registration
3:45 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	<p>1: Rebuilding a Research Career at the Intersection of Gender and Risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N. Ekrem Düzen, Bielefeld University • Yudit Namer, Bielefeld University • Curt Rice, Oslo Metropolitan University <p>Moderator: Beate Scholz, Scholz CTC</p> <p><i>This programme part will be made available to the public via a YouTube stream.</i></p>
	<p>2: Academic Freedom and Solidarity after Covid-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latife Akyüz, Freie Universität Berlin • Melehat Kutun, Humboldt University Berlin <p>Moderator: Eylem Çamuroglu Çığ, University of Bayreuth</p>
	<p>3: The Loss of Cultural Heritage in Syria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anas Al Khabour, Lund University <p>Moderator: Thomas Meier, University of Heidelberg</p>
	<p>4: Four Years in Germany – Navigating within Academia and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hussain Al-Towaie, Technical University of Darmstadt <p>Moderator: Birgit Bujard, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation</p>
	<p>5: The Situation of Academic Freedom in Belarus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasil Navumau, independent researcher • Denise Roche, Scholars at Risk Europe • Olga Shparaga, European College of Liberal Arts <p>Moderator: Gabriele Freitag, German Association for East European Studies</p>
	<p>6: The Situation of Academic Freedom in Brazil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conrado Hübner Mendes, University of São Paulo <p>Moderator: Katrin Kinzelbach, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg</p>
	<p>7: The Situation of Academic Freedom in Turkey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elçin Aktoprak, Human Rights School, Ankara • Volkan Çıdam, Boğaziçi University • Lülüfer Körükmez, HRFT Academy, İzmir <p>Moderator: Esra Demir-Gürsel and Nazan Maksudyan, Freie Universität Berlin</p>
	<p>8: The Researcher and Academic Freedom in West Africa: State of Play, Challenges and Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Philippe Gunn, Université Sorbonne Paris Nord <p>Moderator: Zakiyatou Oualet Halatine, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</p>
	<p>9: Network-Based Initiatives: The OSUN “Threatened Scholars Initiative”, The OFF University, and the New University in Exile Consortium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olga Selin Hünler, Freie Universität Berlin • Aysuda Kölemen-Luge, Bard College Berlin • Arien Mack, The New School of Social Research • Ertuğ Tombuş, Humboldt University Berlin / OFF University <p>Moderator: Rose Anderson, Scholars at Risk Network</p>
	<p>10: Established Support Programmes: The Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA), the IIE Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF) and the Scholars at Risk Network (SAR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarina Rosenthal, Scholars at Risk Network • Emily Borzcik, IIE Scholar Rescue Fund • Stephen Wordsworth, Council for At-Risk Academics <p>Moderator: Alexandros Triantafyllidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki</p>
5:00 p.m.	<p>Closing and Networking Opportunity</p> <p>Get to know other participants and visit the networking carousel (this possibility is optional, you will find access details in your personal programme). In addition, you can always talk to active participants via personal chat or via video call.</p>

Programme

Tuesday, 27 April 2021

For National and International Partner Organizations

<p>11:30 a.m.- 11:35 a.m.</p>	<p>Welcome and Introduction to the Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinead O’Gorman, Scholars at Risk Europe
<p>11:35 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Establishing National-Level Actions/Programmes to Support Researchers at Risk</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Albrecht, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation • Orla Duke, Scholars at Risk Europe • Laura Lohéac, PAUSE Program / Collège de France • Sini Piipo, EDUFI <p>Moderator: Ester Gallo, University of Trento/SAR Italy</p>

For All Attendees

<p>1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Virtual Lunchtime Fair</p> <p>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 (see page 11).</p>
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Parallel Workshops

<p>3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Track 1: For At-Risk Scholars (see page 8)</p>
	<p>Track 2: For Academic Mentors and Project Leads at Host Institutions (see page 10)</p>

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

3:00 p.m.- 3:45 p.m.	Plenary Kick Off: Careers in European Research Systems and in the Private Sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon Boelling, German Rectors' Conference • Matthias Ullrich, Evonik Operations GmbH Moderator: Beate Scholz , Scholz CTC
3:45-4:15 p.m.	Coffee Break
4:15 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Participation as selected during registration Some include follow-up sessions in the days after the Forum.

1: Career Strategies within/beyond Academia for STEM Scholars

- **Thomas Koch**, academic futures

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

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 9.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m.

2: Career Strategies within/beyond Academia for STEM Scholars

- **Christine Issa**, Saminworld

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

Follow Up: 30.04.2021: 9.00 a.m.-1.30 p.m.

3: Career Strategies within/beyond academia for Social Sciences and Humanities Scholars

- **Ulrike Schneeberg**, deinemonster.de

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

Follow Up: 29.04.2021: 9.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. and 30.04.2021: 9.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

4: Career Strategies within/beyond Academia for Social Sciences and Humanities Scholars

- **Anke Soemer**, academic futures

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

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 9.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m.

5: Strategic Networking

- **Eva Reichmann**, beruf & leben

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

Follow Up: 30.04.2021: 9.00 a.m.-12.00 noon

6: Writing Successful Research Project Proposals

- **Annette Kolb**, coachademics

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

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 9.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m.

7: Access to Industry Job Markets for STEM Scholars

- **Philipp Gramlich**, NaturalScience.Careers

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

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 9.00-11.00 a.m. & 2.00-4.00 p.m. and 29.04.2021: 9:00-11.00 a.m.

8: How to be more Employable in the Private Sector

- **David M. Giltner**, TurningScience

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

Follow Up: 28.04.2021: 2.00-5.00 p.m. & 29.04.2021: 2.00-5.00 p.m.

9: Tending Ourselves, Tending the World: Introduction to Mindfulness for Activists/Academics at Risk

- **Ayşe Dayı**, Orca Dreams

Tending Ourselves, Tending the World: Introduction to Mindfulness; two or three guided practices; please wear comfortable clothes

10: Digital Security Dimensions of Working Remotely

- **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

- **Christine Reuter & Oliver Schmidt**, Freie Universität 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

- **Thomas Weitner & Edda Nitschke**, Freie Universität 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

- **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

**4:15 p.m.-
6:00 p.m.**

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.

- **Leila Papoli-Yazdi**, Linneaus University
- **Jeff Wilkesmann**, European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT Health)
- **Refet Ali Yalcin**, University of California, Los Angeles

Moderator: **Marion Gues**, PAUSE Program / Collège de France

6:00 p.m.

Closing and Networking Opportunity

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Track 2: Programme for Academic Mentors and Host Institution Representatives

Parallel Workshops

<p>3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Workshop 1: For Academic Mentors across Europe</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulrike Freitag, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient • Doris Jorde, University of Oslo • Jonathan Ngeh, University of Cologne <p>Moderator: Karolina Catoni, University of Gothenburg/SAR Sweden</p> <hr/> <p>Workshop 2: For Philipp Schwartz Host Institution Staff: Administering Philipp Schwartz Grants</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Albrecht, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation • Nina Marsh, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation • Sandro Minafra, ETL-Heimfarth Auditors <p>Moderation: Karin Ziegner, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation</p>
<p>4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Closing and Networking Opportunity</p> <p>Get to know other participants and visit the networking carousel (this possibility is optional, you will find access details in your personal programme). In addition, you can always talk to active participants via personal chat or via video call.</p>

Programme

Wednesday, 28 April 2021

Post Forum Satellites

	<p>By invitation only; participants will have received the access details via email</p>
<p>10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Steering Group SAR Germany Section</p>
<p>11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Inspireurope Coordinating Committee Meeting</p>
<p>2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Inspireurope Advisory Council</p>

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 during the Forum's virtual Lunchtime Fair on Tuesday, 27 April 2021 from 13:00 to 15.00 CEST. Join us there.

- Academics in Solidarity
- Academy in Exile
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Baden-Württemberg Fund for Persecuted Scholars
- CARA - The Council for At-Risk Academics
- Chance for Science
- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
- Einstein Foundation
- German Academic Exchange Service - Hilde Domin Programme
- IIE Scholar Rescue Fund
- Inspireurope
- OFF University
- PAUSE – French hosting program for scientists in exile
- Philipp Schwartz Initiative
- Scholars at Risk Network
- Stichting voor Vluchteling-Studenten (UAF)
- Threatened Scholars Initiative by the Open Society University Networks
- Tönissteiner Kreis e. V. - Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft

Regional Networks of the German Section of the Scholars at Risk Network:

- Bayerisches Hochschul-Netzwerk für gefährdete Forschende
- Regional Network PSI Plus (Baden-Württemberg)
- Scholars at Risk Germany Section NRW Group

Speakers



LATIFE AKYÜZ

Dr. Latife Akyüz received her PhD from Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara in 2013, with the dissertation titled "Ethnicity and Gender Dynamics of Living in Borderlands: The Case of Hopa-Turkey". She has held positions as a visiting scholar at Indiana University (2010), Binghamton University (2011–12) and the Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies, Liege University (2014). She worked as an Assistant Professor at Duzce University from March 2014 until 2016, when she, like many other Academics for Peace, were dismissed from her position. As a result, Dr. Akyuz was forced to flee Turkey and started to work as Philipp Schwartz Fellow at Goethe University (2016–2019). Her research interests are border regions, migration, ethnicity, and gender. Currently she works as Senior Einstein Research Fellow in Humboldt University, Berlin.



HUSSAIN AL-TOWAIE

Hussain Al-Towaie has been a Guest Professor at TU-Darmstadt, Germany and been working as a freelance consultant for Water, Energy and Environment since February 2017. Between 1987 and 2014 he was Professor for Thermal Engineering and Renewable Energy at the University of Aden, Yemen. He was Vice Chairman of the "World Clean Energy Conference", held in 1 - 4 November 2016 at the United Nation, Geneva, Switzerland. Since 2001 he is a member of the WCRE Committee of Chairpersons "WCRE: World Renewable Energy Council". Between 2002 and 2006 he was advisor of the Yemeni Parliament for Committee of Water & Environment. Hussain Al-Towaie took his PhD in Energy Plant Technique at Dresden Technical University, Dresden, Germany, between 1983 and 1987.



ANAS AL KHABOUR

Anas Al Khabour was born in Raqqa, Syria in 1976. He received his Masters degree in Archeology in 2010 and his Ph.D degree in Archeology in 2012 both at the University Autonoma of Madrid, Spain. Anas currently works as researcher at Lund University, Sweden. He has previously worked as the Director of the National Museum of Raqqa and the Director of Archaeology and Museums of Raqqa's Governorate, Syria, as well as Cultural Attaché at the Syrian Arab Cultural Center of Madrid, Spain, and as researcher at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, and the Université Libre de Brussels, Belgium.



ROSE ANDERSON

Rose Anderson is Director for Protection Services at Scholars at Risk, where she oversees SAR's work assessing applications from threatened scholars and seeking temporary positions of refuge within the SAR Network for these scholars. Rose has been with SAR since 2015. Prior to joining the SAR team, Rose worked with the Human Rights Advocates Program at Columbia University, a capacity-building and training program for human rights activists from around the world. Rose also worked with WITNESS, where she trained activists in using video for human rights documentation and developed training materials. Rose received her M.A. in Human Rights from Columbia University in 2014. Rose received her B.A. from the Global College program of Long Island University.

**ELÇİN AKTOPRAK**

Dr. Elçin Aktoprak has completed her doctoral studies at Ankara University, Faculty of Political Sciences, Department of International Relations in 2008 with a dissertation entitled "Nation Building Processes in Europe and National Minority Issues". While she was working as an assistant professor in the same department, she was expelled from her position in February 2017 as an Academics for Peace signatory. Among her publications are *States and Nations* (Tan Kitabevi, 2010), *Nationalism in the 21st Century* (with ed. A. Celil Kaya) (İletişim, 2016) and *Democratic Representation in Plurinational States: The Kurds in Turkey* (der. E. Nimni) (Palgrave, 2018). Her research and teaching interests are nationalism, minority issues, and peace studies. She runs the "Identity, Minorities and Rights" chapter at the School of Human Rights.

**EMILY BORZCIK**

Emily Borzcik is the Assistant Director of the Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF), where she oversees the administration of the IIE-SRF program, including applicant vetting, scholar placements, and the monitoring of all IIE-SRF fellowship appointments. She also manages IIE-SRF's institutional partnerships with European partners. Mrs. Borzcik holds a B.A. in Social Welfare and Scandinavian Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. in International Education from New York University. Prior to joining IIE-SRF, she served with the Peace Corps in Armenia and worked in the Republic of Georgia.

**GORDON BÖLLING**

Dr. Gordon Bölling is head of section in the International Department of the German Rectors' Conference (Hochschulrektorenkonferenz / HRK). He is responsible for university relations to such countries as the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Nordic Countries, and Turkey. In addition, his work focuses on the internationalization of curricula and on issues of academic freedom. Gordon Bölling holds a doctorate in English philology from the University of Cologne.

**EYLEM ÇAMUROĞLU ÇİĞ**

Dr. Eylem Çamuroglu Çiğ is a Philipp Schwartz fellow at the Media Studies Department at the University of Bayreuth. She received her Masters degree in journalism in 2006 and her Ph.D degree in journalism in 2012 at Istanbul University. Çamuroğlu Çiğ works at the intersections of Media Studies and Political Theory. She worked as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Journalism at the University of Mersin until October 2016. She was dismissed from her position in Mersin University twice, once with a decree law, as she was one of the signatories of the "Academics for Peace" Declaration. Her research interests are public sphere theories, protest movements, transformation of media and digitalization.

**KAROLINA CATONI**

Karolina Catoni, international relations officer and assisting director at the International Centre at the University of Gothenburg, has more than 15 years' experience in internationalisation of higher education. Karolina is the project manager for the work with Scholars at Risk at the University of Gothenburg and has the experience of hosting numerous researchers at risk. She is also the chair of the Scholars at Risk Network – Sweden Section, (SAR- Sweden) which includes members from 21 Swedish higher education institutions. She has also the experience from coordinating a pilot-programme for newcomers with a PhD, aiming to integrate doctoral newcomers into Swedish academia through education, career coaching and academic mentoring. Karolina holds a Master of Science in Political Science from Lund University, Sweden.

**VOLKAN ÇIDAM**

Dr. Volkan Çıdam is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul. Since January 2019 he is a visiting scholar at the Institute of Philosophy at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin with the support of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative of Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. His research interests lie at the intersection of democratic theory, German Idealism, social and political thought of Marx and Marxism and Critical Theory. His publications include *Die Phänomenologie des Widergeistes: Eine Anerkennungstheoretische Deutung von Marx' normativer Kritik am Kapitalismus im Kapital* (Nomos Verlag, 2012), "Historical Method and Critical Philosophy" (2016), "Adorno's two-track conceptualization of progress: The new categorical imperative and politics of remembrance" (2020).

**THEMIS CHRISTOPHIDOU**

Themis Christophidou is the Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture of the European Commission, since March 2018. She is a civil engineer with 35 years of experience in private and public sector management. After having worked in the private sector for 15 years, she joined the European Commission in 2001 and held various positions, including in the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, as Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and as Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management. Themis Christophidou is an alumna of the civil engineering faculty of the Metsovio Polytechnic University of Athens, specialised in transport infrastructure and urban transport. Born in Famagusta, Cyprus, she is trilingual, fluent in Greek, French, English.

**ESRA DEMİR-GÜRSEL**

Dr. Esra Demir-Gürsel is a Georg Forster Postdoctoral Research Fellow of AvH Foundation at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Faculty of Law. After receiving her LL.M in Public Law from Istanbul University and MA in Human Rights from the University of Essex, she earned her PhD in Public Law from Marmara University. Her research mainly investigates the limits of human rights law to protect women, LGBT-QI+, religious minorities and those affected by authoritarian laws and policies. Her recent publications include *The European Court of Human Rights: Current Challenges in Historical Perspective* (Edward Elgar, 2021, ed. with Helmut P Aust) and a special issue on *The Council of Europe's Responses to the Decay of the Rule of Law and Human Rights Protections* (The ECHR Law Review, forthcoming in 2021, ed. with Başak Çalı).

**ORLA DUKE**

Orla Duke is the Programme Manager for SAR Europe. Orla is responsible for managing the day to day activities of the EU-funded Inspireurope project, and other core SAR Europe activities. Prior to joining SAR Europe, Orla worked for Trócaire; one of Ireland's leading international NGOs, providing programmatic and organisational advice and support to local partner organisations working on humanitarian, human rights and livelihoods programmes across Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Central America. She has also previously worked with Sightsavers International, Irish Aid; the Government of Ireland's official international development aid programme and the European Commission's civil protection and humanitarian aid operations office (ECHO) in Brussels. Orla holds a MSc in Humanitarian Action from the University College Dublin and a BA in Public Administration from the University of Limerick. She is also an adjunct professor at the Centre for Global Health at Trinity College Dublin.

**N. EKREM DÜZEN**

N. Ekrem Düzen (a Philipp Schwartz alumnus) is a researcher at Bielefeld University, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence (IKG). MS in Clinical Psychology, MS in Philosophy of Science, PhD in Applied Psychology. Psychotherapist. Trainer and consultant to civil society organizations. Main works include adaptation and standardization of intelligence tests, developmental scales, and measurement devices; program and material production on child and adolescent development; youth work; psychocultural formation of agency (person in action), self (locus of experience), and individual (member of a society). Currently working on transnational home-making and diaspora-shaping; youth mobility; everyday reproduction of discrimination, othering, and exclusion.

**GABRIELE FREITAG**

Gabriele Freitag is a historian with special a special interest in Eastern Europe and managing director of the German Association for East European Studies (Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Osteuropakunde / DGO) in Berlin. Previously she was as research associate at the Research Center for East European Studies, University of Bremen and managing director of the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies at Freie Universitaet Berlin. Her dissertation was on Jewish migration in the early years of the Soviet Union. Since 2015 Gabriele Freitag has been general secretary of the International Council for Central and East European Studies.

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**ZAKIYATOU HALATINE**

Zakiyatou Halatine grew up in Timbuktu and obtained a civil engineering degree in Kiev. She was appointed Minister in charge of Tourism and Handicrafts and worked as a civil servant in her country, for UNDP, USAID and UNIDO headquarters in Vienna. Her main topic is adult training and capacity building. She developed a training method against disparities that earned recognition and trained hundreds of learners. She was inducted into the French Legion d'Honneur and received a UN medal after her keynote address to the Women, War and Peace in Africa conference. After her home and training center were ransacked by a mob including men in uniform, she fled her country. She published several books during her exile, including *Desert Passions*, and is currently writing on traditional medicine. Supported first by SAR at University of Tromsø, Norway, she joined IMAF in 2019 (University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) under PAUSE Program (Collège de France).

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She has received her PhD from Gazi University, Ankara. She has been a visiting PhD student at University of York (2009-2010), researcher at University of York in England (2015-2016). While she was working in Mersin University, Turkey, was purged and banned for signing the "Academics for Peace Petition in 2016. She was a guest lecturer and Philipp Schwartz fellow (2017-2020) at Universität Kassel. She is currently Einstein research fellow at Humboldt Universität and works on the contemporary political theory, critical state theories, Turkish politics and migration politics. Her latest editorial book, with Babacan, E., Pinar, E., Yılmaz, Z., is *Regime Change in Turkey. Neoliberal Authoritarianism, Islamism, and Hegemony*, Routledge: London.

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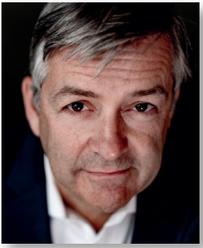
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Orca Dreams

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