



STRATEGIES TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCHERS AND ACADEMICS AT RISK: A WORKSHOP FOR ACADEMICS, STUDENTS AND NGOs

Friday 9th December 2016
10.30am to 1.30pm
Woburn Room (G22), Ground Floor
School of Advanced Study, Senate House, London

AGENDA

Moderators: Dr Corinne Lennox & Dr Damien Short

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| <p>10.30 – 11.00 Woburn Room (G22)</p> | <p>1. Setting the context (Dr Alice Nah, Yesim Yaprak Yildiz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the current risks and challenges facing human rights researchers and academics? • What are the crosscutting issues affecting human rights researchers and academics at risk? |
| <p>11.00 – 12.00 Woburn Room (G22)</p> | <p>2. Strategies to protect human rights researchers and academics at risk (Sinead O’Gorman, Stephen Wordsworth, Susi Bascon, Adán Guillermo López Lone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the existing protection options for academics and human rights researchers at risk? • Do the international mechanisms provide effective protection? • What are the roles and responsibilities of the higher education institutions in protection of academic freedom and scholars at risk? • What are the barriers preventing effective protection and support to those at risk? |
| <p>12.00 – 12.10</p> | <p>Break</p> |
| <p>12.10 – 13.10 Woburn Room (G22)</p> | <p>3. Tools to prevent risks and threats against human rights researchers and academics (Eva Blum-Dumontet, Hannah Smith, Danna Ingleton)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the methods and tools to identify, assess and prevent risks before and during research? • How can we ensure data protection? • What is the role of information and digital technologies in prevention of risk? • How can we use social media and traditional media to prevent risk? • How can universities and NGOs better ensure the protection of their staff when conducting research on human rights? |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the strategies towards more collaborative, effective and creative campaigning and advocacy? |
| 13.10 – 13.30 Woburn Room (G22) | <p>4. The way forward (Roundtable discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we enable effective collaboration between organisations providing support and protection to human rights researchers and academics at risk? • How can we promote collective and proactive tools and strategies for the protection of the human rights of academics, students and practitioners? |
| 13.30 | Lunch (Room 234 – Second floor, Senate House) |

Participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and forthcoming research plans for advice from workshop participants.