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EUROPEAN STUDENT ADVOCACY DAYS

Training the Next Generation of
Advocates for Academic Freedom

December 14-15, 2023

Palazzo di Sociologia
Department of Sociology and Social Research
via Verdi 26 - 38122 Trento



ESAF project is coordinated by the Department of Sociology and Social Research in collaboration with the Faculty of Law

In collaboration with the University of Trento, the University of Padova, and SAR-Italy, and co-funded by the European Union within the Jean Monnet Project 'European Societies and Academic Freedom - ESAF'.

Scholars at Risk invites students and faculty to participate in **European Student Advocacy Days 2023**, to be held at the University of Trento, Italy. Scholars at Risk's annual Student Advocacy Days events bring students and faculty from SAR's Student Advocacy Seminars together for training on best practices in advocacy on behalf of imprisoned scholars and students, and to foster respect for academic freedom.

Thursday, 14th December

FOCUS: ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Central Court - Ground Floor

8.30-9.30 Coffee and Check-in

Kessler Room - Ground Floor

9.30-10.00 Welcome

Adam Braver, Coordinator, SAR Student Advocacy Seminars

Ester Gallo, University of Trento

Claudia Padovani and **Francesca Helm**, University of Padova

Raffaella Campaner, University of Bologna and SAR Italy Steering Committee

10.00-10.30 Introduction: How Students Work Support Scholars at Risk through Advocacy

Clare Robinson, SAR

10.30-12.45 Student Presentations

Moderators: **Adam Braver** and **Clare Robinson**, SAR

Student groups give formal presentations on their case(s), their research, their advocacy strategies, and recommendations. Q&A with civil society to follow.

12.45-14.00 Lunch (Central Court, Ground Floor)

14.00-15.00 Plenary Session: Learning from SAR Scholars' Experiences

Moderator: **Francesca Helm**, University of Padova

Olga Alter, University of Trento, **Arseniy Petrov**, The Harvard University Centre for Italian Renaissance, and **Oleg Zhuravlev**, Scuola Normale Superiore: *Politicization of Research and De-Politicization of Art: the Interconnections Between Academic and Artistic Freedom in Russia*

Raha Sabet Sarvestani, University of Turku: *Systematic Oppression of Higher Education in Iran Under the Islamic Republic*

Gökhan Demir, University of Padova: *Challenges to Academic Freedom: A Dual Assault and the Significance of Solidarity Networks*

Room 10, Room 12 and Professors' Meeting Room (1st Floor)

To be followed by rotating breakout discussion sessions with SAR Scholars and Civil Society on advocacy issues, strategies, synergies and outcomes. The rotating sessions will be held between 15.10 and 16.30.

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break (Central Court - Ground Floor)

Kessler Room - Ground Floor

17.00-18-30 Presentation: Protecting Academic Freedom in Europe

Moderator: **Selma Matsdotter Bratberg**, SAIH

Claudia Padovani, European Advocacy Committee for Academic Freedom

Lauren Pray, European Student Union

Clare Robinson, SAR

20.00 Dinner Restaurant 'Orso Grigio', Via degli Orti 19
(Optional, registration required)

Friday, 15th December

FOCUS: STUDENT ADVOCACY

Room 2 - First Underground Floor

9.15-9.45 Welcome

Flavio Deflorian, Rector, University of Trento

Daniela Sicurelli, Vice-Director of the Department of Sociology and Social Research

9.45-11.00 Keynote with Patrick Zaki, University of Bologna

From university to the prison: The Dangers and Sacrifices of Pursuing Academic Research in SWANA Countries

Moderator: **Ester Gallo**, University of Trento

Introduction: **Rita Monticelli**, University of Bologna

11.00-12.00 Workshop: Storytelling in Advocacy

Moderator: **Adam Braver**, SAR

Patrick Zaki

Selma Bratberg, SAIH

Gianluca Costantini, Artist and Activist

12.00-13.00 Lunch (Central Court - Ground Floor)

Room 10, Room 12, Professors' Meeting Room (1st Floor); Meeting Room (2nd Floor)

13.00-14.00 Small Group Work

Case-focused groups draft a map of an advocacy campaign that focuses on storytelling, with input from faculty and guests.

14.00-16.00 Small Group Walk

Case-focused groups hold a walking meeting through Trento to refine an advocacy campaign that will bring the scholar to life as a family member, an academic, etc.

Professors' Meeting Room (1st Floor)

14.00-16.00 **Concurrently: Faculty and Prospective Faculty Meeting

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break (Central Court - Ground Floor)

Kessler Room - Ground Floor

16.30-17.30 Presentation of Advocacy Campaigns

Moderator: **Claudio Fogu**, University of California, Santa Barbara

17.30-18.00 Closing Discussion

Moderators: **Adam Braver** and **Clare Robinson**, SAR;
Ester Gallo, University of Trento

Further information

<https://webmagazine.unitn.it/evento/cjm/118785/european-student-advocacy-days>



<https://cjm.unitn.it/esaf/overview>

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