

European Student Advocacy Days 2022

Training the Next Generation of Advocates

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Scholars at Risk's annual event, European Student Advocacy Days, brings students and faculty from SAR's Student Advocacy Seminars from across Europe together for training on best practices in advocacy on behalf of imprisoned scholars. This year's event consists of a series of exciting online events. It will open on April 11th with a lecture on **Protecting and Promoting the Freedom and Courage to Think in Times of War (and Beyond): The Role of Universities and University Networks**. Also an advocacy training workshop will be offered on May 9th, as well as many opportunities for scientific and student exchange throughout the first ever European Scholars at Risk Advocacy Days.

PROGRAM

*Advance registration required for all events.

DATE	EVENT	TIME (CET)	LOCATION
Monday, April 11	<p>PUBLIC LECTURE + PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p><i>Under the auspices of the Rector of the Ruhr University Bochum, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Martin Paul</i></p> <p>Opening Session: Protecting and Promoting Freedom and Courage to Think in Times of War (and beyond): What Role for Universities and University Networks?</p> <p><i>The keynote by Prof. Dr. Manfred Nowak (Secretary General, Global Campus of Human Rights) will be followed by a panel discussion between representatives from university networks from around the globe.</i></p>	16:00 - 17:30	<p>Online; Register Here</p> <p>Webpage public lecture series</p>
Monday, April 25	<p>ECR FORUM</p> <p>(Globally) Engaged Early Career Researcher Forum</p> <p>The Art of Engaged Scholarship: Engaged Research on Academic Freedom from the perspective of (female) early career researchers.</p> <p><i>The forum brings together engaged ECRs from around the world (including Germany, Pakistan and Ukraine), who not only conduct research on Academic Freedom and related topics, but whose scholarly engagement goes far beyond research and extends to different types of public engagement.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, research funding mechanisms (including fellowships) for globally engaged young scientists will be discussed, e.g., the UNIC4Engaged Research Program.</i></p>	16:00 - 17:00	<p>Online; Register Here</p> <p>Webpage public lecture series</p>

<p>Friday, April 29</p>	<p>ADVOCACY TRAINING & STUDENT EXCHANGE Advocating for Belarus scholars and students This session brings together two members of SAR's <u>European Coordinating Committee for Academic Freedom Advocacy</u>, Maksimas Milta, (Associate Analyst at the Eastern Europe Studies Centre, and a ReThink CEE Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States) and Denise Roche, Advocacy Manager of SAR Europe.</p> <p>They will discuss how to do advocacy, what kind of advocacy actions have been done for Belarus scholars and students and what has been effective.</p> <p><i>During the second part of the session, students from different advocacy seminars working on Belarus will be invited to share their experiences and plans for advocacy on Belarus.</i></p>	<p>12.30 - 15.30</p>	<p>Online; Register Here</p>
<p>Monday, May 9</p>	<p>ADVOCACY TRAINING Academic Freedom Index as a Tool for SAR Student Advocacy</p> <p><i>Dr. Lars Pelke (German Institute for Global and Area Studies) gives a workshop on how to use Academic Freedom Index as a tool for SaR Advocacy</i></p>	<p>15:00 - 16:00</p>	<p>Online; Register Here</p>
<p>Friday, May 13</p>	<p>PANEL EVENT Protecting Human Rights Defenders and Prisoners of Conscience in Bahrain</p> <p>University of Nottingham's Human Rights Law Centre SAR students are hosting an online panel discussion as part of their campaign for Dr Abduljalil Al-Singace, imprisoned Bahraini academic, blogger, human rights defender and pro-democracy activist. This event brings together a superb line-up of speakers with expertise on the human rights situation in Bahrain.</p> <p>We will hear from:</p>	<p>17:00 - 18:30</p>	<p>Join via MS Teams</p>

	<p>Khalid Ibrahim, Executive Director & co-Founder, Gulf Centre for Human Rights (GCHR) <i>A narrative about the champions of peaceful change in Bahrain</i></p> <p>Sue Willman, Senior Consultant at Deighton Pierce Glynn; Assistant Director, Lecturer and Supervising Solicitor at King's College Legal Clinic <i>Legal Strategies to protect Human Rights defenders in Bahrain</i></p> <p>Sayed Alwadaei & Josie Thum, Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (BIRD) <i>Advocacy in Practise: What tools can you use to advocate for human rights?</i></p>		
<p>Monday, May 16</p>	<p>STUDENT EXCHANGE</p> <p>How students can make a difference: MCI students' campaign for Mr. Ahmed Samir Santawy from Egypt whose studies focus on women's rights in Egypt.</p> <p><i>Students present their campaign strategies for the release of Mr. Ahmed Samir Santawy.</i></p>	<p>15:00 - 16:30</p>	<p>Online; Register Here</p>

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