

SCHOLARS AT RISK

N E T W O R K

Ethics in International Partnerships

UNICA IRO Meeting
Vilnius University
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members, hosts,
and partners
in over

37

countries

350+

scholars assisted annually

80+

positions arranged
for at-risk scholars
each year

active
scholars
in prison
cases

70

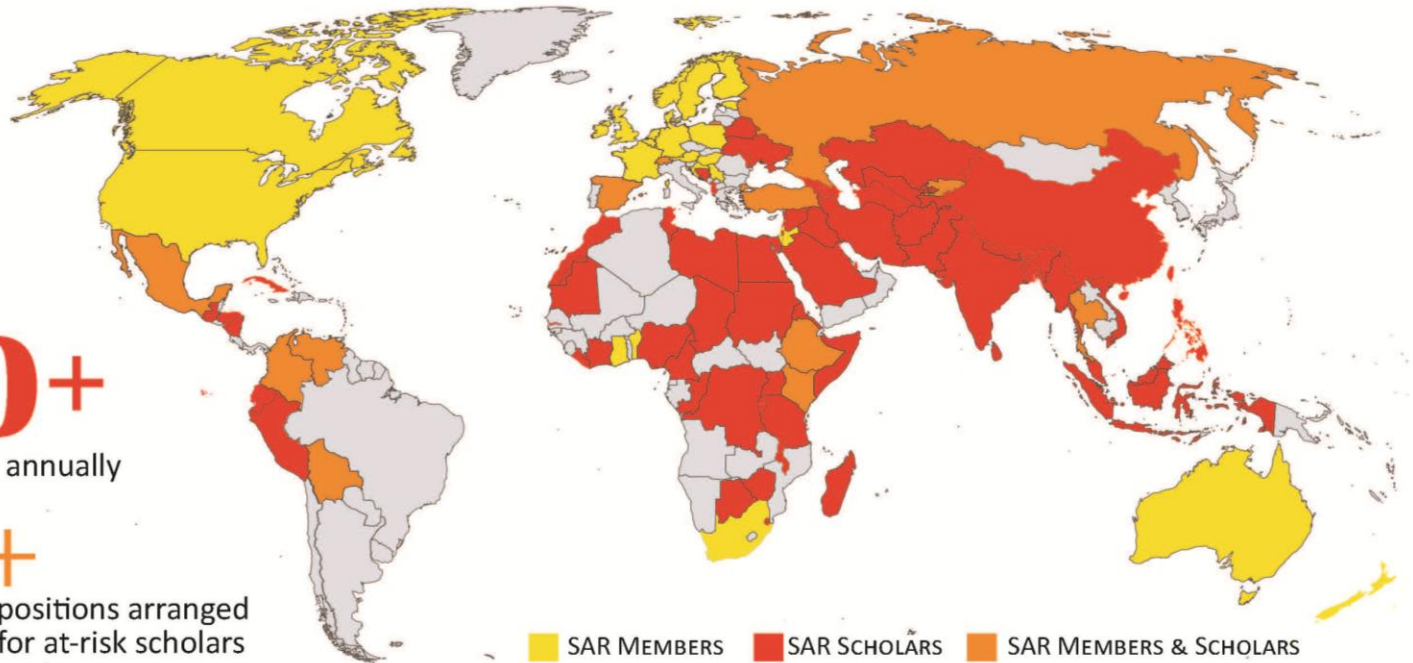
\$2 million

contributed annually by SAR members and
partners in direct support of at-risk scholars

475+

documented attacks
on higher education
in 62 countries

7 BILLION+ Scholars at Risk works to protect *everyone's* right to think, question, and share ideas, freely and safely.



What is Scholars at Risk?



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Restrictions on movement



Imprisonment



Disappearances



Killings

The Shrinking Space



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Appendix:

**DRAFT MODEL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON
CORE VALUES IN INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS**

RECITALS

1. WHEREAS, [Institution A] and [Institution B] (each an “Institution” and together the “Institutions”) have entered into [or will enter into] an [international partnership agreement] (the “Agreement”) to mutually promote the pursuit of higher education;
2. WHEREAS, higher education means programs of study, training or research at the post-secondary level provided by universities, colleges, institutes or other educational establishments that are approved as institutions of higher education by competent state authorities and/or recognized accreditation systems;
3. WHEREAS, the Institutions recognize that the quality of higher education generally and the higher education-related activities covered by their Agreement (the “Activities”) in particular depend in part on mutual understanding of and respect for core values of higher education;
4. NOW THEREFORE, the Institutions hereby enter voluntarily into this Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”), which is not part of the Agreement and does not create any enforceable rights or legal responsibilities to the Institutions or third parties, for the purpose of building dialogue and understanding with respect to these core values, as well as establishing procedures for upholding them within the context of the Activities and the Agreement.

Memorandum of Understanding Project

- Equitable access
- Accountability
- Academic freedom
- Autonomy
- Social responsibility

Higher Education Values

Support for Higher Education Values

Theory  Practice

**Memorandum of
Understanding Project**

- Pro-engagement
- Concrete
- Voluntary
- Transparent
- A framework for dialogue
- **Ritualizing** the conversation

Memorandum of Understanding Project



Impact on Quality

- **Increase** discussion and promotion of HE values
- **Support** leaders already working to promote HE values
- **Generate** better information about threats to HE
- **Educate** partners to challenges encountered
- **Establish** on-going dialogue across national, cultural and economic boundaries
- **Contribute** to development of international norms

MOU Project Objectives

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**Protect the space.
Join the conversation.**
