

Philipp Schwartz Forum 2020

9 to 10 March 2020
Cafe Moskau
Karl-Marx-Allee 34
10178 Berlin, Germany

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AGENDA

Whether in nations under authoritarian regimes or in countries afflicted by armed conflict, critical thinkers such as scholars, journalists and artists are frequently among the first to be affected and forced into displacement through intimidation, persecution, or other targeted attacks. Many have since come to Germany and found temporary shelter, in the context of the Alexander von Humboldt's Philipp Schwartz Initiative or through other programmes. One focus of the Philipp Schwartz Forum 2020 will be to review the situation of displaced scholars, artists, and journalists who have found refuge in other countries. A second focus will be on one of the most challenging issues for Philipp Schwartz fellows from the day they commence their stays at their German host institution: What next? How should I prepare for my transition after my risk-related temporary position into a job market with more long-term perspectives - in academia and beyond, in Germany or elsewhere?

The expected number of participants is 250; conference language will be English. Please note that this event is by invitation only and requires advance registration.

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PROGRAMME

Monday, 9 March 2020

Pre-Conference Networking and Meetings

For SAR Germany member institution staff (by invitation only):

12:00 – 13:00 ***Scholars at Risk Germany Section General Assembly***

from 11:30 *Registration and Networking Lunch*

14:00 **Conference Opening**

14:00 **Welcome**

Judith Wellen, Director Strategy and External Relations, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

14:05 – 14:15 **Opening Remarks**

Andreas Görgen, Director-General for Culture and Communication, Federal Foreign Office

14:15 – 14:45 **The Philipp Schwartz Initiative and European Scholar Rescue Today**

Enno Aufderheide, Secretary General, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

14:45 – 15:45 **Panel Discussion: Forced Migration in the Sciences, the Arts, and Journalism**

Science: Arien Mack, Director, New University in Exile Consortium, The New School

Robert Quinn, Executive Director, Scholars at Risk Network

Arts: Maik Müller, Head, Martin Roth Initiative

Journalism: Leon Willems, Director Policy and Programmes, Free Press Unlimited

Moderator: Barbara Sheldon, Managing Director Philipp Schwartz Initiative, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

15:45 – 16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15 – 17:15 **Panel: Reclaiming Career Paths**

Philipp Schwartz fellows report on their on-going research and share their efforts to develop professional perspectives.

Moderator: Enno Aufderheide, Secretary General, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

17:15 – 18:45 **For Scholars and Mentors: Networking Within Subject Fields**

Social Sciences, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Engineering

For Host Institution Representatives and others:

1. Workshop on Promoting Higher Education Values:

Robert Quinn, Executive Director, Scholars at Risk Network

2. Workshop on Traumatization - Learning from Global Experiences:

Maren Kroeger, Division of Resilience and Solutions, UNHCR

Karim Albrem, member of UNHCR's Global Youth Advisory Council

19:00 **Dinner**

Dinner Speech: Günter M. Ziegler, President, Freie Universität Berlin

Tuesday, 10 March 2019

For Academic Mentors and Host Institution Representatives

09:00 – 11:00

1. For Academic Mentors:

Workshop on Supporting At-Risk Scholars

Reflecting the role of the academic mentor: managing expectations, defining timelines and milestones for the PSI fellowship, fostering strategic networks, etc.

Christine Hanke, Professor of Digital and Audiovisual Media, University of Bayreuth

Johannes Müller, Head, Department International Science, University of Cologne

Arnulf Quadt, Professor of Experimental Particle Physics, University of Göttingen

Arnis Vilks, Professor of Microeconomics, HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management

Moderator: Barbara Sheldon, Managing Director Philipp Schwartz Initiative, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

2. For Host Institution Representatives:

Workshop on Administering the Philipp Schwartz Initiative

Host institution staff are invited to discuss administrative aspects of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative. This workshop is intended for all host institution representatives, but recommended especially for newly selected institutions.

Frank Albrecht, Programme Director Philipp Schwartz Initiative, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Nina Marsh, Head Internal Audit, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

11:00

End of Philipp Schwartz Forum for Academic Mentors and Host Institution Staff

until 14:30

Farewell Lunch

Post-Conference Networking and Meetings

11:00 – 12:30

For representatives of host institutions and other participants:

Opportunity for informal networking and meetings

A limited number of spaces will be available for self-organized meetings, such as regional networking among host institutions. To request a space, please contact the Humboldt Foundation by 31 January.

11:30 – 12:30

For SAR Germany Steering Group members (by invitation only):

SAR Germany Steering Group Meeting:

Reflection on the event and potential next steps

12:30 – 13:30

For InSPIREurope Consortium (by invitation only):

InSPIREurope Lunch Meeting



For Scholars: Parallel training workshops, coaching and information sessions



For the scholar workshops on Tuesday, 10 March 2020, session, the Philipp Schwartz Initiative is partnering with “Academics in Solidarity” (AiS), drawing on their immense experience. All sessions are funded – as is the entire conference – by the Philipp Schwartz Initiative, with the German Foreign Office as the primary funder. AiS is 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. The program 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).



Track 1: Coaching Sessions on Academic Career Development

(limited availability)

09:00 – 16:00

1.1 Job application and interview training

Thomas Koch, academic futures, Neubiberg

- limited to 15 participants
- formal and hidden rules of applying for jobs in German academia
- application strategies
- preparing a convincing job application
- dos and don'ts at job interviews

1.2 Writing successful research project proposals

Annette Kolb, coach academics, Bad Camberg

- limited to 10 participants with concrete project ideas or in the process of preparing grant proposals
- open to individual scholars and mentoring tandems

Track 2: Training Workshops on Career Options beyond Academia

(limited availability)

09:00 – 16:00

2.1 Career development beyond academia for social science and humanities scholars

Siofra McSherry, Scienza Science Coaching, Berlin

- limited to 20 participants
- evaluating the existing options
- individual SWOT analysis
- preparing the change of your career path
- elaborating own career development plan

2.2 Career development beyond academia for natural scientists

Cornelia Rahn, Coaching | Training | Mediation, Berlin

- limited to 20 participants
- evaluating the existing options
- individual SWOT analysis
- preparing the change of your career path
- elaborating own career development plan

Track 3: Information and Discussion Sessions

(open to all interested scholars)

- 09:00 – 11:00** **Strategic networking in and beyond academia**
Jennifer Plaul, Global Young Academy
Florian Kohstall, Academics in Solidarity
- networking strategies
 - approaching the right contacts in the right way – rules of communication
 - maintaining networks and using your contacts strategically
- 11:00 – 11:30** *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 – 13:30** **Peer-review and publication strategies**
Abel Polese, Institute for International Conflict Resolution and Reconstruction, Dublin City University
- How does peer-review work and why is it important?
 - How to select the right journal? Impact factor and other criteria
 - How to convince the reviewers and enhance your publication record?
- 13:30 – 14:30** *Lunch*
- 14:30 - 16:00** **Reimagining your career path – establishing a start-up**
Christine Reuter, Profund Innovation, Freie Universität Berlin
- turning a great idea into an enterprise – where to start?
 - funding options – who can help?
 - existing examples – open discussion
- 16:00** ***End of Philipp Schwartz Forum for Scholars***