



Supporting **U**niversity **C**ommunity pathways for **R**efugees-migrants

## INVITATION

### **S.U.C.R.E. Project and Scholars at Risk Network Meeting Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Thursday October 4, 2018, 16:30 to 17:30**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the EU-funded S.U.C.R.E. project (Supporting **U**niversity **C**ommunity pathways for **R**efugees-migrants), and in collaboration with the Scholars at Risk Network (SAR) we are pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss forming a Greek section of Scholars at Risk. The meeting will be held as part of the final event of the S.U.C.R.E. project on Thursday, **October 4, 2018** in Thessaloniki, Greece. The meeting will take place from 16:30 to 17:30.

Scholars at Risk is an international network of higher education institutions dedicated to promoting academic freedom and defending the human rights of scholars worldwide. The network is hosted at New York University, and since its founding in 2000, has grown to include more than 500 member institutions in 41 countries and provided direct assistance to more than 600 scholars facing grave threats. In addition to arranging temporary positions of academic refuge for at-risk scholars, the network monitors attacks on higher education communities, organizes a speaker series and student advocacy seminars, advocates on behalf of scholars in prison, and convenes workshops and conferences to lead new thinking on the importance of academic freedom and how better to support it. In short, Scholars at Risk members are at the center of a global movement for everyone's freedom to think, question and share ideas.

In Europe, SAR has helped launch national sections in eight countries—Ireland (*with Universities Ireland*), Sweden, Germany (*with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*), the Netherlands (*with the Foundation for Refugee Students UAF*), the UK (*with Cara*), Finland (*with Universities Finland, Norway, and Switzerland*)— and with new sections in formation elsewhere. Our meeting in October with Scholars at Risk's board member Professor Domna Stanton and SAR's European Director, Sinead O'Gorman, will be an opportunity for representatives of Greek universities to learn more about ways to get involved in SAR-related activities, and to discuss their interest in forming a Scholars at Risk Greece section. The meeting is scheduled to take place in the afternoon of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 16.30-17.30.

We hope you can join and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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