

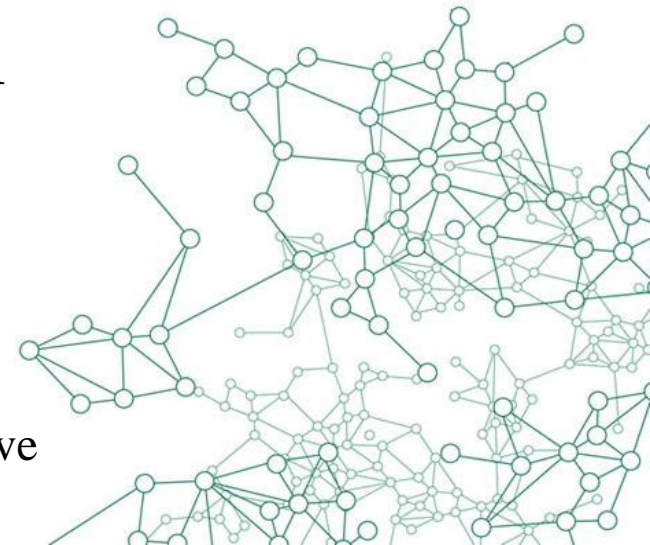


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# Solidarity with Belarussian academics: The Philipp Schwartz Initiative and other support programmes

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# Overview

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## 1. The Philipp Schwartz Initiative

## 2. Other Resources for At-Risk Researchers





# Philipp Schwartz

- Professor of Pathology at the University of Frankfurt
- dismissed in 1933 under the “Law for the Restoration of the Professional Civil Service” (*Berufsbeamtengesetz*) and fled Germany to escape arrest
- founded the “Notgemeinschaft deutscher Wissenschaftler im Ausland”
- placed nearly 2,000 dismissed academics in posts abroad up to 1946



# Philipp Schwartz-Initiative: Three components

1. Structures

2. People

3. Networks





## Facts & figures I

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- Financial and institutional support from Federal Foreign Office
- fully-funded 24 month fellowship/employment contract (PostDoc level)
- extension of up to 12 months (co-financed with host institution)
- auxiliary funds for the host institution: €20,000 per fellow hosted
  - to provide language training, individual and group coachings for PSI fellows
  - to help establish long-term support structures





## Facts & figures II

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- 50 fellowships per year in 2 calls for nominations
- since 2016: >300 Philipp Schwartz fellows at >90 institutions
- main countries of origin: Turkey (62%), Syria (22%)
- 6 nominations and 2 grants for Belarussian scholars in first 2021 call, 5 nominations in current call
- 19 other countries of origin, including Cameroon, Iraq, Iran, Venezuela, Yemen



# Scholars at Risk Network – German Section

- >40 members
- AvH coordinates Germany Section
- Platform for exchange and mutual support
- events
- networking
- Website: information, best practices, additional funding opportunities





## Partners

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**Funding, advice for scholars and institutions, threat assessments:**



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**Funding, advice for students and institutions:**



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst  
German Academic Exchange Service





# Inspireurope: A European approach

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- scientific community and universities need to pro actively act to further, uphold and protect the freedom of our societies
- EU project InSPIREurope:
  - funded by Horizon 2020, coordinated by SAR Europe
  - 10 project partners: among others Collège de France/PAUSE, European University Association, universities in Norway, Sweden, Greece, Poland
  - Objectives: exchange and mutual support, long-term supporting structures within and outside academia, perspectives for affected researchers, policy advice

# Belarus: Raising and maintaining public awareness

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- Challenge: Creating and maintaining focus in shifting „economy of attention“
- Using national platforms (Germany: PSI, HRK et al.) to raise and maintain awareness of Belarus crisis
- Networks such as Inspireurope to address European level
- Global actors such as Scholars at Risk to address global academia, public, political stakeholders

# Belarus: Raising and maintaining public awareness

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- Example: 2021 Philipp Schwartz and Inspireurope Stakeholder Forum:
  - Special Panel on Belarus
  - Accompanying strategic communication on visible platforms (expert interviews, media/social media etc.)
  - Follow-up communication work
  - Providing platforms to Belarussian fellows



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# Further Funding Opportunities in Germany

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**VolkswagenStiftung:** add-on funds to ongoing projects

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## State-level Programmes

- Bremen, Hamburg, Hessen
- SRF/Baden-Württemberg Fund for Persecuted Scholars
- Einstein Foundation Berlin

**Academy in Exile:** Offers researchers at risk because of their academic or civic engagement for human rights, peace and democracy fellowships and multidisciplinary work environment, in which fellows shape the research agenda and intellectual profile of the Academy.

**OSUN Threatened Scholars Initiative:** Support for scholars forced to seek positions at OSUN institutions outside their home countries due to threat from authoritarian regimes, persecution for their views and identities, or other risks.

**Chance for Science:** online platform to connect at-risk researchers/students with colleagues and scientific institutions in Germany



# Support for students at risk

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## DAAD Hilde Domin Programme

- Funded by Federal Foreign Office
- supports students and doctoral candidates at risk of being denied educational or other rights in their country of origin
- opportunity to begin/complete degree in any field at higher education institution in Germany
- nomination programme
- focus of first call for nominations: Belarus
- <https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/what-we-do/sustainable-development/funding-programmes/funding-programmes-for-students-a-z/hilde-domin-programm/>

# Support for artists and human rights defenders at risk

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## **Elisabeth Selbert Initiative**

Support programme for at-risk human rights defenders

<https://www.ifa.de/en/fundings/elisabeth-selbert-initiative/>

## **Martin Roth Initiative**

Support programme for at-risk artists

<https://martin-roth-initiative.de/en>



## Further information and contact

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### Compilations of resources for researchers at risk:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/resources>

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/philipp-schwartz-initiative/sponsorship-opportunities-for-researchers-at-risk>

<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/scholar-resources/>

### Inspireurope report on national-level initiatives:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/inspireurope/publications>

### Contact:

**Inspireurope:** <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/inspireurope>

**Philipp Schwartz Initiative:** [www.philipp-schwartz-initiative.de](http://www.philipp-schwartz-initiative.de)