



# EUROPEAN STUDENT ADVOCACY DAYS

## Training the Next Generation of Advocates for Academic Freedom

### December 14-15, 2023

Palazzo di Sociologia  
Department of Sociology and Social Research  
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ESAF project is coordinated by the Department of Sociology and Social Research in collaboration with the Faculty of Law

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Scholars at Risk invites students and faculty to participate in **European Student Advocacy Days 2023**, to be held at the University of Trento, Italy. Scholars at Risk's annual Student Advocacy Days events bring students and faculty from SAR's Student Advocacy Seminars together for training on best practices in advocacy on behalf of imprisoned scholars and students, and to foster respect for academic freedom.

#### Public Sessions

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Kessler Room - Ground Floor

##### 14.00-15.00 Learning from SAR Scholars' Experiences

**Olga Alter**, University of Trento, **Arseniy Petrov**, The Harvard University Centre for Italian Renaissance, and **Oleg Zhuravlev**, Scuola Normale Superiore: *Politicization of Research and De-Politicization of Art: the Interconnections Between Academic and Artistic Freedom in Russia*

**Raha Sabet Sarvestani**, University of Turku: *Systematic Oppression of Higher Education in Iran Under the Islamic Republic*

**Gökhan Demir**, University of Padova: *Challenges to Academic Freedom: A Dual Assault and the Significance of Solidarity Networks*

##### 17.00-18.30 Protecting Academic Freedom in Europe

**Claudia Padovani**, European Advocacy Committee for Academic Freedom

**Lauren Pray**, European Student Union

**Clare Robinson**, SAR

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Room 2 - Underground Floor

##### 9.45-11.00 Keynote with Patrick Zaki, University of Bologna

*From University to the Prison: The Dangers and Sacrifices of Pursuing Academic Research in SWANA Countries*

Introduction: **Rita Monticelli**, University of Bologna

#### Full Programme



#### Further information

<https://cjm.unitn.it/esaf/overview>

#### Organising Committee

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