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TOGETHER THROUGH A MOST DIFFICULT YEAR

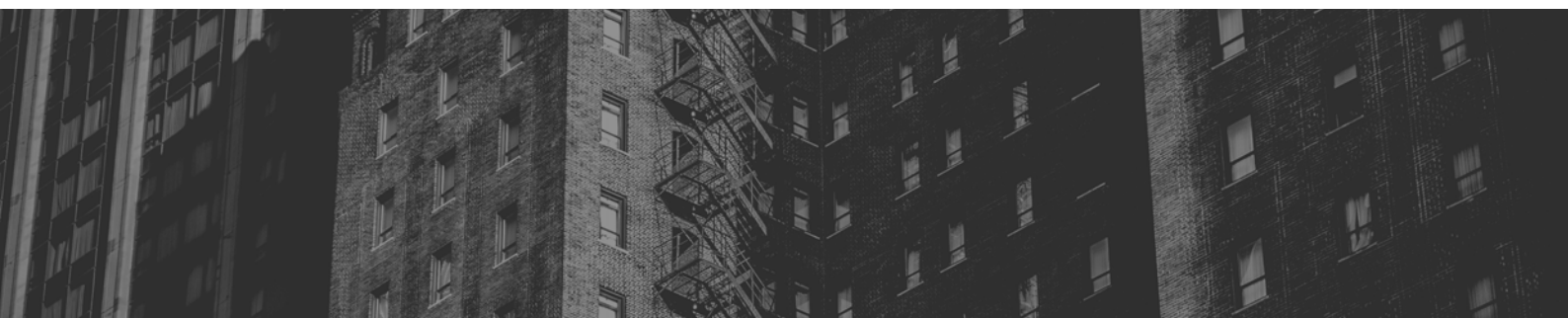


Arien Mack
Founder & Director

This year the New University in Exile Consortium, like the rest of the world, dealt with unprecedented challenges. COVID-19 has changed all of our lives, imposing uncertainty and isolation upon us all. Now, more than a year later many of our colleagues and friends around the world are still in the grips of this devastating pandemic.

Over the last year, we have seen authoritarian governments use the pandemic as a reason to further erode and limit academic freedom. The move to electronic platforms necessitated by the pandemic provided new avenues to censor or silence those advocating for fundamental human rights.

In the face of these unprecedented challenges, the New University in Exile Consortium has worked to be a welcoming refuge for the growing number of endangered exiled scholars hosted by our member institutions. As you will read, we have persevered, moving our face-to-face programming online whenever possible, and enriching our online programming such as our weekly Scholars' Seminar which has, from the start, been an important online activity for the Consortium. This has ensured that our intellectual community could continue to flourish.



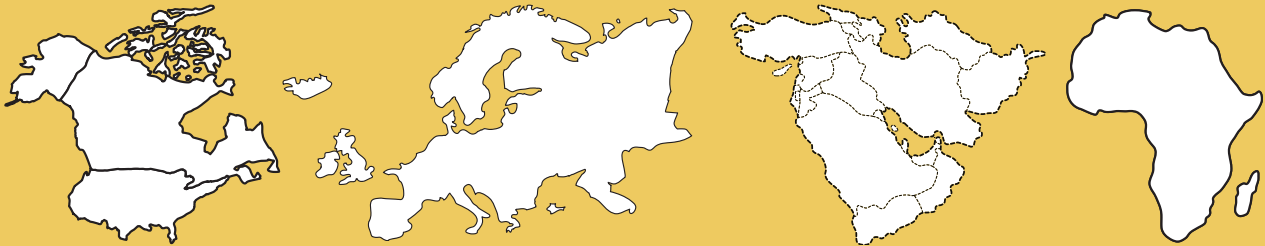
The New University in Exile Consortium is based at The New School and now part of its Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility. We are an an expanding group of 31, soon to be 40 colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, Germany, Jordan, and South Africa. Each institutional member is committed to hosting at least one exiled scholar every year and these exiled hosted scholars constitute our scholar cohort. We work with them individually and together to try and lessen the profound sense of dislocation which exiled scholars suffer and which adversely impacts their intellectual and personal lives.

Established in September 2018, the Consortium follows in the tradition of The New School's original University in Exile, which in 1933 became the home of rescued, largely Jewish endangered scholars from Germany and France. Today, the New University in Exile Consortium is hosting 40 exiled scholars from 14 countries.



New University in Exile Consortium Director & Scholars

WE ARE GLOBAL



The Consortium became a global organization adding 11 new member institutions in Canada, Germany, and South Africa this year. In total, **we have grown to 31 member institutions** and anticipate **growing to 40** by the end of the summer 2021. We hope to expand our network to France and Italy as well as to other Sub-Saharan African countries.

UNITED STATES (19):

Amherst College
Barnard College
Brown University
Columbia University
Connecticut College
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Northeastern University
Rutgers University- New Brunswick
SUNY Farmingdale
The New School
Trinity College
Union College
University of Connecticut
University of Pittsburgh
Wayne State University
Wesleyan University
Wellesley College
Yale University

CANADA (1):

McGill University

GERMANY (4):

Dresden University of Technology
Friedrich Schiller University Jena
Humboldt University, Berlin
University of Bonn

JORDAN (1):

Columbia Global Center, Amman

SOUTH AFRICA (6):

Durban University of Technology
Nelson Mandela University
University of Johannesburg
University of Kwazulu-Natal
University of Pretoria
University of Witwatersrand

In the last academic year we have added 12 additional exiled scholars to the Consortium. **Since our launch in 2018 we have supported a total of 72 scholars.**

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Our members are currently hosting 40 endangered, exiled scholars funded by the Scholar Rescue Fund, Scholars at Risk, Einstein Foundation Berlin, Philipp Schwartz Initiative, & by individual universities and colleges.

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Scholars come from Azerbaijan, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Iran, Iraq, Poland, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Yemen.

They are experts in: agriculture sciences, anthropology, archeology, filmmaking, economics, history, environmental science, law, linguistics, mathematics, migration studies, museum curation, medical science, philosophy, poetry, political science, psychology, and sociology.

"The Consortium has changed my life. I have been rescued and placed in the midst of some of the world's outstanding scholars. The Consortium has given me an unforgettable experience of intercultural collaboration and academic work at the highest level." - Consortium Scholar, 2021



Dr. Teng Biao is an exiled Chinese lawyer and human rights activist who continues to advocate against human rights abuses in China, despite the fact that he is attacked even here in the US. This winter, he was harassed by a group of Chinese government-allied protestors (the story was covered by [The Washington Post](#)) who picketed outside his home during the weeks he was teaching a cold online seminar sponsored by the Consortium titled, "Law, Justice and Human Rights in China." Despite personal costs, Dr. Teng Biao has remained a staunch defender of the principles of free speech and academic freedom.



Teng Biao watches protestors outside his home, December 2020

Photos by Corey Perrine for The Washington Post

The Scholars Seminar is the Consortium's longest running program. Meeting online each week for two hours, the seminar serves the dual purpose of exploring an academic subject chosen by the scholars, while also providing a time to come together and check in with one another.



*"Our themes have been Autobiography, and Social Movements -- and both are essential to me. I am also grateful for such guests as Dame Marina Warner and Seyla Benhabib, who have introduced new thinking into our conventions of academic writing. The intercultural dialogue with my colleagues is the stuff of life for me."
-Consortium Scholar, 2021*

This year the seminar was led by the distinguished literary scholar and Polish exile, Dr. Irena Grudzińska Gross. In the fall the scholars discussed "autobiography in the context of violence," and in the spring the seminar focused on "mass protest movements." We welcomed notable guest speakers each semester including:

Fall 2020

- Ellen Hinsey, Author and Independent Scholar
- Alissa Valles, writer, editor, and translator
- Masha Gessen, Russian-American journalist, author, translator and activist
- Timothy Snyder, Richard C. Levin Professor of History, Yale University; Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna
- Melissa Fay Greene, American non-fiction author
- Matthew Spellberg, Junior Fellow at the Society of Fellows, Harvard University

Spring 2021

- Ahmed Bawa, Chief Executive Officer, Universities South Africa
- Seyla Benhabib, Eugene Meyer Professor of Political Science and Philosophy, Yale University
- Marci Shore, Associate Professor, Yale University
- Arjun Appadurai, Paulette Goddard Professor of Media, Culture, and Communication, New York University
- Jim Sleeper, American Author, Journalist, and Political Science Lecturer, Yale University
- Marina Warner, writer of fiction, criticism and history



Black Lives Matter Protest, Washington DC

During the summer of 2020, we witnessed the largest ever global protest against racial injustice and in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, protestors around the world took to the streets and the conversation about racism in America moved to the forefront of the public consciousness. To Consortium scholars less familiar with the history of systematic racism in the United States, we felt it was important to dedicate time to exploring these events together.

Two of our hosted scholars, Simten Coşar and Selin Bengi Gümrükçü, organized a four-part series of discussions which addressed the state of police violence and ensuing protests in the United States. Together we explored the historical and contemporary dynamics of racial politics in the U.S. with a view to the past and present civil rights and social justice movements.



Black Lives Matter Protest, New York City



Stacey Greene
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American Politics and
Race and Ethnic
Politics Rutgers
University



Gülden Özcan
Assistant Professor
of Sociology
Lethbridge, Alberta,
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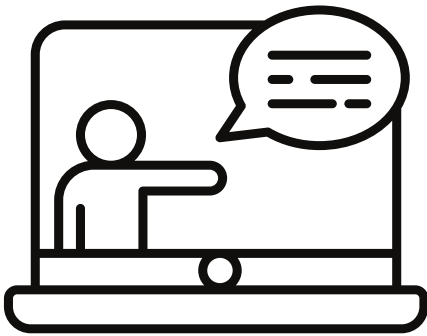


Kenneth Prewitt
Carnegie Professor
of Public Affairs &
Special Advisor to
the President
Columbia
University



Deva Woodly
Associate Professor
of Politics
The New School

This year, **our scholars co-led 7 online seminars.**



These seminars are co-led by one of our Consortium scholars and an endangered colleague whom each scholar identifies. The seminars are designed to connect stranded scholars to the global academic community and offer students who have lost access to academic institutions and their professors an opportunity to re-engage. They are **free and open to anyone anywhere** in the world with an internet connection.

Fall 2020

- Law, Justice and Human Rights in China; 1,000 registrants, co-led by Teng Biao and Jerome Cohen
- The Political Economy of Natural Resources and Rentier States, co-led by Gubad Ibadoghlu and Leila Alieva; In partnership with Off-University
- Academic Freedom in the MENA Region, co-led by Mabruk Derbesh, Nahed Ghazzoul, and Teoman Aktan; In partnership with Off-University
- Marx's Materialism, co-led by Saladdin Ahmed and Siyaves Azeri; In partnership with Off-University


Spring 2021

In partnership with Off-University.

- Race, Coloniality and Space, co-led by Utku Balaban and Gullistan Yarkin
- Democracy and Political Participation, co-led by Bengi Gümrükçü and Devrim Kabasakal Badamchi
- Archaeology, Museums, and Identities, co-led by Ahmed Kzzo and Nadal Haj Darwich



The Consortium's member institutions are publicly committed to the belief that the academic community has both the responsibility and capacity to assist persecuted and endangered scholars, to help protect the intellectual resources that are jeopardized when universities and scholars are under assault, and to advocate for academic freedom around the world. To that end, we host public conferences and events which call attention to threats to academic freedom. Our conferences also provide a platform for scholars to present their work to the broader community.




REGISTER HERE FOR ZOOM LINK

Repression & Resistance:

Inside and Outside the Academy

Thursday, November 12, 2020
12:30PM - 2:30PM (EST)
Zoom Webinar



THE ACADEMY, POLITICS AND SOCIETY: HOW A TROUBLED WORLD AFFECTS UNIVERSITIES AND ACTIVISM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Éric Fassin
"Academic Engagement: Critical Thought in the Age of Authoritarian Neoliberalism."

PRESENTORS

Ararat Osipian
"Is There Potential for Regime Change in Russia? Channeling Student Protests in a "Right" Direction"

Tomasz Kitlinski
"Dark Times' in Poland's Academy: Holocaust Researchers Threatened"


Simten Cosar
"Considerations on the State of Academic Rights during the Covid-19 Pandemic"
Visiting Professor, University of Pittsburgh

Teng Biao
China's Threat to Global Academic Freedom
Grove Human Rights Scholar at Hunter College


MODERATOR

Mohamad Moustafa Alobsi
Visiting Fellow, Columbia Global Centers, Amman, Jordan


Scholar-members of the New University in Exile Consortium discuss authoritarianism, anti-intellectualism, and censorship in Turkey, China, and Brazil. The presentations will call attention to freedom and free speech in each country, and highlight the impact back on governmental repression. **Keynote Presentation**



JUDITH BUTLER



AYSEN CANDAS
Visiting Professor, Roosevelt House



TENG BIAO
Grove Human Rights Scholar at Hunter College

WELLESLEY COLLEGE
THE FREEDOM PROJECT

IN DEFENSE OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM: THE NEW UNIVERSITY IN EXILE CONSORTIUM



FRIDAY MAY 7, 2021
12:00PM - 2:00PM ET

CONVERSATION WITH



ARIEN MACK
FOUNDER THE NEW UNIVERSITY IN EXILE CONSORTIUM

AND



JUDITH FRIEDLANDER
PROFESSOR DIRECTOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY, THE NEW SCHOOL

APRIL 22, THURSDAY 4 P.M.

REGISTER:
WELLESLEY.EDU/FREEDOMPROJECT



For questions and disability accommodations, contact thefreedomproject@wellesley.edu as soon as possible

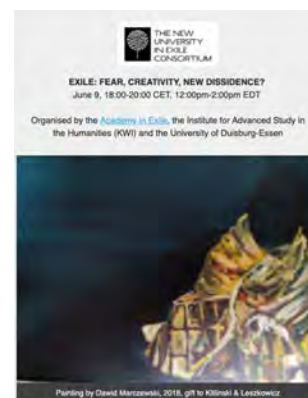
CONSORTIUM SCHOLARS' IMPACT

Our scholars regularly engage with students, faculty, and their local academic communities bringing new and diverse perspectives which undoubtedly impact the discourse around social, moral, and political issues. Their work, including teaching courses, giving public lectures, and organizing public discussions encourages those around them to engage in conversations about issues they might otherwise not consider, and raises awareness about threats to academic freedom and free expression. Here are a few examples:



Four Consortium scholars organized and participated in this event hosted by Wellesley College addressing the challenges posed by the rise of (electoral) authoritarianism in Turkey and China.

Convened by Pawel Leszkowicz, Tomasz Kitlinski, and the Academy in Exile, speakers challenged us to theorize about exile as both a deeply existential and political malaise. Exile is part of our human condition today and of our past and future. Re-examining the idea, requires thinking about it collectively.



Kian Tajbakhsh, Senior Advisor to the Executive Vice President at Columbia Global Centers successfully completed a year long webinar series "Forced Migration in a Post-Pandemic World".

In the 2020-2021 academic year, Consortium Scholars made **94** public presentations.



The Library Access Initiative

The Library Access Initiative provides stranded endangered scholars with remote access to the electronic materials available via Consortium Member-Institution libraries. The New School is providing library access to 8 scholars from 3 countries: Jordan, Turkey, and Syria.

The Scholars participating via the New School also have access to all the electronic resources of the New York Public Library.

The Initiative is designed to allow stranded scholars to continue their research despite having been cut off from their academic institutions.



[Click here to Apply for Library Access](#)

Global Sourcebook

Global Sourcebook: The Consortium SourceBook is a searchable database of resources for endangered scholars. There are currently 200 entries, with regular updates.

[Click here for Access](#)

PUBLICATIONS

In the 2020-2021 academic year, **Consortium scholars published 86 works**. Some examples:

- Teng Biao, "Oppression, Resistance, and Totalitarianism," Public Seminar, December 16, 2020.
- Teoman Aktan, "The Responsibilities of Interpreters". Health Guide for Cultural Facilitator, Doctors Without Borders/Istanbul. 2020. (in Turkish and Persian).
- Ararat Osipian, "Why world-class status is still mostly out of reach," University World News, April 24, 2021.
- Nazan Bedirhanoğlu, "The United States and the Autonomy of North and Eastern Syria," History and Future of Northern Syria, Spring 2021
- Kian Tajbakhsh, "Reading Rorty in Tehran; Or, What Happened When I Road-Tested Rorty's philosophy of life inside an Iranian prison." Forthcoming.
- Tomasz Kitlinski, "The Stranger Within: Love according to Julia Kristeva," forthcoming.
- Ahmed Kzzo, book "Perspectives on the History of Ancient Near Eastern Studies" edited by Agnès Garcia-Ventura and Lorenzo Verderame and published by Pennsylvania University and Eisenbrauns.
- Aysen Candas, "From the Dual Republic to a Totalitarian State: The Counterrevolution in Turkey 2007-2021."

SCHOLAR MEDIA APPEARANCES

Associated Press News

BBC News

Bianet

Deutsche Welle

Gazete Duvar

IranWire

National Public Radio (NPR)

New York Times

Philosophie Magazine

Radio Free Asia

South China Morning

Taz (Berlin)

The Pitt News

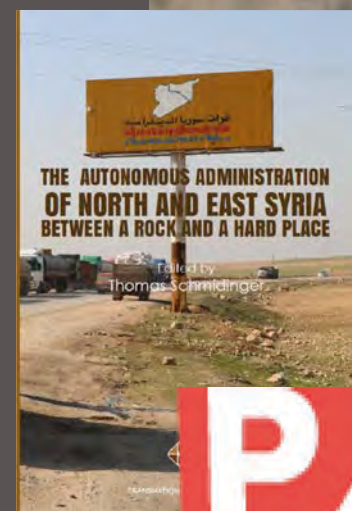
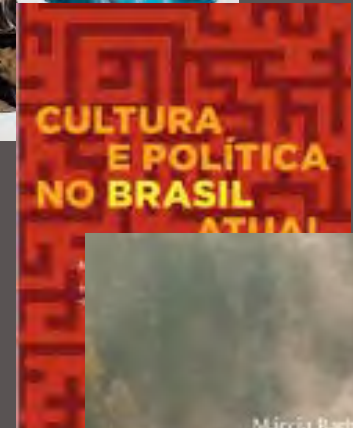
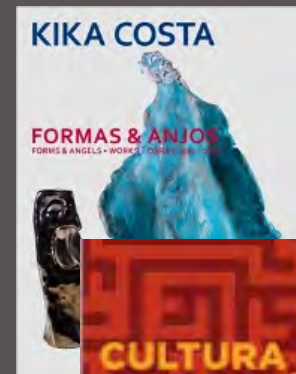
The Wall Street Journal

Washington Kurdish

Institute

The Washington Post

Voice of America



27 COURSES TAUGHT BY CONSORTIUM SCHOLARS

Here are some examples:


- Yale University: "Decolonizing Kurdistan: People, History and Politics" taught by Mehmet Kurt
- Yale University: "Transnational Islam and Muslim Communities" taught by Mehmet Kurt
- Columbia University: "Global Governance and the Challenges of Globalization" taught by Kian Tajbakhsh
- Columbia University: "Comparative Politics: Politics of North Africa," taught by Mabruk Derbesh
- Rutgers University: "European Politics," "Topics in Comparative Politics," "Capitalism: The History," and "Culture and Revolution in the Middle East," taught by Selin Bengi Gümrükçü
- Rutgers University: "Security in Central Asia," and "Understanding Eurasia" taught by Gubad Ibadoghlu
- Hunter College: Human Rights in China taught by Teng Biao
- University of Chicago: Human Rights in China taught by Teng Biao
- Marie Curie University: "Aesthetics of Love," "Contemporary Aesthetic Objects," "Rhetorics," "Spanish," "Humanism, Transhumanism, Posthumanisms," "Philosophy," and "Postmodern Culture," taught by Tomasz Kitlinski
- Amherst College: "Introduction to Urban Sociology: Invention of the Urban Space," taught by Utku Balaban
- Roosevelt House of Public Policy at Hunter College, "Introduction to Human Rights" and "Totalitarianism" taught by Aysen Candas

**ENDANGERED
SCHOLARS
WORLDWIDE**


We are scholars and students from various disciplines dedicated to protecting the human rights and academic freedom of our colleagues around the world.

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Welcome to Endangered Scholars Worldwide



Affiliated Program



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Library Access Initiative

Endangered Scholars Worldwide (ESW) is an initiative founded by Dr. Arien Mack in 2007 based on the conviction that academic freedom and freedom of inquiry are basic human rights. ESW is dedicated to raising public awareness and support for intellectuals, academics, researchers, and students who have been threatened, silenced, or imprisoned simply for doing their scholarly work or speaking out against the injustices around them. ESW is now part of the New University in Exile Consortium.



News Highlights from Endangered Scholars Worldwide

- "Thailand: Two Thai Pro-democracy Students Released on Bail
- "Myanmar Junta 'Suspends Thousands of Academics"
- "Brazilian Scientists Face Rising Attacks from Bolsonaro's Regime"
- "Petition in Solidarity with Academics and Activists in France"





**Selin Bengi
Gümrükçü**
Awarded the
MESA Global
Academy Award



Mehmet Kurt
Awarded The Jean
Rouch Award from the
Society for Visual
Anthropology Film and
Media Festival



Utku Balaban
Awarded MESA Global
Academy Scholarship



Kaveh Madani
Awarded the
American
Geophysical
Union's
Ambassador Award



**Nazan
Bedirhanoglu**
Awarded MESA
Global Academy
Fellowship

NEW POSITIONS

- Aysen Candas, Human Rights Fellow, Hunter College
- Gubad Ibadoghlu, Awarded a Fellowship at the London School of Economics
- Savaş Ergül, PAUSE Fellow, University Paris 8
- Teng Biao, Pozen Visiting Professor, University of Chicago

POSITION & FELLOWSHIP EXTENSIONS

- Selin Bengi Gümrükçü - position extended for 1 year, Rutgers University
- Nazan bedirhanoglu - position extended for 1 year, Wellesley College
- Utku Balaban - position extended for 1 year, Amherst College
- Gaudêncio Fidelis - position extended for 1 year, The New School
- Simten Coşar - position extended through June 2021, University of Pittsburgh
- Kaveh Madani - affiliation extended for 1 year, Yale University

"2021 was the first year of my career as a scholar with a Ph.D. I'm already very busy with the opportunities provided by the Consortium and the benevolent attitude of its members. I could not be more delighted."



"The New University in Exile Consortium is foundational to how I define my academic efforts to rebuild my career in the United States. Starting anew in exile, I put efforts of solidarity to defend academic freedom globally and in the United States to the front and center of my academic endeavors. Through the unwavering support of the Consortium, I now have a sense of belonging to a community of scholars who stand for the values of academic freedom and who are going through similar hardships. I don't think I would have had the strength to persist in my scholarly and advocacy work without the Consortium. I am forever grateful to Arien Mack for conceiving this idea and for working relentlessly to help the fellows. Nicole Tuszynski, Dick Bernstein, Judith Friedlander, Irena Gross, and Elzbieta Matynia always go above and beyond in their efforts to help flourish this community of scholars who hold the virtues of academic freedom dearly."



"The New University in Exile Consortium has been a vital help to me as a scholar at risk. It gave me safe haven from the repressive and violent culture in present-day Poland's ruling party that had chosen to target me personally."

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We hope many universities and colleges will join this effort to assist scholars who are under attack. Whether you are currently hosting a scholar or would like to host a scholar in the near future, your institution can become a member of the New University in Exile Consortium. Our members commit to:

- Hosting and supporting at least 1 exiled, endangered scholar.
- Identifying a liaison to represent your institution and work with the New University in Exile Consortium.

Endangered Scholar Criteria:

We define and endangered scholars as someone with a Ph.D. or equivalent degree who has held a teaching or researcher position in an institution of higher education beyond graduate school and has faced or recently fled from severe and targeted threats to their lives and or careers in their home countries or countries of residence.



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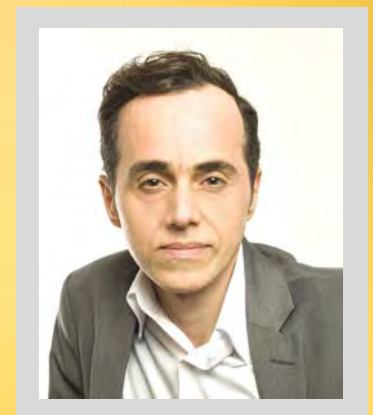
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We are seeking \$75,000 to cover the third year, 2021-2022, of a University in Exile Fellowship for, Gaudêncio Fidelis, the New School's current University in Exile Fellow. Gaudêncio Fidelis (pictured right) is a Brazilian curator and art historian who has curated and organized more than 50 exhibitions. He is a leading voice in the movement to maintain freedom of expression in the Brazilian art world.



Fidelis was forced to flee Brazil in 2019 after nearly two years of death threats, investigations, and denunciations which began when a right-wing extremist group claimed his exhibit, *Queermuseu: Cartographies of Difference in Brazilian Art* (pictured below), promoted pedophilia, zoophilia and blasphemy. Though the accusations were immediately dismissed by the public prosecutor, and the exhibit reopened in August 2018 in Rio de Janeiro, the intensity of the protests never ceased.

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