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# MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

NEW UNIVERSITY IN EXILE CONSORTIUM



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# INTRODUCTION

The New University in Exile Consortium carries out its mission to assist endangered scholars in many ways: first and foremost, by continuing to realize our original mission to create a vibrant, supportive, and intellectual online community to which each participating scholar member can feel they belong. In the five years since we launched the Consortium, it has grown from a group of 11 universities and colleges in the Northeast United States to a 67-member global collaborative with significantly increased programming that supports our hosted scholars as they come to terms with the difficulties of exile.

In the pages that follow, we will tell you a bit more about our mission, our history, and the benefits of becoming an institutional member of the Consortium. We hope you will join us and we encourage you to reach out to us at [UIEconsortium@newschool.edu](mailto:UIEconsortium@newschool.edu) should you have any questions.

As restrictions on academic freedom, threats to intellectual life and scholarship, and the actual destruction of university facilities continue, the institutions and scholar-members of the New University in Exile Consortium will work steadfastly together to do all we can to protect and nurture scholars forced into exile and the rich intellectual resources they represent.



Arien Mack  
Founder & Director, New University in Exile Consortium



# ABOUT



The New University in Exile Consortium is a globally expanding group of colleges and universities in Bangladesh, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Each institutional member is committed to hosting at least one exiled scholar every year. These hosted scholars constitute our scholar cohort. We work with them individually and as a group to try to lessen the profound sense of dislocation that exiled scholars suffer and that adversely impacts their intellectual and personal lives. With the fall of Afghanistan and the invasion of Ukraine, the Consortium expanded its mission to include finding placements for threatened Afghan and Ukrainian academics, students, and artists at Consortium member institutions.

***"Exile is strangely compelling to think about but terrible to experience. It is the unhealable rift, forced between a human being and a native place, between the self and its true home..."***

**- Edward Said,  
*Reflections on Exile***

Established in September 2018, the Consortium follows in the tradition of The New School's original University in Exile created by The New School's first President, Alvin Johnson, in 1933. The first University in Exile became the home of rescued, largely Jewish, endangered scholars from Germany and France. Today, members of the New University in Exile Consortium are hosting more than 150 exiled scholars from 29 countries.

# BECOMING A MEMBER

Members of the New University in Exile Consortium are colleges, universities, and institutions of higher education from across the globe. See a full list of Consortium member institutions on page 11.

**In becoming a member, institutions commit to the following:**

- \* *Host an Endangered Scholar***  
When an institution joins the consortium, the institution commits to hosting at least one endangered scholar each academic year. Scholars may be hosted in a variety of positions—such as visiting fellows, visiting researchers, or visiting professors—and can come from any academic discipline.
- \* *Appoint a Liaison***  
Upon joining the Consortium, the institution appoints a liaison who will serve as our point of contact on your campus.
- \* *Who counts as an "endangered scholar"?***  
An endangered scholar is defined as anyone with a Ph.D. or equivalent degree and has faced or recently fled from severe and targeted threats to their life and/or career in their home country or country of residence.

Your institution can identify this person on your own or through one of the many organizations that work to place endangered scholars, with whom we can put you in contact.

**To join the Consortium, please email [uieconsortium@newschool.edu](mailto:uieconsortium@newschool.edu) for more information.**

# BENEFITS TO MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

## *Becoming a member of the Consortium*

- Affirms and demonstrates your institution's commitment to **academic freedom** and **freedom of inquiry** as basic human rights.
- Supports **institutional diversity**, as hosted endangered scholars come from many different countries, backgrounds, and disciplines, bringing unique and valuable perspectives to their host institutions.
- Provides a **forum for liaisons** to discuss issues relating to hosting threatened scholars on their campuses and to share possible solutions.
- Provides the **local community** the opportunity to **learn about** the challenges faced by endangered scholars in different countries and the many ways academic freedom and free inquiry are threatened.



*Institutions will join a network of nearly 70 schools in 16 countries in their commitment to academic freedom, human rights, and international education.*



*Members host over 150 scholars from 29 countries, bringing a valuable and truly global array of experiences and knowledge to their host campuses.*

## *How We Are Different*

The primary difference between the Consortium and other organizations that support endangered scholars is our focus on building lasting personal connections and assistance in navigating the job market after fellowships end. Our mission is to create a supportive intellectual community for hosted scholars who often feel isolated in their new academic environment.

# BENEFITS TO HOSTED SCHOLARS

## *Our work with hosted scholars*

### ***Reduces Isolation***

Though scholars hosted by Consortium member institutions may be physically safe, they all suffer a profound sense of dislocation and isolation, even on their host campuses. This is a challenge to which the Consortium provides a unique solution: an opportunity to be together weekly online with other exiled, hosted scholars whose areas of expertise vary widely but all of whom live with the difficult experience of exile.

### ***Provides Long-Term Stability***

Once a scholar joins the Consortium community, they are welcome to take part in our activities for as long as they wish, even after their fellowships have ended.

### ***Reestablishes Academic Connections***

Consortium programs are designed to connect hosted scholars with the academic community they have lost, in part through the opportunity to teach our co-led online seminars, for which scholars receive honoraria.

### ***Provides Country Specific Support***

With a truly global network of member institutions, the Consortium is able to provide scholars with academic connections and employment advice specific to their host country.



*"They Can't Kill Us All: These Scholars Lost Their Countries and Found Each Other", a feature published in Mother Jones in November 2022, describes in rich detail the origins of the Consortium and the meaningful impact it has had on hosted scholars since its founding.*

*"Salim sees the New University in Exile as an act of resistance against these terrifying [anti-democratic] trends. 'The Consortium tells us to open up to each other and try to make something out of this time, to continue the work we were doing before... I think the Consortium is actually helping us stay within history.'"*

# MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Consortium liaisons, with our full support, have decided to self-impose a modest membership fee in order to provide the Consortium with a base level of funding. Since its founding, the Consortium has been funded exclusively by grant moneys and donations raised by the leadership and staff. Membership fees will go toward supporting Consortium programming and operating costs, helping to ensure the future of our work.

## ● ***Contributions***

Member institutions will be asked to contribute \$3,000.00 annually to help support Consortium programs.

## ● ***Waivers and Reductions***

Using World Bank classifications, the Consortium will apply a discounted rate of 50% for institutions located in countries classified as "low, lower-middle, or upper-middle-income". In addition, member institutions will be able to **request fee reductions or waivers on a yearly basis**, to be evaluated by a committee of liaisons.

## ● ***Grace Periods***

Upon joining, new members will be granted a **two-year grace period** before they are expected to contribute membership dues. However, we encourage them to contribute if they are financially able to do so.



# PROGRAMMING

At its core, the Consortium works to provide a welcoming and supportive intellectual community of endangered academics who share the experience of exile. We continue to develop innovative programs designed to address the intellectual, professional, and social needs of our scholar cohort.



## ***Weekly Scholars' Forum***

The cornerstone of our programming, the scholars' forum is an online meeting held each week to build community, share resources, and discuss topics of mutual interest.

## ***Co-Led Online Seminars***

Co-led by a Consortium scholar and an endangered colleague of their choosing, these seminars are free and open to the public. Seminar co-leaders receive a stipend from the Consortium. As of October 2023, the Consortium has offered 36 co-led online seminars with registrants from 144 countries around the world.

## ***Annual Consortium Scholars Conference***

Each spring, Consortium Scholars organize and participate in a public conference dealing with issues of mutual concern.

## ***Library Access Initiative***

Provides access for endangered scholars to electronic resources at our member institutions.

## ***Career Assistance***

We work one-on-one with scholars to help them find appropriate positions when their current fellowships end. This includes assistance with applications and resumes, interview preparation, letters of recommendation, and more.

# PROGRAMMING CONTINUED

## ***Legal Assistance***

We provide pro-bono legal advice to scholars in the United States regarding visas, immigration, and other issues.



## ***Scholar Lecture Series***

Consortium member institutions are encouraged to invite Consortium scholars hosted at other universities to give presentations and lectures on their campus.



## ***Global Sourcebook***

An online database of resources for endangered scholars, students, and artists.

## ***Mental Health Resources***

Free, online counseling and mental health services are available to hosted scholars and students through the Safran Center for Psychological Services, based at The New School.



## ***Endangered Scholars Worldwide***

Endangered Scholars Worldwide is an affiliated initiative dedicated to reporting and raising public awareness about 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.



## ***Advocacy***

The Consortium is part of a wide network of organizations that advocate for academic freedom and human rights. When necessary, we work with partners on a global scale to organize on behalf of endangered scholars, support detainees, and demand justice.



# INITIATIVES

As authoritarianism, war and violence spreads, and academic freedom remains under threat across the globe, the Consortium continues to expand its work to reach the most vulnerable populations of students and academics.



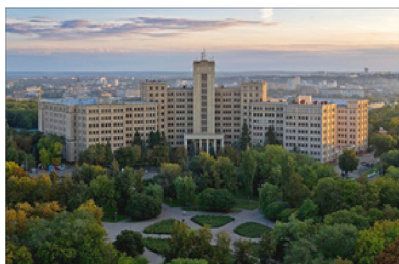
## ***University in Exile for Afghan Artists***

In collaboration with the Artistic Freedom Initiative, the Consortium is committed to bringing 10 endangered Afghan artists on 1-year fellowships to the programs and divisions in the arts at The New School. When we succeed, the Consortium will have effectively created a second University in Exile at The New School, the first of which was founded by The New School's first President, Alvin Johnson in 1933.



## ***Support for Afghan Students and Scholars***

When Kabul fell to the Taliban, the Consortium has expanded its mission to include finding placements for Afghan students and scholars at safe universities. We are proud that member institutions are hosting over 150 Afghan students on full-tuition scholarships and that the Consortium has been able to directly place over 30 scholars and students at participating schools. The Consortium also holds monthly online meetings for Afghan students hosted by member institutions.



## ***Support for Ukraine***

Since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, the Consortium has been dedicated to assisting our colleagues in Ukraine as effectively as possible. In addition to the numerous Ukrainian faculty and students hosted by Consortium member institutions, the Consortium coordinated the donation and delivery of 200 Siemens laptops to Karazin Kharkiv National University, as well as donating funds for the purchase of solar panels, which provide electricity and enable their faculty and students to continue their research and studies.

# INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

## **Bangladesh**

Asian University for Women

## **Canada**

McGill University

Queen's University

University of British Columbia

## **France**

Université Paris Lumières

Université Paris Nanterre

Université Paris 8

## **Germany**

Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena

Freie Universität Berlin

Goethe Universität Frankfurt

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Philipps-Universität Marburg

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-

Universität Bonn

Technische Universität Dresden

Universität Bremen

## **Ireland**

Maynooth University

Trinity Collge Dublin

## **Italy**

Università degli Studi di Padova

Università degli Studi di Trento

## **Jordan**

Columbia Global Center | Amman

## **Lithuania**

European Humanities University

## **Netherlands**

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

## **Poland**

Kozminski University

University of Lower Silesia

## **South Africa**

Durban University of Technology

Nelson Mandela University

University of Johannesburg

University of Kwazulu-Natal

University of Pretoria

## **Spain**

Universitat de Barcelona

## **Sweden**

Karolinska Institutet

## **Switzerland**

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

Université de Genève

## **United Kingdom**

Birkbeck University London

London School of Economics and Politics

Open University

# INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

## United States

### Arizona

Arizona State University

### California

San Jose State University

### Connecticut

Connecticut College

Trinity College

University of Connecticut

Wesleyan University

Yale University

### Louisiana

Tulane University

### Massachusetts

Amherst College

Clark University

Northeastern University

Tufts University

Wellesley College

Wheaton College

Williams College

### Michigan

Wayne State University

### Minnesota

University of Minnesota

### New Jersey

Rutgers University

### New York

Barnard College

Binghamton University, State University of New York

Columbia University

The New School\*

Union College

University of Rochester

### Ohio

Miami University

### Pennsylvania

Carnegie Mellon University

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### Rhode Island

Brown University

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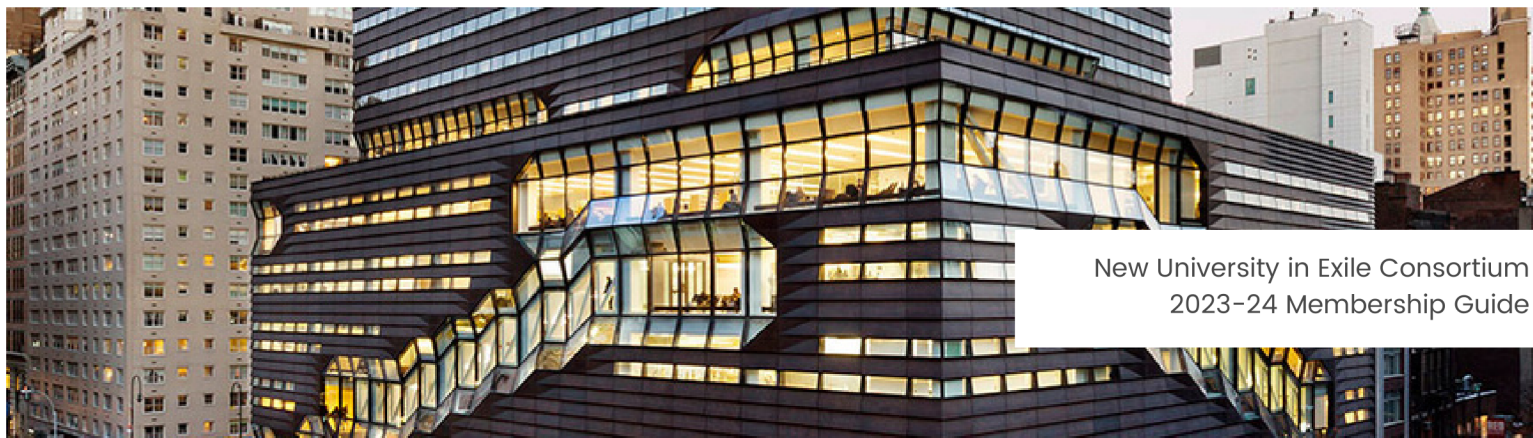
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