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The New University in Exile Consortium

2023-24 Annual Report



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“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



Letter from the Director

In a most difficult year of war, political repression, and global unrest, the New University in Exile Consortium continues to support our ever-growing cohort of nearly 300 threatened scholars by creating a meaningful and supportive intellectual community to which each entering scholar quickly feels they belong.

Whether through the individual conversations we have with each and every Consortium scholar, the scholar presentations during our weekly Scholars' Forum, our Annual Scholar Retreat, or the expanding opportunities to teach and reconnect with students through our co-led online seminars, the Consortium continues to focus on creating a welcoming community in which every scholar has the opportunity to teach, speak, listen, and be heard in a world where intellectual discourse is increasingly fraught.

In July 2023, the Consortium community came together to speak out against the all too familiar reality of political repression and violence, which was brought home to us by the unjust arrest and imprisonment in Azerbaijan of one of our scholars, Dr. Gubad Ibadoghlu, an esteemed Azeri economist. Through global advocacy campaigns and individual connections to politicians and doctors, our community worked tirelessly to advocate for his release and ameliorate the conditions of his detainment. Now under house arrest and awaiting trial, Dr. Ibadoghlu's story is a terrible reminder of the realities many of our scholar-members face and the work we have to do to make the world safer for academics, students, artists, and thinkers.



Founder Arien Mack with a group of scholars at the Annual Retreat, hosted by Brown University.

While important conversations about academic freedom are happening on campuses around the world, at the Consortium, we need not look further than our own colleagues to understand what is at stake.

Amidst these horrors, we also celebrate the unbelievable resilience and accomplishments of our Consortium scholars, who continue to write, research, publish, and teach despite all they have endured. We are committed to supporting our scholars in all their endeavors and will work steadfastly to protect and nurture scholars forced into exile and the rich intellectual resources they represent.

Arien Mack
Founding Director

Membership



Bangladesh

Asian University for Women

Canada

McGill University

Queen's University

University of British Columbia

France

Université Paris Nanterre

Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint-Denis

Germany

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Freie Universität Berlin

Goethe Universität Frankfurt

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Philipps-Universität Marburg

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Technische Universität Dresden

Universität Bremen

Ireland

Maynooth University

Trinity College Dublin

Italy

Università degli Studi di Padova

Università degli Studi di Trento

Jordan

Columbia University Global Center Amman

Lithuania

European Humanities University

Netherlands

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Kozminski University

Uniwersytet Dolnośląski DSW Wrocław

South Africa

Durban University of Technology (Affiliate)

Nelson Mandela University (Affiliate)

University of Johannesburg

University of Kwazulu-Natal (Affiliate)

University of Pretoria (Affiliate)

Spain

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Université de Genève

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Open University

Membership



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Arizona State University
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Binghamton University, State University of
New York
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Clark University
Colorado College
Columbia University
Connecticut College
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Miami University
The New School
Northeastern University
Rutgers University
San Jose State University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
University of Connecticut
University of Minnesota
University of North Dakota
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
Wayne State University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College
Williams College
Yale University

Newest Members



Colorado Springs,
Colorado, United States



Vilnius, Lithuania

RUHR
UNIVERSITÄT
BOCHUM



Bochum, Germany

Scholar Spotlight

Scholars reflect on the Consortium Community

Hosted Scholars

Consortium member universities have now hosted over **300 exiled, endangered scholars**. Our scholars come from **29 different countries** and specialize in fields such as archaeology, biochemistry, economics, film, gender studies, law, linguistics, literature, medicine, philosophy, physics, politics, public health, and sociology.



Dr. Carlos García Núñez

Country: Venezuela

Field: Tropical Ecology

Host: Trinity College, Connecticut

“I am very happy to participate in the New University in Exile Consortium since it has given me a broader and closer perspective of what it means to be an academic rescued from the anomalous situations that happen around the world... Without a doubt, feeling accompanied by people in similar situations produces a feeling of comfort since it gives us the message that it is not just me who is unlucky to have lost, for example, a lifetime of work and having to leave behind, our homes, our land, family, friends, etc. [The Consortium] gives us a sense of very important support which allows us to continue working in our areas of expertise and continue dreaming that everything is not over, and we can move forward.”

“The Consortium has had a profound impact on me this year. I realized how important community and support are in academic life. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a supportive group. The Consortium meeting also brings together an amazing variety of scholars and professional angles and captures the complexity of the world.”



Dr. Alexander Semyonov

Country: Russia

Field: Russian History

Host: Amherst College

Programs

Scholars' Forum

Each week, Consortium Scholars meet **online for a forum** led by a distinguished academic. The Forum serves as a weekly gathering place for both **intellectual and personal connection**. Scholars give presentations, share personal and professional news, and discuss topics of mutual interest. In its first year, the Scholars' Forum was led by Richard Bernstein, Vera List Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the New School for Social Research. The **2023-24** academic year was the fifth year of the Scholars' Forum and was led by the former Director of International Programs at the American Council of Learned Societies, **Andrzej Tymowski**.

Co-Led Online Seminars

The Consortium Co-Led Online Seminar program is designed to **reconnect endangered scholars with the academic community** that might be missing in exile and to reengage students from around the world with professors they have lost. Each seminar is taught by two endangered scholars – one who is hosted by a Consortium member institution, and the other a threatened colleague of their choice. The seminars are **free and open to anyone anywhere in the world**, with registration in the hundreds.

Endangered Scholars Worldwide

Endangered Scholars Worldwide is a website sponsored by the Consortium dedicated to **reporting and raising awareness** about **academics, intellectuals, researchers, and students** who have been **threatened, silenced, or imprisoned** for doing their scholarly work or speaking out against the injustices around them.

Library Access Initiative

The Library Access Initiative is a program through which the Consortium and participating member universities provide **online library access** to stranded scholars who do not have access to vital academic resources and research material. This year, libraries at The New School, Trinity College, and Wesleyan University provided online library access to **over 20 stranded scholars** with no other way to carry on their research.

Annual Scholars' Conference

Each spring, Consortium Scholars organize and participate in a **public academic conference**. These conferences provide a platform for scholars to present their work to the broader academic community, and **call attention to threats to academic freedom**.

Scholars' Forum

A Weekly Online Meeting for Consortium Scholars

"Despite being outside the academic field and my career, I was able to stay connected with fellow academics through the University in Exile Consortium... I taught an online co-led seminar funded by the Consortium, which allowed me to engage in research and reading in preparation for the lectures. The weekly meetings with colleagues provided valuable scholarly and personal insights, serving as a source of inspiration and information."

- Consortium Scholar

2023-24

The 2023-24 Scholars' Forum was led by the former Director of International Programs at the American Council of Learned Societies, **Andrzej Tymowski**. Each week scholars were invited to speak about their lives and the events that precipitated their exile. For many, violence or civil war threatened their lives. For others, the rise of authoritarianism and intensifying political repression made their jobs as researchers, teachers, and writers impossible. While the specifics of their experiences may differ, each scholar who presented at the Forum spoke to the painful experience of exile.



Looking Forward

For the past five years, the Consortium Scholars' Forum has been led by a distinguished academic with an academic or personal interest in the experience of exile. During the **2024-25 academic year**, the Scholars' Forum will be led for the first time by a fellow Consortium scholar, **Nazan Bedirhanoglu**. We are delighted to expand the roles and possibilities of our scholars through this new opportunity to lead the Scholars' Forum.



A Kurdish sociologist, Dr. Bedirhanoglu is an original member of the Consortium who was forced into exile after signing the 2016 Turkish Peace Petitions. She is now an **Assistant Professor of Sociology at Xavier University** in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Scholars' Conference

The Role of Universities in the Lead-Up to Conflict, and in Peace and Reconciliation


Annual Scholars' Conference

Held on Friday, May 20, 2024, the **6th Annual Consortium Scholars' Conference** addressed issues surrounding **academic freedom** and the **role of higher education in challenging authoritarianism, repression, and conflict**. The conference was held online, enabling our exiled scholars who are hosted in many different countries to participate. In two separate panels, the scholars discussed, **"The Role of the Academy in Challenging Authoritarianism, Violence, and in Post-Conflict Situations"** and **"The Experiences of Exiled Scholars."** Panelists addressed these topics from the perspectives of their home countries: **Afghanistan, Myanmar, Poland, Syria, Turkey, and Ukraine.**

You can watch the conference [here](#).

The New University in Exile Consortium
presents
The 6th Annual Consortium Scholars' Conference

Friday, May 10, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM ET
Online - Register for Zoom Link



**THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN THE
LEAD-UP TO CONFLICT, AND IN PEACE
AND RECONCILIATION**

Keynote Address

MICHAEL IGNATIEFF

Former Rector and President,
Central European University



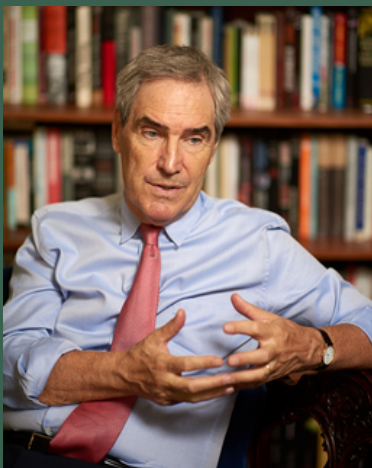
Panel Discussions: *The Role of the Academy in Challenging Authoritarianism, Violence, and in Post-Conflict Situations & The Experience of Exiled Scholars*

Featuring Consortium

Scholars:

Teoman Aktan, Mohamad Moustafa Alabsi, Crystal Bayat, Tomeka Kilinski, Pawel Leszkowicz, Abdul Momin Mansoor, Pius Masima, Sid Naing, Ararat Osipian, Yin Yin Win

Photo credit: starting top right clockwise: 1. Al-Azhar University, Cairo; AFP via Getty Images; 2. Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh; Sarah Schneider/PHOTOFEST; 3. Karim Khanouk National University, Ukraine; Photo by SERGEY BOBOK/AFP via Getty Images; 4. Officer in front of University of Havana; Coker (1933); Walker Evans/Walker Evans Archive, 1944 via The Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Ignatieff

Former Rector and President of Central European University, Dr. Michael Ignatieff, was the keynote speaker at this year's Scholars' Conference. Ignatieff spoke of the increasing threats to academic freedom around the world, including in liberal democratic societies, as well as the effect of the globalization of higher education on academic freedom, writ large. Reflecting on the expulsion of Central European University from Hungary by authoritarian leader, Viktor Orban, Ignatieff said:

"It is extremely important to defend academic freedom not as the privilege of your group or the educated elite, but defend it as a critical defense of the freedom of all."

Co-Led Online Seminars

The Consortium offered 12 free, 10-week, online seminars during the 2023-24 academic year.

10,000+ Registrants since 2019	855 Certificates	42 Total Courses	157 Countries Reached
3,500+ registrants in the 2023-24 academic year. Registrants included students, professors, and practitioners.	Certificates of Satisfactory Completion are awarded to those participants who attend 8 out of 10 seminar sessions.	Subjects included development economics, linguistics, Middle Eastern studies, international relations, and gender studies.	Participants came from Afghanistan, Belarus, Brunei Darussalam, Kosovo, Malawi, Rwanda, South Sudan, and 76 other countries.

Fall 2023 Seminars

- **Climate Change, Conflict, and Underdevelopment**, co-led by Mulu Gebreyohannes and Sied Mohamed
- **Communication Across Languages, Cultures, and Nations: In Other Words, Translation**, co-led by Nael Hijjo and Reem Adib Lulu
- **Designing Feminist Research**, co-led by Asli Kotaman and Pelin Yalçinoğlu Kaplan
- **Language, Gender, and Identity**, co-led by Abdulgaleel Ahmed and Sameer Mohammed
- **Literature and Social Issues in the Middle East**, co-led by Shada Bokir and Mohammed Almahfali, co-sponsored by Off University
- **The Struggle for Quality and Transformation in Afghanistan's Higher Education**, co-led by M. Osman Babury and Fazlullah Akhtar

Spring 2024 Seminars

- **Afghanistan After Two Years of Taliban Rule**, co-led by Kazim Karimi and Fidel Rahmati
- **Conflict, Knowledge, and Memory: Cases from Palestine and Syria**, co-led by Ammar Kandeel and Mohamad Moustafa Alabsi, co-sponsored by Off University
- **Critical Issues in Global Health in Conflict Settings**, co-led by M. Nour Audi and Khuloud Alsaba
- **Historical Memory During the Russo-Ukrainian War: Etatism, Securitisation, Decolonisation**, co-led by Yurii Latysh and Olena Kondratyuk
- **Imprisonment in Contemporary Arab Fiction: A Feminist Reading**, co-led by Mansour Almaswari and Sulaiman Taan
- **Indigenous Feminisms: Afghan and Iranian Women's Lives under the Theocratic State**, co-led by Sahraa Karimi and Naima Mohammadi

Consortium Retreat

Hosted by Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island



Consortium scholars, liaisons, and staff gathered at **Brown University** from July 9 to 12 for our first **Consortium Summer Retreat** since the COVID-19 Pandemic. Coming from all over the East Coast, Cincinnati, New Orleans, Nebraska, and even South Africa, the retreat was a joyous occasion to meet one another in person, discuss Consortium programs and challenges scholars face, and discover some of the cultural riches of Providence, Rhode Island. One of the highlights was a talk given by **Dr. Adam Levine**, Associate Dean of Biology and Medicine, Director of Global Health Initiative, and Professor of Emergency Medicine at Brown University. Dr. Levine discussed the logistical challenges and inequalities of global public health, and the necessary changes needed to address the myriad of health crises around the world adequately.

More than anything, the retreat was a rare and cherished opportunity for members of the Consortium from around the world to **enjoy each other's company in person and to strengthen the ties among them**. We are immensely grateful to Brown University and its excellent staff members for their boundless generosity.

Pictured above, from top to bottom: Scholars and staff enjoy conversation after the opening dinner; Scholars gather on the lawn of the John Brown House for a concert hosted by Brown University and the Rhode Island Historical Society; Scholars attend and participate in a lecture by Brown University Professor, Dr. Adam Levine, M.D.

Right Scholars, liaisons, and Consortium founding director, Arien Mack, on Brown University's Hughes Court following lunch.



Endangered Scholars Worldwide

A website dedicated to reporting and raising awareness about global threats to academic freedom



**Read the
ESW Spring
2024
Special
Report
Here:**

Attacks on higher education communities are occurring at an alarming rate worldwide, threatening the safety and wellbeing of students, faculty, and academic staff, as well as the autonomy of higher education institutions. While we continue to publish regular updates in *Exile Consortium Quarterly*, in response to a global increase in threats to academic freedom, *Endangered Scholars Worldwide (ESW)* has expanded its presence as an online publication under the auspices of the New University in Exile Consortium (www.nuec.org), sharing frequent updates on news and developing case in consultation with the Consortium's efforts to create a supportive intellectual community for threatened, exiled scholars.

For the most current information and reports to which you can be included in our efforts to defend academic freedom and free expression, we invite you to visit our website www.endangeredscholarsworldwide.org or to follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ENDANGERSCHOL).

If you are aware of a scholar or scholar whose case you believe we should investigate, please get in touch with us at enquiries@endangeredscholars.org. Thank you for your outstanding support.

SPECIAL DELIVERY
Academic freedom remains under threat from multiple sources as the fight makes gains globally, democratic regimes grip many countries, authoritarian regimes endure, and armed conflict endangers civilians, including academics, students, and others. The confidence of these factors has meant that violations of academic freedom as a fundamental

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The State of Academic Freedom

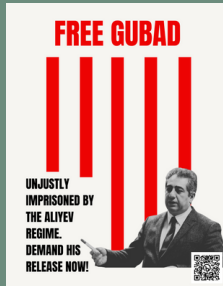
This year saw an increasing number of global conflicts around the world, leading to an alarming upsurge in violence, arrests, repressive policies against faculty and students, and the complete destruction of many universities. The civil war in Sudan and the invasion of Gaza effectively shuttered and destroyed not only universities but schools more generally. Effects from the Israeli invasion of Gaza spread around the world, as professors in Germany and the United States were fired or suspended, and students around the globe occupied campuses to protest the war and their university's investments in Israel. In India, the lead-up to elections provoked attacks on universities by Hindu nationalists, while in China, the government continued to increase its control over universities and academics. In addition, scholars and their research conducted throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America continue to be threatened.

Featured Story: Prominent Sociologist Detained in Turkey Over Field Research

“On March 23, Nükhet Sirman, a prominent Professor of sociology was detained in Istanbul, Turkey by the police... Professor Sirman is also one of the signatories of the Peace Petition, which was published by Academics for Peace in January 2016, and accused the Turkish government of violating the fundamental human rights of the Kurdish population of southeast Turkey during the conflicts with Kurdish armed groups in 2015-16... In recent years, the state of academic freedom in Turkey has deteriorated significantly, with the Academic Freedom Index of the Varieties of Democracy Institute rating the country 165th among 180 countries.” -- ESW contributor and N SSR graduate student, **Ozgun Kazakli**, reported on March 27, 2024.

Gubad Ibadoghlu

Consortium Scholar, Economist, Pro-Democracy Activist



On July 23, 2023, Consortium scholar and Azeri economist, Dr. Gubad Ibadoghlu, was unjustly arrested on false charges by the Aliyev regime. He spent 274 days in prison under incredibly difficult conditions. After months of international pressure and tireless advocacy led by Dr. Ibadoghlu's three children, Dr. Ibadoghlu was released under house arrest on April 22, 2024, but remains unable to get the medical treatment he desperately needs.

The Campaign

The Consortium launched a **campaign protesting Dr. Ibadoghlu's arrest** in July 2023: "We call on President Aliyev and the Azerbaijani government to drop all charges against Dr. Ibadoghlu and all other political prisoners in Azerbaijan."



Next Steps

On April 22, 2024, Gubad Ibadoghlu was **released from the Baku detention center and placed under house arrest**. His release followed action by Rep. Dina Titus from Nevada, who introduced a bill to the U.S. Congress proposing **sanctions against high-ranking Azerbaijani officials due to human rights violations and political repression**. While under house arrest, Dr. Ibadoghlu is subject to government surveillance while he awaits his trial on August 20, 2024. He is unable to leave Baku to receive sorely needed medical attention.



See our recent [letter to Secretary Blinken](#) urging the U.S. State Department to **advocate for his full and immediate release**.



University in Exile for Afghan Artists

Welcoming our 2024-25 Fellows & celebrating our 2023-24 Fellows

2024-2025

Mujib Mehrdad is a poetry, fiction, and nonfiction writer whose work spans the literary, academic, television, and journalistic fields. He has published many collections of essays and poetry, including “Gladiators Are Still Dying,” which won the 2007 Afghan Civil Society’s literature contest, and “Dolphin’s Alley,” which won the Ahmad Shamlou Poetry Award in 2021. Until 2022, Mehrdad served as Editor-in-Chief of the Afghan newspaper, Hasht-e Subh. He is hosted by the **Creative Writing Program** in the **Schools of Public Engagement** at The New School.



Kabir Mokamel is a visual artist and activist who has enjoyed international success in his career as a painter, graphic designer, creative director, and graffiti artist. In addition to his work as co-founder and creative director of the art activism organization ArtLords, Mokamel continues his independent art practice, which focuses on the experience of war, displacement, and the ensuing issues of diaspora, conflict, and trauma. He is hosted by **The School of Art, Media, and Technology** at The New School.



2023-2024

Vocalist and tabla player, **Ahmad Fanoos** and The Fanoos Ensemble performed their final concert at The New School in November 2023. The group will continue playing across the United States as a part of the Heart of Afghanistan Tour. Fanoos was hosted by **The New School’s Mannes School of Music**.

Writer and director, **Sahraa Karimi**, was appointed as a lecturer at Yale University for the 2024-25 academic year and will continue to develop her next feature film, *Flight from Kabul*. Dr. Karimi was hosted by the **Media Studies Program** at the **Schools of Public Engagement**.

Student Success

Supporting Afghan and Palestinian Students

Since 2021, the Consortium has worked to find **safe placements for displaced Afghan, Ukrainian, and Palestinian students**. We are proud to have **raised over \$30,000** to fund education for Afghan students and have **supported over 100 students** in finding a safe university to continue their education.

Student Spotlight: Mina Sediqi

"I am profoundly grateful for the invaluable support and assistance [the Consortium] has offered me throughout my educational journey. Their unwavering aid significantly eased my path by offering additional resources during my studies. The guidance and support from Ms. Arien Mack and her team have had a profound effect not just on me but also on my entire family back home."

Mina is now pursuing her B.S. in Data Analytics at Arizona State University's Carey School of Business and is one of many Afghan students supported by the New University in Exile Consortium.



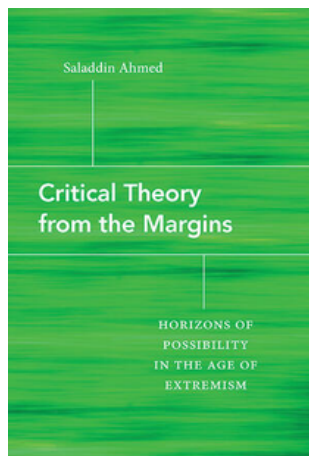
Palestinian Students

Since the start of the 2023 invasion of Gaza by Israel, all twelve institutions of higher education have been destroyed and countless students displaced. The Consortium is working with colleagues at "[We Are Not Numbers](#)" to help find placements and scholarships for displaced Gazan students at our partner universities.

Four Palestinian students, two graduate students and two undergraduates, have been admitted to The New School. All four students have received full-tuition scholarships, and room and board have been secured for the undergraduate students. The Consortium is now trying to raise funds for the living expenses of the two graduate students who will attend The New School for Social Research this fall. **You can contribute to the fund here.**

Consortium members Asian University for Women, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Barcelona, and the University of Padua will also host displaced Palestinian students this coming academic year.

Scholar Accomplishments



Scholar Publications

Consortium scholars published over 100 books, journal articles, and editorial pieces throughout the year, including:

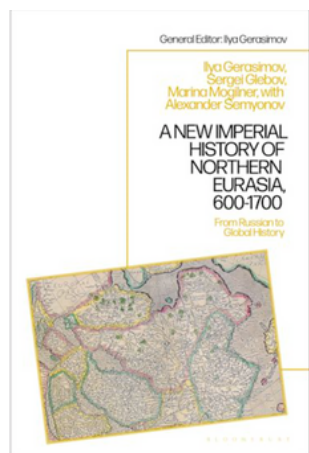
- **Saladdin Ahmed:** “Critical Theory from the Margins: Horizons of Possibility in the Age of Extremism.” SUNY Press, September 2023.
- **Fazlullah Akhtar:** “The Spectre of Climate Change-Induced Migration in Afghanistan,” in Environment, Climate Change and Migration in South Asia (pp. 31-48). Routledge India, 2023.
- **Abdul Momin Mansoor:** “Economic Development in North Dakota: A rapid review.” The Institute for Policy and Business Analytics, 2023.
- **Nataliia Verovkina:** “Breast cancer incidence trends in Ukraine 2010-2019: Rising incidence at young ages.” Cancer Research, March 2024.



Presentations and Lectures

Consortium scholars organized and participated in over 200 conferences and events during the year, including:

- **Teng Biao:** “China's Transnational Repression,” University of Chicago Law School. April 24, 2023. Chicago, IL.
- **Bengi Gümrukçü:** “No End of History: Crooked Circle of Democracy and Authoritarianism,” The New School for Social Research. April 25, 2024. New York, NY.
- **Gebremedhin Haile:** “Understanding Drought-flood Quick Transformations over Global Environments,” American Geophysical Union Conference. December 11-15, 2023. San Francisco, CA.
- **Nael Hijjo:** Translator, “2023 Dialogue on Tax and the Sustainable Development Goals,” United Nations Conference at Columbia University. November 2023. New York, NY.
- **Ibrahim Ozdemir:** “Al-Mizan: A Covenant for the Earth,” presented to the United Nations Environment Assembly. February 27, 2024. Nairobi, KE.
- **Ilya Solomeshch:** “Studying the History of Karelia in Russia. Stages, views, continuity and novelties,” Karelian Cultural Society. October 26, 2023. Helsinki, FI.



Scholar Accomplishments

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University Courses

Scholars taught courses in subjects ranging from development economics to medicinal plant biology. Other examples include:

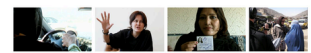
- **Hassan Almohammed:** “Politics and Visual Culture in the Middle East,” Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University.
- **Andrii Kostyriev:** “Democracy: Theories and Practices”; “Media Communication in the XXI Century: The Backbone of Democracy or a Tool of Social Oppression,” European Humanities University.
- **Naima Mohammadi:** “Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies,” University of Pittsburgh.
- **Mohammad Muhurram:** “Sustainability and Gender Equality in Arab American Fiction,” University of Bremen.
- **Aksana Ulanovich:** “Psychology: cognitive mechanisms of activity and communication,” European Humanities University.

Honors, Fellowships, and New Positions

Awards, honors, and new fellowships recognizing the work of Consortium scholars:

- **Abdul Ghani Karimi:** Received the “HessenFonds-scholarship for refugees and researchers at risk – highly qualified researchers” from the Hessian Ministry of Science and the Arts (HMWK). September 2023.
- **Nael Hizzo:** 2023 American Translators Association Diversity Award.
- **Naima Mohammadi:** Awarded the MESA Global Academy Grant, project title: Post-Islamic feminism discourse in Iran after the Woman, Life, and Freedom Movement.
- **Mohammad Muhurram:** Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Global Academy fellowship.
- **Sima Samar:** Memoir, “Outspoken: My Fight for Freedom and Human Rights in Afghanistan,” long-listed for the 2024 Moore Prize.

FILM SCREENING & MASTER CLASS

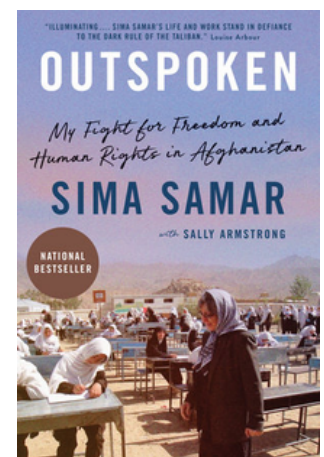
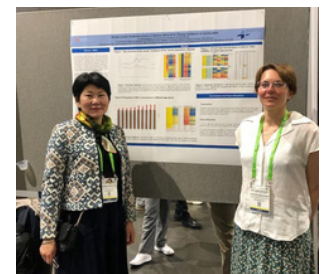
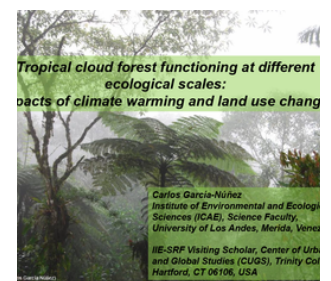


AFGHAN WOMEN BEHIND THE WHEEL

DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR SAHRAA KARIMI
& PROFESSOR NAIMA MOHAMMADI TO FOLLOW



THE NEW SCHOOL
FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH





Future Plans

Consortium Scholar Story Project and Archive

As one of more than 300 scholars hailing from 29 different countries, each Consortium Scholar brings a **unique perspective to the shared experience of exile** to the cohort. In June of this year, the Consortium invited each of the scholars to write their own story of what led them to flee their home countries, how they fled, where they fled to, and what challenges they faced in their new circumstances. We hope that in collecting and archiving these often brave and harrowing histories, we can make a collective contribution to the study of exile and shed light on the frequently isolating but all too common experience of displacement within the global academic community.



Why?

Why did you flee?
What were the circumstances in your country that forced you into exile?

How?

How were you able to leave the country? What challenges did you face? What was the journey like?

Where?

Where did you go after leaving?
What countries and regions did you go to before ending up where you are now?
How did you determine where to go?

What?

What was it like when you arrived? What challenges did you face? What resources were available? What are you hoping for in the future?

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Leadership

Founding Director

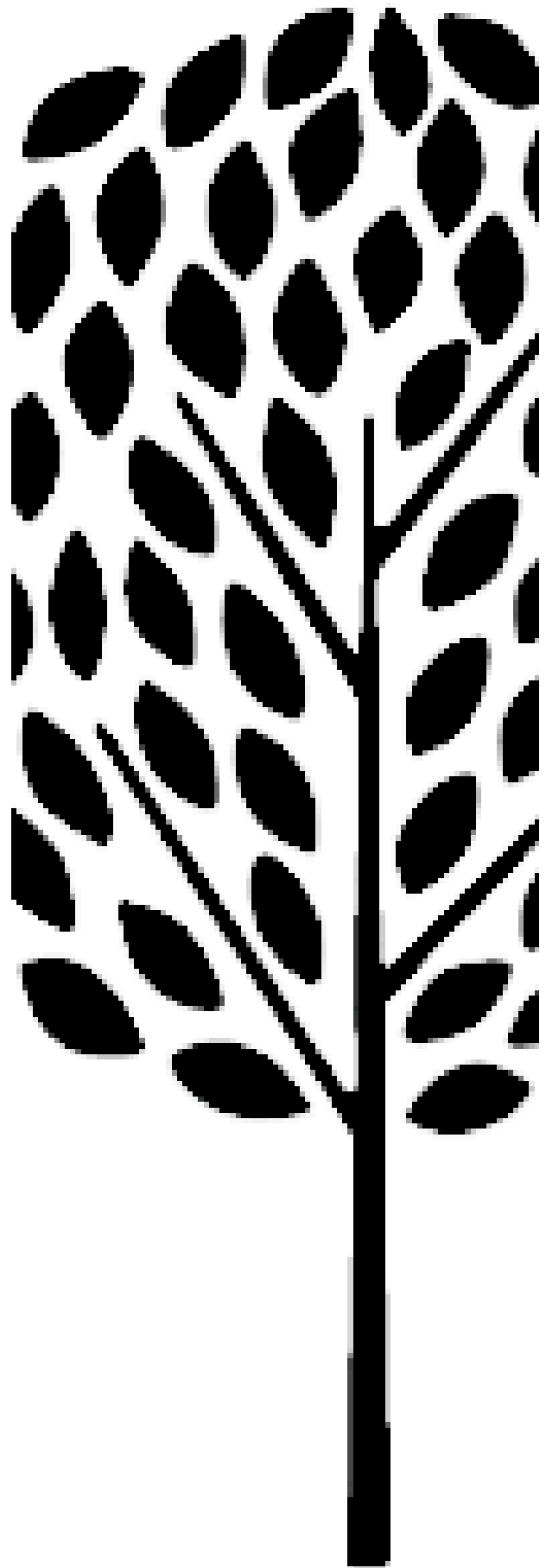
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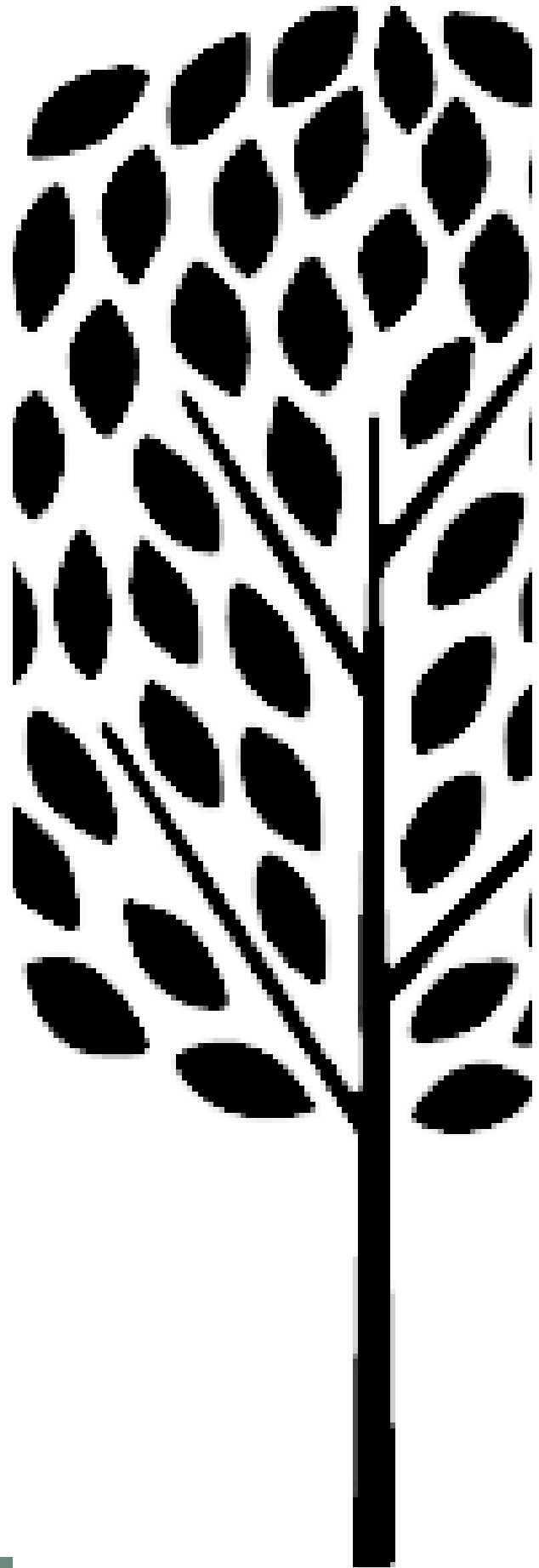
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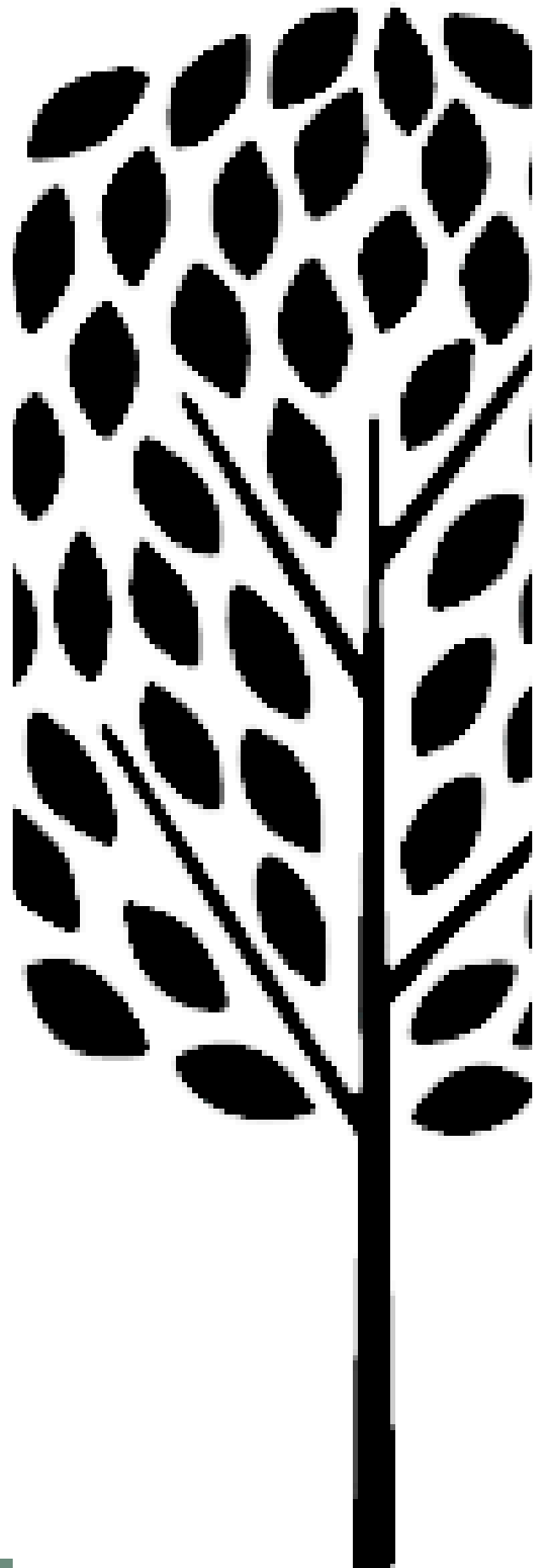
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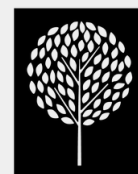
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