

International Conference of the Sage SAGE! Project

# Exiled Scholars and 'Academic Humanitarianism'

Monday, 13 May 2024 | 10–18 h | Audimax

At this international conference we will be discussing the structural conditions, institutional innovations and current challenges in the context of opening up institutions of higher education to scholars at risk. We seek to critically reflect on the concept of "academic humanitarianism" and the impact of novel constellations of power/knowledge on discourses, institutional actors, and structures of funding in academia. We also ask whether we can envision alternative modes of cooperation with exiled scholars, defined by broader transformative struggles around social and epistemic justice in higher education.

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## Conference registration

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# PROGRAM

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## 10:15 Opening Remarks

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- » Prof. Dr. Bettina Völter, Rector (*ASH Berlin*)
- » Frank Albrecht (*Scholars at Risk Germany Steering Group [Chair]; Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*)
- » Prof. Dr. Esra Erdem (*ASH Berlin*)

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## 11:00 PANEL I: DISCOURSES, PRACTICES AND POWER/ KNOWLEDGE

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Chair: Dr. Börries Nehe (*Rosa Luxemburg Foundation*)

- » Dr. Zafer Yılmaz, Prof. Dr. Esra Erdem, Dr. Meral Apak (*ASH Berlin*)
- » Prof. Dr. Jo-Anne Dillabough, Dr. Zeina Al Azmeh (*University of Cambridge*)
- » Prof. Dr. Betül Yarar (*Hacı Bayram Veli University Ankara; Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg*)

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## 13:00 Lunch

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## 14:00 PANEL II: INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENTS AND TRANSFORMATIONS

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Chair: Silvia Ben Mahrez (*ASH Berlin*)

**“Empowering Exiled Scholars at Universities of Applied Sciences”**  
Presentation of findings from the Sage SAGE! Project

- » Prof. Dr. Esra Erdem, Dr. Zafer Yılmaz, Dr. Meral Apak (*ASH Berlin*)

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## In discussion with:

- » Dr. Aysuda Kölemen (*Bard College Berlin*)
- » Frank Albrecht (*Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*)
- » Iris Vernekohl (*Ruhr University Bochum*)
- » Dr. Eren Paydaş (*Central European University*)

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## 15:40 Coffee break

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## 16:00 ROUNDTABLE: STRUGGLES AND IMAGINARIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Co-chairs: Dr. Meral Apak, Dr. Zafer Yılmaz, Dr. Zeina Al Azmeh

- » Kocaeli Solidarity Academy: Dr. Hülya Kendir (*University of Kassel*)
- » Academics in Solidarity: Dr. Florian Kohstall (*Freie Universität Berlin*)
- » Solidarity and Support for Social Work Educators from Ukraine: (tbc)
- » Network for Decent Labour in Academia: Dr. Britta Ohm (*University Mainz*)
- » OFF University: Dr. Ali Yalçın Göymen (*Humboldt Universität Berlin*)

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## 17:30 Closing Remarks

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