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# INVITATION

## Dangerous Questions: Why Academic Freedom Matters

A Special Event of the Academic Refuge project  
13 June 2018 (09.00 to 16.30)  
University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences

Are some questions too dangerous to ask? What happens to scholars and students who ask those questions? How can you contribute to strengthening core university values, such as academic freedom?

Join us to discuss these and other important questions at an upcoming special event organized by the EU-funded 'Academic Refuge' project. The project aims to improve the capacity of European universities to assist refugees and threatened academics on campus and to promote understanding and respect for higher education values. Together with speakers and participants from Slovenia and across the region, we will discuss current threats to academic freedom worldwide, as well as the role of universities in welcoming and supporting refugees and scholars facing threats to their lives and their work. The event, which is free and open to the public, will serve as the launch of a new Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the same topic, entitled: "Dangerous Questions: Why Academic Freedom Matters." The MOOC is an interactive course (also free of charge) which will be launched in June 2018 on the Futurelearn platform.

Featured speakers at the event will include **Sonja Biserko**, Founder of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia, **Prof. Dr. Branka Kalenić Ramšak** of the University of Ljubljana, **at-risk scholars** from **Serbia** and **Turkey**, as well as representatives from the Academic Refuge project partners: the **University of Oslo**, the **University of Ljubljana**, the **Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA)** and **Scholars at Risk**, an international network of higher education institutions dedicated to protecting scholars and promoting academic freedom worldwide.

We invite, as participants, interested members of the public, NGOs, government representatives, and international organizations. We welcome academic and administrative university staff, especially those with an interest in the human rights of higher education communities, as well as those involved in welcoming refugees and threatened academics on campus. We welcome those working in international education, staff working on inclusion and widening participation, those interested in promoting higher education values and those involved in negotiating or implementing inter-university partnerships. Most of all, we welcome all those simply wishing to learn more!

**Registration:** Participation is free of charge. We invite you to register by **14 May 2018** at <https://nettskjema.uio.no/answer/ljubljana-event-13june2018.html>. A full event program is forthcoming. We look forward to seeing you in Ljubljana!

**Academic Refuge webpage:** <https://www.uio.no/english/about/global/globally-engaged/academic-refuge/>.

**Expression of interest to participate in the "Dangerous Questions: Why Academic Freedom Matters" MOOC:** <https://nettskjema.uio.no/answer/mooc-interest.html>.