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Dangerous Questions: Why Academic Freedom Matters

A Special Event of the Academic Refuge project & Launch event for a Massive Open Online Course on academic freedom

13 June 2018 (09.00 to 16.30)

*Venue: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana
Morning events: velika dvorana, 2nd floor; Afternoon events: FDV-20*

09.00-09.30 Registration

09.30-09.40 Welcome remarks by organizers, Marit Egner, University of Oslo & Andreja Vezovnik, University of Ljubljana

09.40-10.00 Welcome speech by Vice Rector prof. dr. Branka Kalenić Ramšak, University of Ljubljana

10.00-11.00 Keynote speaker: Sonja Biserko, President of Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia followed by Q&A Lecture title: Higher Education Values: Threats and Challenges to Western Balkans

11.00-11.15 Break with coffee/tea and snack

11.15-12.00 Presentation of MOOC on Academic Freedom and its importance to society. Marit Egner, University of Oslo & Olga Hünler, University of Bremen

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.15 *Session 1: Protecting at-risk scholars, promoting higher education values* (Room: FDV-20)

Chair: Malena Bakkevold, University of Oslo

Speakers: Klemen Miklavić, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Education, Sinead O’Gorman, Scholars at Risk, SAR scholar from Serbia

This session will discuss regional aspects of higher education values, challenges to academic freedom and practical ways in which universities in Slovenia and the surrounding region can support threatened scholars. We will hear testimonials from an at-risk scholar, reflect on his experiences and how these relate to broader systemic questions. Speakers and participants will discuss good practices as well as challenges encountered in supporting scholars and promoting higher education values worldwide.

14.15-14.45 Break Coffee/tea and snack

14.45-16.15 *Session 2 – Supporting access for refugee and asylum-seeking students and other migrants to higher education* (Room: FDV-20)

Chair: Nena Močnik, University of Turku & University of Ljubljana

Speakers: Ajgul Hakimova (Social Centre Rog), Mohamad Orfahly (UL, MA Student at Faculty of Economics), Abood Orfahly (UL, BA Student at Faculty of Economics), Kris DeJonckheere (UNICA).

This session will address the local challenges migrants, asylum seekers and refugees face in accessing higher education in Slovenia, with opportunities to discuss how other countries in Europe are approaching this question. Participants will also learn about and discuss alternative educational platforms established for migrants in recent years.

16.15-16.30 Closing remarks, Andreja Vezovnik, Universtiy of Ljubljana & Marit Egner, University of Oslo