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Exile and Academic Freedom Today

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With populism and anti-intellectualism on the rise and civil liberties and academic freedom under intensified threat, increasing numbers of scholars are facing persecution in their home countries and seeking safe havens abroad. The Academy in Exile provides a forum for scholars-at-risk to continue working in the social sciences and humanities outside their home countries. With the inaugural 2018 conference, the Academy asks how the global intellectual community can and ought to respond to this crisis.

The conference will explore the institutionalization of academic freedom since its establishment as *Lehr- und Lernfreiheit* at Humboldt University. It asks how the meaning of exile is changing with respect to academic freedom. With growing numbers of scholars internally displaced or exiled abroad, emphasis will be placed on the common understanding of exile as a form of refuge, as well as on other types of state and social control of dissent and free thought.

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 18 October 2018

13:30 – 14:00 Registration and Coffee

14:00 – 14:45 Welcome and Introduction

Julika Griem (KWI Essen)

Kader Konuk (AiE/Turkish Studies UDE) - "Exile and the Transfer of Knowledge"

14:45 – 16:15 Defining Academic Freedom

Andreas Niederberger (Department of Philosophy, UDE) - "What Is Academic Freedom?"

David Kaldewey (Department for Science Studies, University of Bonn) - "Vita Contemplativa, Vita

Activa, and Academic Freedom Today"

Katrin Kinzelbach (Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin) - "A Three-tiered Definition of Academic Freedom for Empirical Research on Infringements"

Moderator: *Aras Ergüneş (KWI Essen)*

16:15 – 16:45 Break

Section 2: Keynote and discussion

16:45 – 17:30

Sarah Willcox (Scholar Rescue Fund, New York) - "Risk, Resilience, and Rediscovery: Exiled Scholarship and the Regeneration of Science and Learning"

17:30 – 18:00 Forum

Friday, 19 October 2018

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee

10:30 – 12:00 Forms of Exile

Aslı Telli (University of Siegen), Hazal Gümüş (independent researcher), with contributions from Dilek Akbulut (independent researcher) - "Interactive Platform for Mapping Support Networks in Europe: Turkey's Academics in Exile"

Rüstem Ertuğ Altınay (Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna) - "Queering the Academic Exile: Turkey's Queer Academic Diaspora in Precarious Times"

Patrick Lewis (Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago) - "Exiled, Expelled, or Left-Behind: Kurdish University Students on the Margins of Turkish Higher Education"

Moderator: *Attila AYTEKIN (KWI Essen)*

12:00 – 13:30 Break

13:30 – 15:00 Conceptualizing Exile

Volker M. Heins (AiE/KWI Essen) - "Defending the Art of Voice: Albert Hirschman as a Theorist of Exile"

Brahim Benmoh (Applied Language and Culture Studies, Chouaib Doukkali University, El Jadida, Morocco) - "Exile as the Breathing Space for Re/Writing the History of & Attributing Agency to the Postcolonial Subject"

Nora Şeni (The French Institute of Geopolitics, University of Paris VIII) - "Exile and Social Network"

Moderator: *Firat Erdoğmuş (KWI Essen)*

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:30 Academic Freedom: Threats and Responses

Claus Leggewie (The Centre for Media and Interactivity, University of Giessen) - "The Encyclopaedia of Exiled Authors: A Book Proposal"

Ellen Hinsey (independent researcher) and Adam Krzywoń (Department of Constitutional Law, Warsaw University) - "Threats to Academic Freedom in Eastern Europe? The Case of Poland"

Andrea Pető (Department of Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest) - "An Academic in the Polypore State"

Daniela Kaisth (Gratias Partners, USA) - "The Practitioner View: Lessons Learned from the Iraq Crisis to Inform Response in Turkey and Beyond"

Moderator: *Çağla Diner (KWI Essen)*

17:30 – 17:45 Break

17:45 – 18:30 Concluding Summaries

Georges Khalil (Academy in Exile/Forum Transregionale Studien)

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