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SCHOLARS AT RISK: CRITERIA

Scholars are defined as professors, researchers, PhD students who work/have worked at higher education institutions and published academic articles/books.

1. The category "scholar(s) at risk" includes:

- (a) persons with refugee status or those seeking asylum in Italy;
- (b) persons whose well-being or personal safety is threatened;
- (c) persons whose academic standing is threatened or lost.

2.1. **Risks** include:

- physical and psychological violence, including harassment and intimidation;
- previous arrests or threats of arrest;
- denial of civil and educational rights;
- dismissal or suspension from academic activity, restrictions on freedom of movement for research purposes, impediments to participation in conferences or study periods abroad.

2.2. Specific risk **conditions** include:

- the situation of women in countries where discriminatory policies of national or local authorities prohibit their access to secondary and/or higher education. This includes discriminatory gender norms and harmful practices that deny access to formal education and higher level learning;
- abuse against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) scholars;
- hostility, discrimination or unfair treatment based on racial, ethnic or faith criteria;
- presence of armed conflict at local level according to the Acled dataset (<https://acleddata.com/>) or according to the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (<https://ucdp.uu.se/>);
- conscientious objectors to military service (based on the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion as enshrined in the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*) in countries where they risk being prosecuted, arrested or tried by military tribunals;
- repression against demonstrations of freedom of expression and participation resulting in expulsion from their institutions and/or arrest (see: *Academic Freedom Index* and *SAR Report "Free To Think"*, <https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/resources/free-to-think-2022/>).