



# Academic Freedom Under Threat



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Academic freedom is facing unprecedented threats worldwide. Scholars, educators, and students are increasingly vulnerable to contemporary challenges to the right to explore, express, and exchange ideas without fear of reprisal. Challenges to the right to teach, learn and research range from ideological polarization and censorship to misinformation, undue influence in funding and surveillance. This erosion of academic freedom undermines the quality of education, hinders scientific progress, and weakens the foundations of open and democratic societies.

In response to these challenges, NORRAG will support stakeholders to stimulate evidence-informed action to address contemporary threats to academic freedom through a series of interconnected activities. This initiative recognizes that in an increasingly polarised and rapidly changing world, the ability of education institutions and their personnel to engage in unfettered learning, teaching, and research is paramount.

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Agenda 15:00 - 16:30 CEST

## Welcome

**Moir Faul**, NORRAG

**Noah Sobe**, UNESCO

## Roundtable 1, Q&A

**Delal Aydın**, Geneva Graduate Institute

**Marie-Anne Persoons**, Steering Committee for Education, Council of Europe

**Iveta Silova**, Arizona State University

**Oakleigh Welply**, Durham University

## Roundtable 2, Q&A

**Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua**, Africa Coalition for Academic Freedom (ACAF)

**Bencharat Chua**, Southeast Asia Coalition for Academic Freedom (SEACAF)

**Camilla Croso**, Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)

**Iris Kimizoglu**, President of the European Students' Union (ESU)

**Frank Geary**, Scholars at Risk Europe

## Closing

**Moir Faul**, Executive Director of NORRAG

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