

# SCHOLARS AT RISK

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## FLANDERS SECTION

### Founding Statement Launch of the Scholars at Risk Flanders Section 10 December 2021

On behalf of the Flemish members of the Scholars at Risk Network, we declare the official launch of the Scholars at Risk Flanders Section on International Human Rights Day 2021. The Scholars at Risk Flanders Section is a partnership between our higher education institutions and Scholars at Risk (SAR), an international network of higher education institutions dedicated to promoting academic freedom and defending the human rights of scholars worldwide.

In joining the Scholars at Risk Network, academic leaders, faculty, students and staff in the Dutch-speaking universities of Flanders and the Brussels Capital Region send a strong message of solidarity with scholars and universities in situations where academic freedom is restricted and research, publication, teaching and learning are repressed.

Together with Scholars at Risk members at more than 500 institutions in 43 countries around the world, we commit ourselves to make a difference.



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