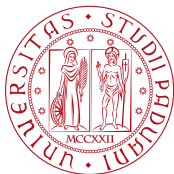


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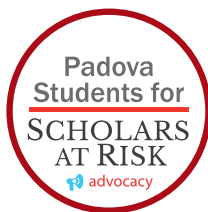
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**BELARUS AT RISK**

STUDENT ADVOCACY DAY

**Aula 4**

**Beato Pellegrino Complex**

University of Padua



Hybrid event: <https://unipd.zoom.us/j/88952173252>

# PROGRAM

09.30 – 09.45

## Greetings and Introduction

**Claudia Padovani & Francesca Helm**

UniPD, SAR Italy Coordinating Committee

Moderator: **Tatiana Krivobokova** (UniPD)

09.45 – 10.30

## SESSION I

### Padova for people at risk

With contributions from university and local actors engaging in advocacy work for at-risk scholars and students, this session provides an overview on the contemporary state of institutional support to academic freedom in Padova.

Speakers:

**Cristina Basso**

UniPD, Vice-rector of International Relations

**Assessora Francesca Benciolini**

Comune di Padova

**Dora Longoni**

UniPD, International Relations Division

**Fiona Dalziel**

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**Elena Pariotti**

UniPD, Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies

10.30 – 10.45

### Students' calls to the University of Padova in support of academic freedom in Belarus

10.45 – 11.30

## SESSION II

### Academic Freedom at risk - Europe and beyond

This session salutes the recent EU Parliament Report "State of play of academic freedom in the EU Member State" and convenes members from the Parliament Research Service STOA, students and experts to discuss its merits, also in relation to the Academic Freedom Index, and potential implications in the field of advocacy for threatened scholars.

Speakers:

**Gosse Vuijk**

Head of Parliamentary Affairs in the office of Member of the European Parliament Dr. Christian Ehler

**Denise Roche**

SAR Europe, Advocacy Manager

11.30 – 11.50

### Students' views on the Academic Freedom Index

Closing remarks: **Aslı Vatansver** (Bard College Berlin)

11-50 – 12-15 | Coffee break

11.50 – 13.30

## SESSION III

### Academic Freedom at risk: Belarus 2023

In view of the recent developments in Belarus, this session discusses the current threats against academic freedom in the country, existing solidarity initiatives with Belarusian intellectuals, and the main challenges and potentials of advocacy work in the context of the Belarus conflict.

Speakers:

**Dmitrij Strocev**

poet

**Daria Maniuk**

PR Secretary of Belarusian Students' Association

**Iris Kimizoglu**

European Students Union, Academic Freedom Project

**Natallia Slizh**

European University Institute

13.30 – 15.00 | Lunch break

15.00 – 16.15

## SESSION IV

### Padova Students for Belarus

Advocacy Seminar students at the University of Padova introduce their own research and advocacy initiatives in solidarity with the people in Belarus, particularly threatened students and scholars.

Speakers:

**Student groups**

Group A: 'Padova Scholarship for At-Risk Students'

Group B: 'Responsible Internationalization'

Group C: 'Guiding Belarusian and International At-Risk Students into the Host Environment'

**Claudia Criveller**

UniPD, responsible for internationalisation with Russophone area

16.15 – 17.15

## SESSION V

### Belarus Students: Building Alliances & Networks

This session provides visibility to ongoing advocacy initiatives to support students and scholars from Belarus, and offers networking opportunities to strengthen collaborations between Belarusian students and students in Padova and Europe.

Speakers:

**Hector Ulloa**

Norwegian Students' and Academics' International Assistance Fund (SAIH), Norway

**Iris Kimizoglu**

European Students Union (ESU)

**Representative from Unione Degli Universitari (UDU)**

**Supolka**

**Semen Poznukhov**

ReACT project

**Students from Carleton University, Canada**

17.15 – 17.30

### Closing remarks

**Claudia Padovani & Francesca Helm**

18.00 – 19.30

**Poetry reading**, with **Dmitrij Strocev** and **Giulia De Florio**

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia

International dances, with **Claudio Sanna**