

## Call for Applications for the New Twinning Program of ISPP among Scholars Under Threat

Academic freedom is under attack in several countries and ISPP has been reaching out in support of our colleagues by offering political advocacy and financial help to scholars under threat. Starting this year, we extend our programs in two ways. First, considering the recent rise of threats to academic freedom in various countries, we have decided to extend our free one-year membership program beyond Turkey. We aim to reach out to our members who live and work in countries where their scholarly opportunities are limited, and their livelihood and academic freedom are threatened in direct connection with political persecution and/or to members who have been displaced as a result of political persecution. For more information on the free one-year membership, please contact the ISPP Central Office at [info@ispp.org](mailto:info@ispp.org).

Second, we are currently accepting applications for our New Twinning Program. This program has been set up to facilitate scholarly collaborations between threatened political psychologists and program partners. These collaborations can offer the opportunity for scholars under threat to continue their academic activities, maintain and advance their careers, and integrate into the international political psychology community. We, therefore, aim to set up partnerships based on a match in scholarly interests.

The actual form of collaboration should be tailored to the needs and opportunities of the applicants. The collaboration takes any of (but not limited to) the following forms:

- Mentorship of ongoing research projects (e.g., PhD research.)
- Collaborations in international research and co-authorship.
- Participation in grant applications and ongoing research grants.
- Remote affiliation.

We currently have 16 scholars from 10 countries who have expressed their interest to work together with scholars under threat as partners. Besides English, the following languages can be used for communication with your partner: Spanish, Turkish, Portuguese, French and German. Therefore, we strongly encourage all applicants who are interested in the program, but not proficient in English, to submit their applications.

We encourage you to apply to the New Twinning Program as a scholar under threat if you are a current member of ISPP, are willing to work together on a project in agreement with the twinning partner, and if you feel your academic advancement is severely impacted by the political climate in your country. Examples of severe impact could be:

- Have lost or are under threat of losing your academic position.
- Have been prevented from applying for or achieving promotions due to your research area.
- Have been actively censored by government or university institutions.

- Believe you do not have an academic future in your country due to the political climate.

If you are unsure if your situation fits our criteria of severe impact, we encourage you to apply or contact us at [info@ispp.org](mailto:info@ispp.org) for advice. We will keep your case strictly confidential.

*You can find more [information about ISPP membership and the New Twinning Program here](#). If you need more information in a language other than English, please email us your language preference, listed above.*

*You can [apply to the Program as a Threatened Scholar here](#).*