OSUN Global Observatory on Academic Freedom (GOAF) welcomes all interested faculty and researchers from OSUN institutions, with special encouragement to junior faculty and postdoc researchers, to send their expression of interest for joining the newly established OSUN Research Network on Academic Freedom.

The Global Observatory on Academic Freedom, a project supported by the Open Society University Network (OSUN), conducts rigorous, innovative and pertinent scientific research aspiring to respond to the urgent need of rethinking the concept of academic freedom, a concept whose crisis we are witnessing throughout the world. New times pose new challenges, theoretical as much as empiric, and GOAF seeks to stimulate the debate, connect the interested stakeholders, and reflect upon possible pathways vital to the preservation of academic freedom and democratic societies.

We wish to support engagement of OSUN scholars with interest in the topic of academic freedom coming from a variety of disciplines and experiences. The network members will also be featured in the database of OSUN experts in academic freedom, hosted at GOAF webpage, while providing an opportunity to the selected scholars to actively participate in GOAF activities and contribute to its work. The network will collect and curate knowledge and expertise on academic freedom within OSUN and provide an exciting platform for new conceptualizations of academic freedom. We especially welcome interdisciplinary work and innovative theoretical contributions, and we welcome any proposals for further network activities.

Activities of the OSUN Research Network on Academic Freedom in 2022 will include:

- **Regular online seminars** – twice per semester, providing an opportunity for interested members to present their most recent research and/or research project proposals and receive feedback from their peers in the network.
- **Publication of research papers** – members of the network will be welcome to propose papers on specific topics of interest within the research scope of the Observatory and GOAF will support the preparation, research, and publication process.
- **Elaborate mapping of regulatory frameworks at a global level regarding Academic Freedom** – the mapping of the national and regional level regulatory frameworks will populate an additional section of the Repository of resources on Academic Freedom. We wish to establish a comprehensive overview regarding the regulatory frameworks in all world countries and provide a valuable resource to everyone within OSUN institutions with interest in academic freedom.

Please send your academic CV, including a list of publications, together with a brief 1-page motivation letter to goaf@ceu.edu by May 1, 2022. GOAF team will get back in touch regarding the first constitutive meeting of the network by May 15, 2022.

Questions? Contact us at goaf@ceu.edu.