

Why academic freedom matters - free MOOC for Aalto community

Scholars at Risk, together with our Academic Refuge project partners, have created a free massive open online course (MOOC) on why academic freedom matters. The MOOC features interactive quizzes, discussion forums, animations, and video lectures through which participants explore what academic freedom is, and why it matters not only to scholars, but to all of society.

The course begins 15 April on FutureLearn. [Registration](#)

What is the course about?

Scholars and students around the world ask questions; questions about the environment; questions about health; questions about poverty and development; questions about justice; questions about truth. And the answers to these questions affect all of society. But sometimes asking questions can be dangerous. Academic freedom protects the right to ask sensitive, even dangerous questions. Not just scholars' questions, but the freedom for you to think and ask questions that really matter.

Who is the course for?

This course is designed for students and staff in higher education, and is also relevant for anyone interested in asking critical questions. In its first two runs the course brought together participants from over 110 countries.

Further information

<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/>