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Universities Under Pressure - 2025 Update of the Academic Freedom Index

Thursday, March 27th, 2025
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM EDT on Zoom

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Dr. Kinzelbach will present the latest AFI data, published in March 2025. Her presentation will cover the index methodology as well empirical trends. Among other points, she will explore how academic freedom develops when anti-pluralist parties gain power.



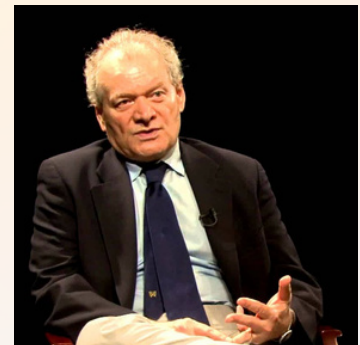
Speaker Dr. Katrin Kinzelbach

Dr. Katrin Kinzelbach is a professor of political science at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität (FAU) Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, where she co-directs an interdisciplinary MA program in human rights. Together with partners, she initiated the Academic Freedom Index (AFI), which monitors the de facto realization of academic freedom around the world. Kinzelbach also served on the Academic Freedom Committee of the International Studies Association and on various selection committees to support scholars at risk.

Before joining FAU in 2019, she was associate director of the Global Public Policy Institute, a foreign policy think tank in Berlin. Prior still, Kinzelbach worked at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in Vienna, Austria, and for the United Nations Development Programme in different duty stations around the world.

Moderator Dr. George Andreopoulos

George Andreopoulos is a Professor of Political Science and a member of the doctoral faculty of the Political Science and Criminal Justice programs at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center. He is also the Director of the Center for International Human Rights. Professor Andreopoulos studied history, law, and international relations at the Universities of Chicago and Cambridge. Before coming to CUNY, he taught for several years at Yale University, where he was the founding Associate Director of the Orville Schell Center for International Human Rights. He has written extensively on international security, international human rights, and international humanitarian law issues.



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