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BARD COLLEGE BERLIN FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE GERMAN “SCHOLARS AT RISK” CHAPTER

Berlin, Germany – Bard College Berlin is one of the twenty German academic teaching and research institutions that gathered today at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Bonn to officially establish the German chapter of the international “Scholars at Risk” network. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will serve as the German SAR’s main office until 2019.

“The values of free learning, thinking, writing and debating are deeply ingrained in the ethos of Bard College Berlin and permeate our campus life and the encounters of our students and faculty day after day,” commented Prof. Dr. Kerry Bystrom, Associate Dean of Bard College Berlin, Professor of Human Rights and English Literature and member of the German SAR Steering Group. *“We are extremely grateful to count five Syrian refugee students among our student community and their presence makes us even more aware of the fact that being able to teach and study in a free and open environment is a right that should be available to all students and scholars around the world.”*

The German SAR section will provide a platform for exchange and sensitization and will work closely with the Philipp Schwartz Initiative.

The complete list of the Founding Members (in alphabetical order): Universität Bayreuth; Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin; Bard College Berlin; Freie Universität Berlin; Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin; International Psychoanalytic University Berlin; Universität Bielefeld; Ruhr-Universität Bochum; Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn; Technische Universität Darmstadt; Technische Universität Dresden; Universität Duisburg-Essen; Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg; Georg-August-Universität Göttingen; Universität Hamburg; Karlsruher Institut für Technologie; Universität zu Köln; Hochschule Mannheim; Universität Siegen and Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen.

About Bard College Berlin

Bard College Berlin is an American-German liberal arts college that offers excellent interdisciplinary undergraduate education in the humanities and social sciences in Berlin. It was founded in 1999, and became part of the Bard international network when it merged with Bard College New York in 2011. Students at BCB join a highly diverse and international student body of 200 students representing 54 countries and six continents, with English as the language of instruction. Students have access to tutors, support staff, program mentors, and internship placements with local and international organizations. Contacts with a larger international community of student activists, joint workshops and conferences, and study abroad opportunities are available at Bard College New York, and its dual BA liberal arts programs at network universities in Kyrgyzstan, Palestine, Russia; and Hungary, through the ERASMUS program and the Higher Education Support Network; and at several other leading universities.

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