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2003		30	Kazakhstan	Anonymous, art historian, archeologist

Announcement

Scholars at Risk (SAR), based at the University of Chicago, works to promote academic freedom and to defend the human rights of scholars, in part by arranging temporary placements for scholars who suffer grave threats to their work or their person. SAR is sending us a summary profile of a Kazakh art historian/archeologist currently seeking assistance. Perhaps your university could accommodate our colleague.

[For more information on other Kazakh historians, see NCH circulars #6, #14, #17, #23].

SCHOLARS AT RISK NETWORK

Candidate seeking university or college host (as of November 2002)

The following is a summary profile of a candidate currently seeking a university or college willing to serve as a temporary host. For more information on the candidate, contact Scholars at Risk in Chicago (USA) at 773-834-4408 or <rquinn@uchicago.edu>.

Kazakhstan (KAZA-001)

FIELD: Art History and Near East Archeology

M/F: Female

LANGUAGE: Russian (fluent); English (proficient)

RISK: Discrimination/loss of position

EDUC: PhD, Art History and Criticism, 1999

Candidate is an art historian and archeologist who worked as a research scientist at the Institute of Oriental Studies in Almaty, Kazakhstan. She received her PhD from the St. Petersburg State Institute of Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture. Her research involves a comparative analysis of the archeology and art of the Near East and adjacent regions. Although she has resided in Kazakhstan most of her life, she is an Armenian by birth. In 2001, she was dismissed from the Institute, along with other non-Kazakhs, because the administration would not approve research unrelated to Kazakhstan and Kazakh nationalism. Since her dismissal, she has been unable to find permanent work in her area of research. Applicant states that her Armenian citizenship makes it difficult for her to find employment with Kazakh organizations because of increasing restrictions on foreign employees.