



SRF helped Colombian journalist and professor Daniel Coronell become a visiting scholar at the University of California - Berkeley after death threats to his family forced him to flee his homeland.

## RESCUING THREATENED SCHOLARS

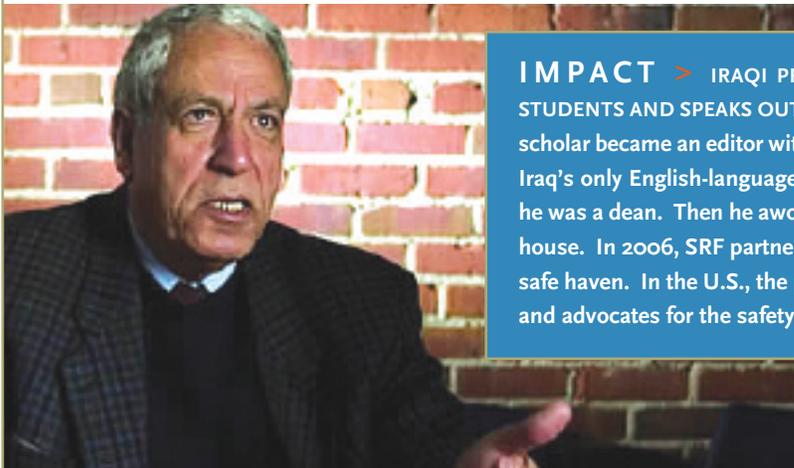
**IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund provides support and safe haven to scholars anywhere they are in danger of being silenced by arrest, persecution, torture, or death.**

**IIE's Scholar Rescue Fund** | IIE created the Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) to allow the Institute to act quickly to save scholars who face immediate threats. The most urgent focus this year has been helping threatened scholars in Iraq. SRF has helped rescue 18 Iraqi scholars, including key leaders from the Ministry of Higher Education and the most prominent archeologist in Iraq.

However, the need is far greater than our resources, and persecuted scholars from many other countries also need our help. The Fund continues to reach out to donors to meet its \$50 million endowment goal, and has launched a new Save-A-Scholar Campaign to help rescue scholars wherever they are in danger.

secure tenure track positions, such as a scholar from Pakistan now working in Women's Studies and Political Science. Others have published books and articles, such as an Iranian scholar who was able to publish the second volume of his book, *Reflections on Persia*, and a political scientist from the Democratic Republic of Congo writing on new democratic elections.

SRF impact extends to institutions as well. In 2006, SRF made an unprecedented \$50,000 grant to support the faculty of the European Humanities University after it was forced to close down in Belarus. With this support, EHU was able to accept over 300 students at its new home-in-exile in Lithuania, and provide distance-learning courses to an additional 800 students.



**IMPACT** > IRAQI PROFESSOR SAVED BY IIE'S SCHOLAR RESCUE FUND TEACHES U.S. STUDENTS AND SPEAKS OUT FOR THREATENED SCHOLARS IN IRAQ. Virtually overnight, this Iraqi scholar became an editor without a paper and a professor without students when zealots bombed Iraq's only English-language weekly, and students chanted death threats at the university where he was a dean. Then he awoke one day to find cars outside with Kalashnikov rifles pointing at his house. In 2006, SRF partnered with Duke University to support a visiting fellowship to provide a safe haven. In the U.S., the professor teaches Arabic literature and culture to American students, and advocates for the safety of his colleagues in Iraq.

**A Record of Achievement** | Now approaching its fifth anniversary, the SRF has awarded over \$1.5 million to 110 scholars from 37 countries, partnering with 77 host institutions in 21 countries to save these lives, voices and ideas. In 2006 alone, SRF made 37 awards to scholars from 14 countries, and universities in 10 countries hosted scholars. With SRF support, scholars in the applied and physical sciences, humanities, social sciences, law and human rights have been able to return to teaching, research and publishing without fear of intimidation, imprisonment or worse.

Many scholars have lost their homes and their jobs, and some have been separated from their families. Despite these hardships, they have achieved incredible success. Several scholars have been able to

**A Legacy of Rescue** | The Institute has been committed to helping scholars wherever academic freedom is under fire since its founding in 1919. IIE conducted emergency rescue campaigns for scholars beginning with the Bolshevik Revolution, through Nazism in the 1930s, the Hungarian Uprising in the 1950s, apartheid in the 1970s and 1980s, and the Balkans in the 1990s. In 2002, Institute Trustees joined with other committed donors to formalize and endow this effort, creating a Fund that can respond rapidly and proactively to the challenges of a new century.

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