



DSA statement on academic freedom of expression

Academic freedom of expression is central to the work of DSA's members and of the wider academic community. DSA strongly believes that individuals and institutions must be free to undertake research and teaching without potential censorship, discrimination, or other repercussions that would prevent them from freely completing their work.

Academic freedom protections are outlined in the 1997 UNESCO Recommendation which defines academic freedom as:

'The right, without prescription by prescribed doctrine, to freedom of teaching and discussions, freedom in carrying out research, and disseminating and publishing the results thereof, freedom to express freely their opinion of the institution in which they work, freedom from institutional censorship, and freedom to participate in professional or representative academic bodies.'

The DSA shares this definition and specifically feels that academic freedom of expression is the freedom to:

- Teach and discuss diverse ideas
 - Undertake diverse forms of research
 - Publish and communicate results and findings in diverse ways
 - Express opinions about the academic system or institution where they work
 - Be free from institutional censorship
- Join and participate in professional academic bodies.

The DSA also recognises that academic freedom comes with responsibilities to practice research ethically, with integrity, and in accordance with professional standards and codes, government laws and regulations relating to research ethics.