Science Friction: Patterns, Causes and Effects of Academic Freedom Contestations

The project brings together the disciplinary perspectives of international relations and comparative politics with international and comparative constitutional law to analyze, assess and explain the growing contestation of academic freedom around the world. We start by identifying the core content of academic freedom and how it relates to the liberal script. We then map patterns of contestation of academic freedom focusing on liberal societies. Finally, we seek to identify major causes before we explore some first consequences of academic freedom contestations.