



**Statement by the Academic Engagement Network on the
Trump Administration Executive Order on Immigration and Refugees and on a Proposed
Boycott of American Academic Conferences**

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The Academic Engagement Network expresses its deep concern about President Trump's executive order suspending immigration for nationals from seven majority-Muslim countries for 90 days, as well as barring Syrian refugees entry to the U.S. indefinitely and all other refugees entry for 120 days.

As an organization of American university and college faculty and staff, which strongly supports academic freedom and the free flow of ideas and research among universities worldwide, including the free exchange of students and professors, we are particularly concerned about the disruption and hardships imposed on universities and international students and scholars by these recent actions.

The Academic Engagement Network also opposes the idea of boycotting academic conferences in the United States to protest the executive order. We favor campaigning strongly to permit foreign scholars of all backgrounds, including from these majority-Muslim countries, entry to participate.