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Cati Jerez is the Coordinator of the University of Barcelona Refugee Support Program (<http://www.solidaritat.ub.edu/refugees/?lang=en>). Since its beginning in 2015, the UB Support Program aims to promote access for refugees to Higher Education and has received different mentions at Spanish level (Magisterio and Diversitat Awards) and at international level (selected as a good practice by InHere's good practice catalogue and Best Practice by RESCUE). Cati Jerez has codesigned the Program and she is coordinating all its lines: humanitarian and academic response, social integration, legal advice, transition course to the university, solidarity initiatives within in the university, international projects related to refugee and migrants and networking. Cati Jerez is graduated in Sociology and Political Science for the University of Barcelona, postgraduate in International Relations (UB) and in International Consulting (UPF-IDEC). She has solid knowledge in human rights, conflict analysis and development topics. She has been working as human rights, social and economic researcher since 1996 and has a wide experience in international cooperation and education for development projects, especially in the field of refugee and migrant communities.

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Stephen has been Executive Director of [Cara](#) (the Council for At-Risk Academics) since 2012. Cara was established in 1933 and now works worldwide with over 120 UK universities and others in Europe and beyond [to rescue university teachers and researchers](#) from discrimination, persecution, violence and conflict. Some 300 'Cara Fellows' are currently being supported, with their families, until they can return home. Cara also runs [regional programmes](#) to support academics who have been forced into local exile, or who are continuing to work on despite the risks. Previously, Stephen was a member of the UK Diplomatic Service, where his last two posts were as Deputy Head of Mission in Moscow (2003-2005) and Ambassador in Belgrade (2006-2010).