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**Petition for UK academic Matt Hedges jailed in UAE**

[Open letter to the UAE: Release Matthew Hedges \(22 Oct 2018\)](#)

“We, the undersigned, call for the immediate release of Matthew Hedges, a PhD student in the School of Government and International Affairs (SGIA), Durham University. Matt was arrested on 5 May 2018 at Dubai International Airport as he was leaving the UAE. Matt was in the UAE to conduct a series of interviews for his PhD thesis which examines the role of civil-military relations in the UAE post-Arab spring. He had permission to be there and to meet and interview officials with knowledge of civil-military relations in the Emirates....”

**Update (31 Oct 2018):** “600 scholars from around the world have supported the above letter asking for Matt’s immediate release. We’re elated that he’s been left out on bail, but now we ask for his freedom to be what he deserves: unconditional.”

Follow by emailing to Daniela Tejada at [dtejada@outlook.com](mailto:dtejada@outlook.com) or messaging her on [twitter at @dtejadav](#)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

[Aziz Choudry](#), ed., (December 2018), *Activists and the Surveillance State: Learning from Repression*, London: Pluto Press.

[Suzanne Mills](#), 2018, “The Geography of Skill: Mobility and Exclusionary Unionism in Canada’s North,” *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space* 0(0) 1–19

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**The next newsletter will be available on 30 November 2018.**

**[Jenny Chan](#), RC44 Vice-President for Communications (2018-2022)**