



# **FREEDOM OF ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL EXPRESSION**

**GROUP #2 - POTUZHNI**

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# OUR AGENDA

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- 1. "What is freedom of academic and cultural expression?"**
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- 4. Cases**
- 5. Questions for the interviews**
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## What is freedom of academic and cultural expression?

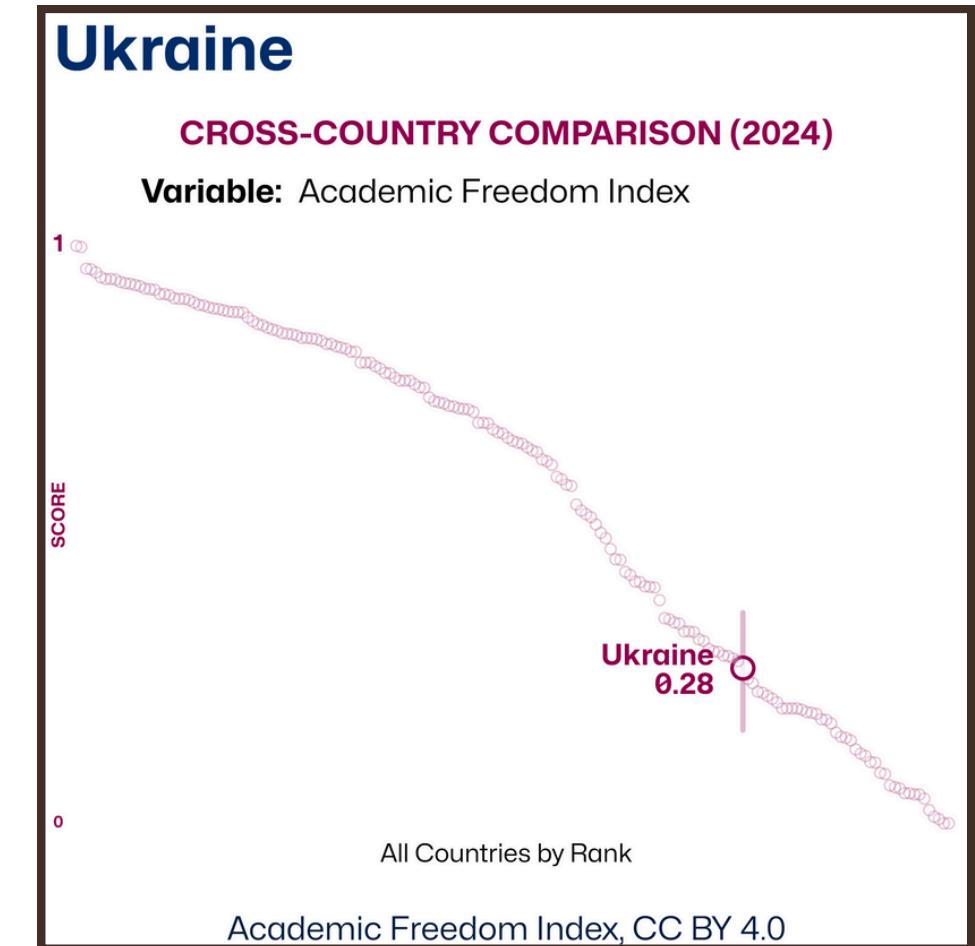
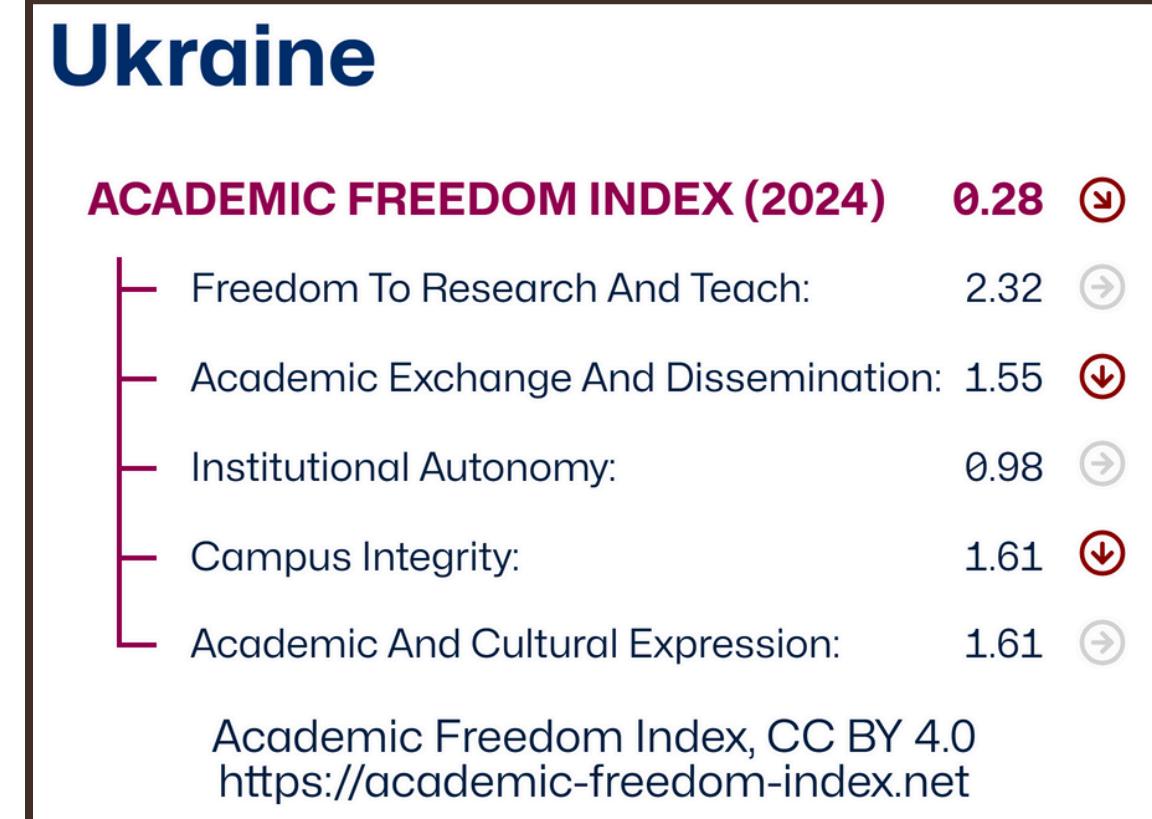
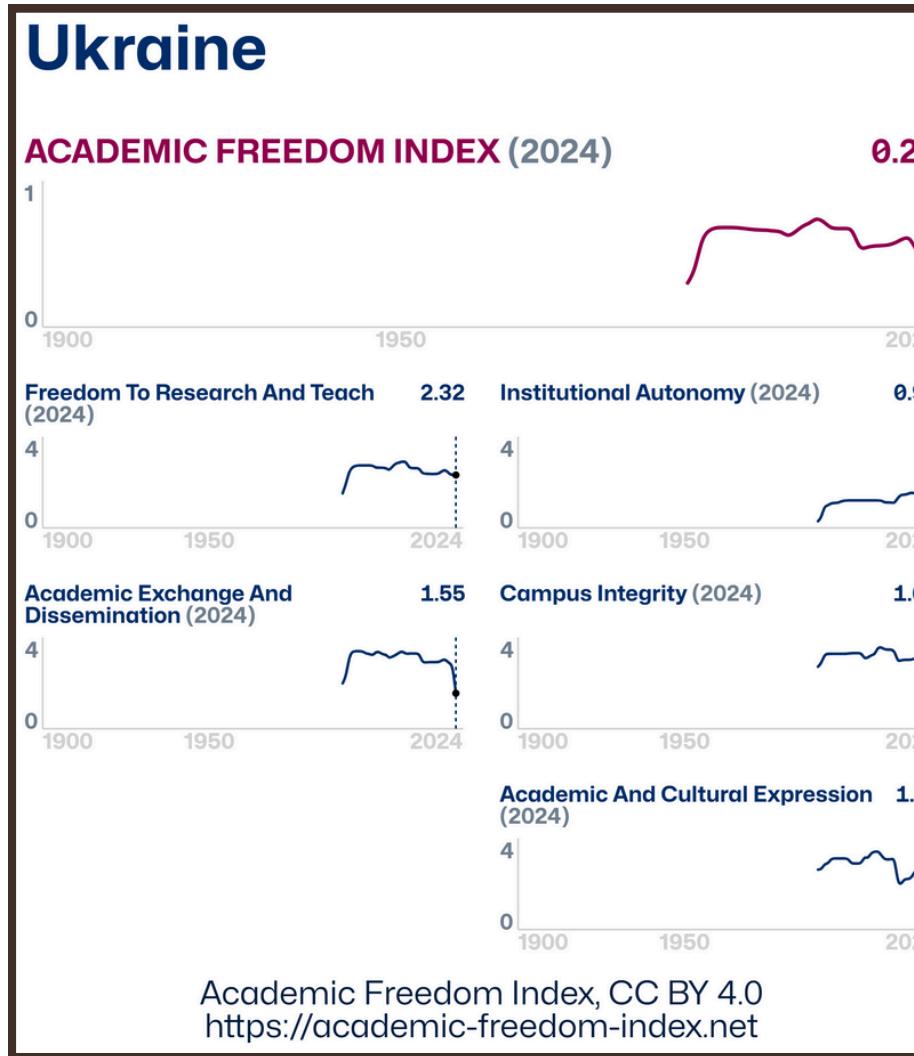
**Academic and cultural expression refers to the freedom to explore, create, and share ideas within educational and cultural contexts. This includes the right to teach, research, publish, and participate in academic and artistic activities without undue interference, and the freedom to express oneself through various forms of cultural expression.**



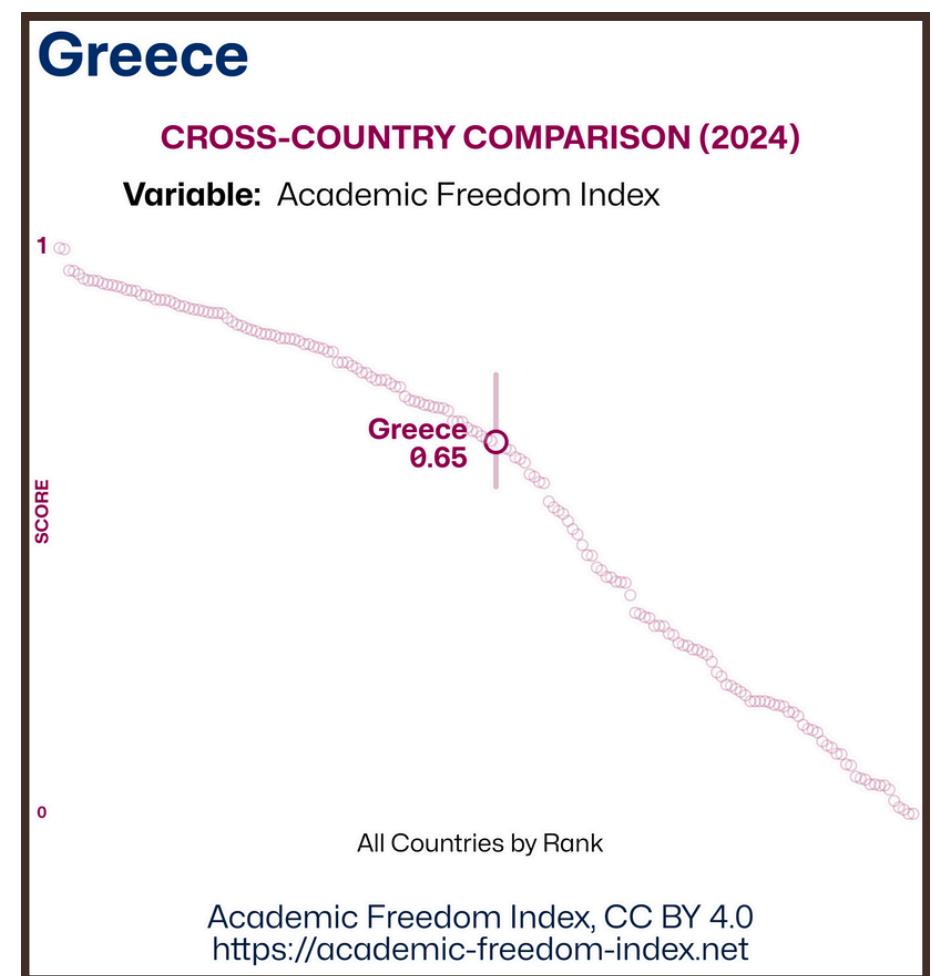
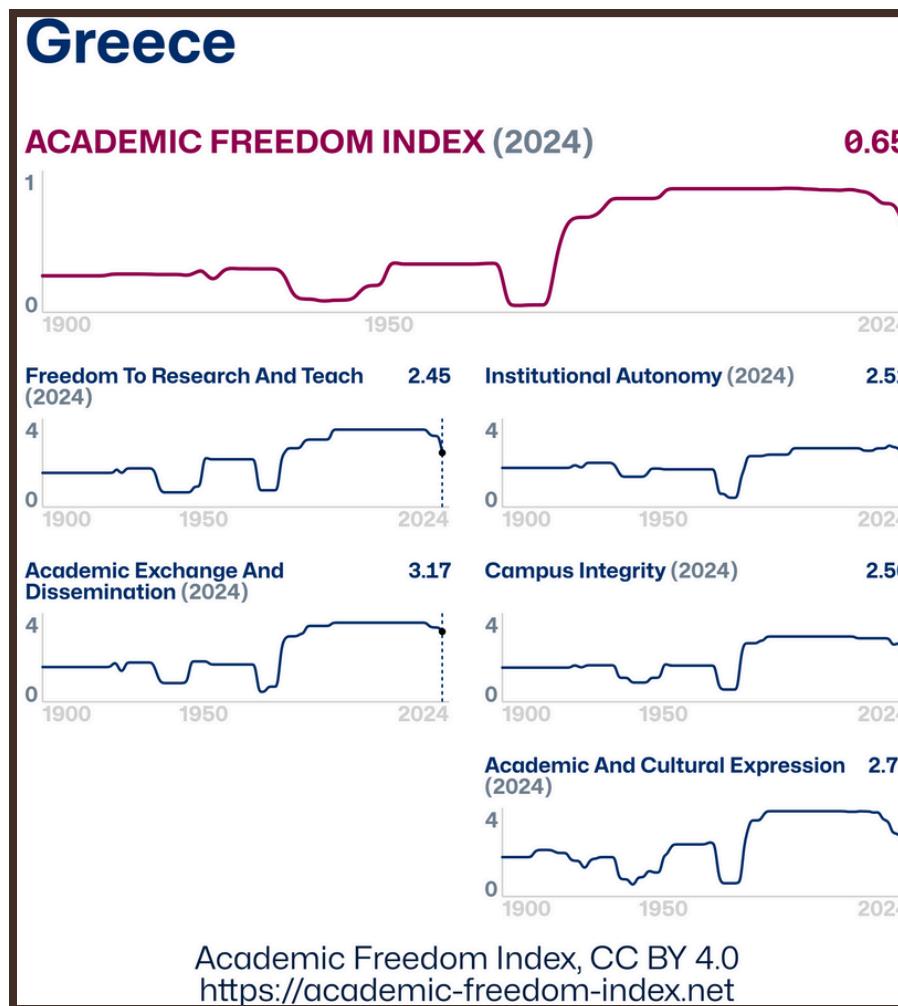
**The problem we are working on**

**The level of the Freedom of Academic  
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throughout the world.**

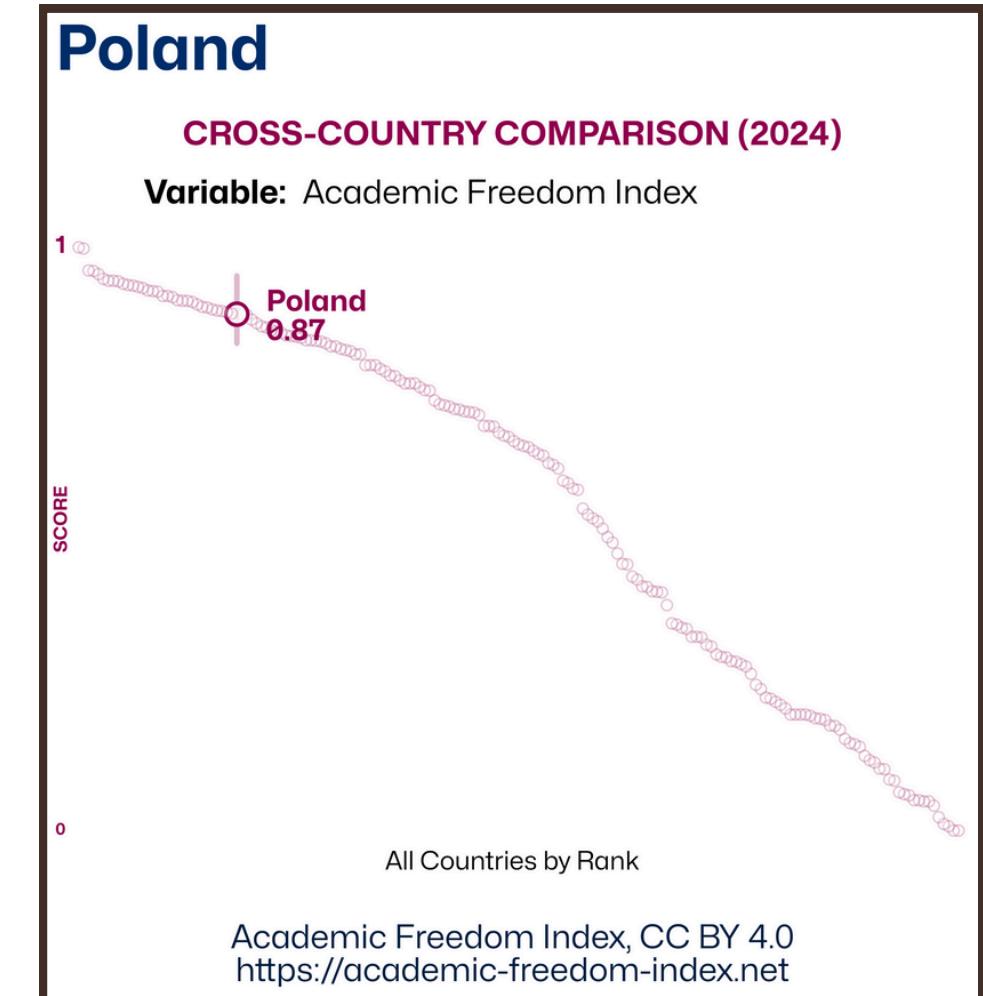
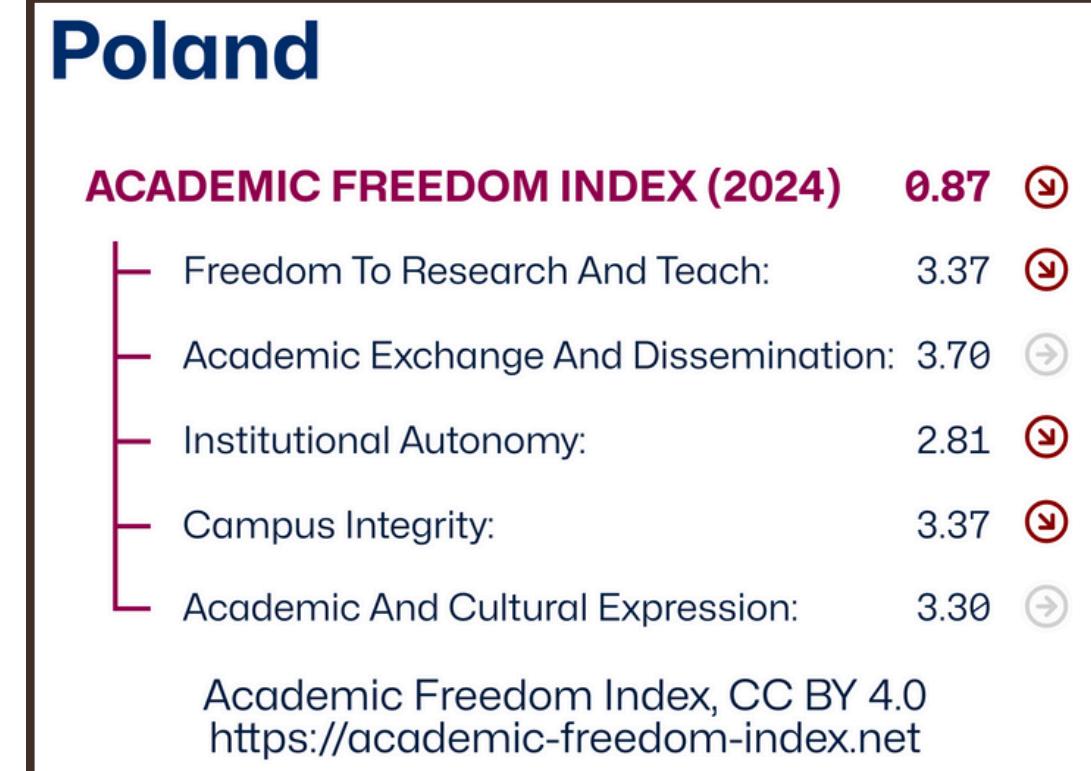
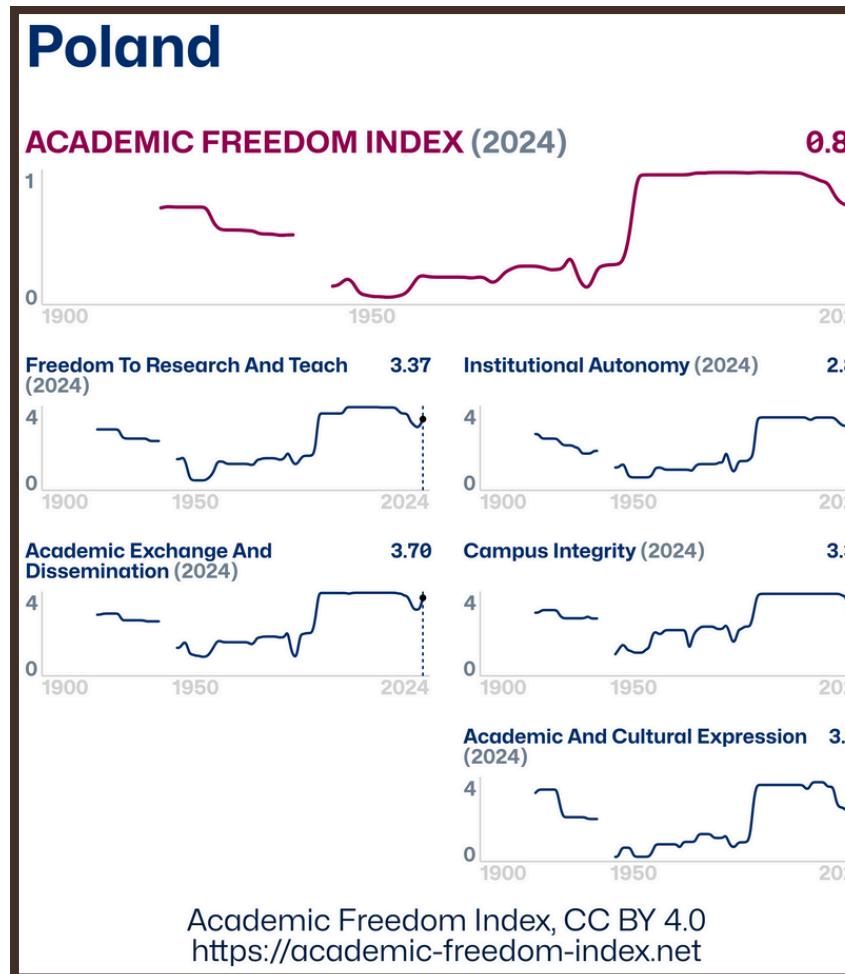
# Academic and Cultural Freedom Index - Ukraine



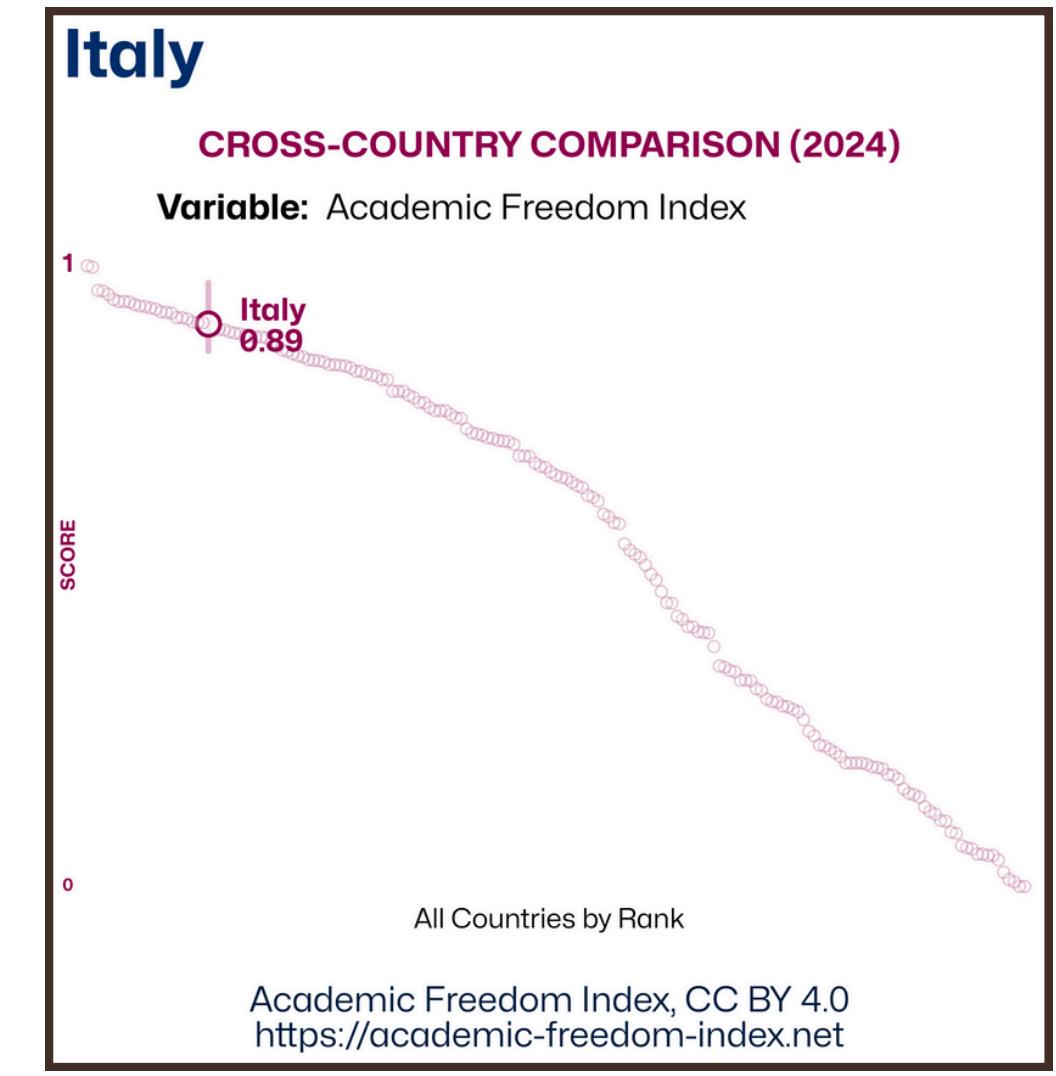
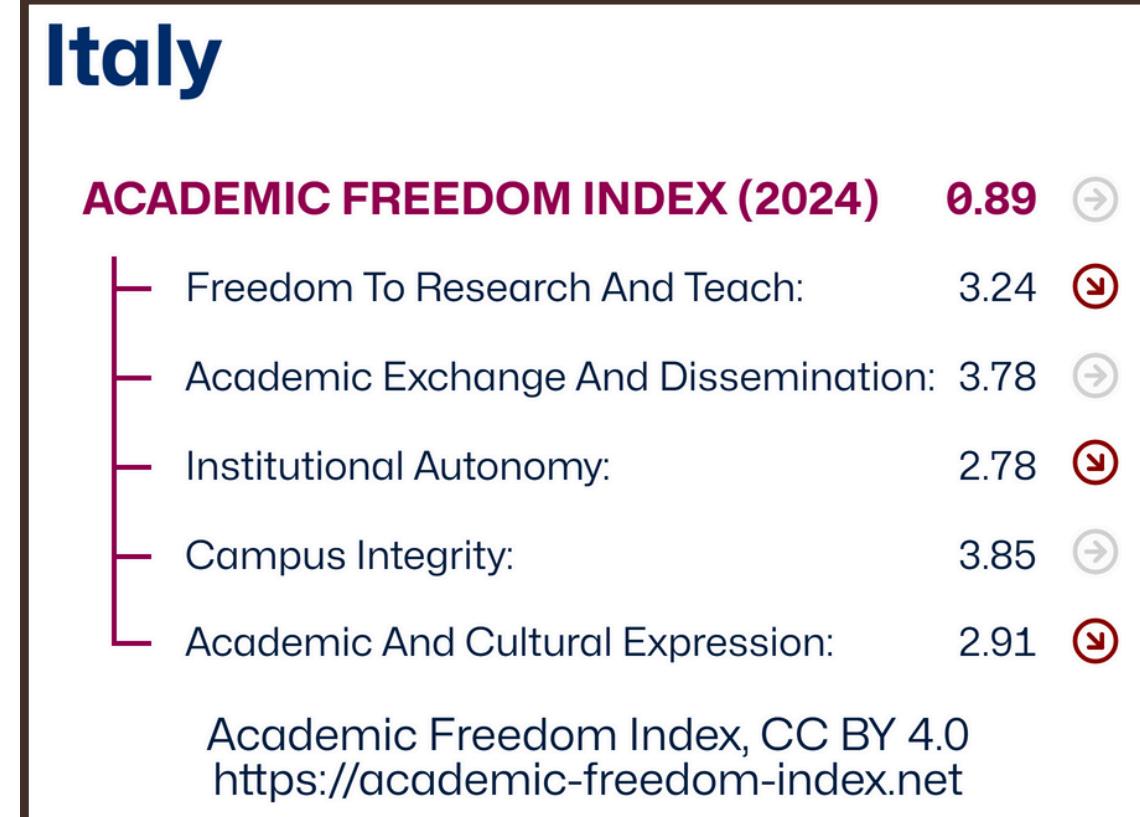
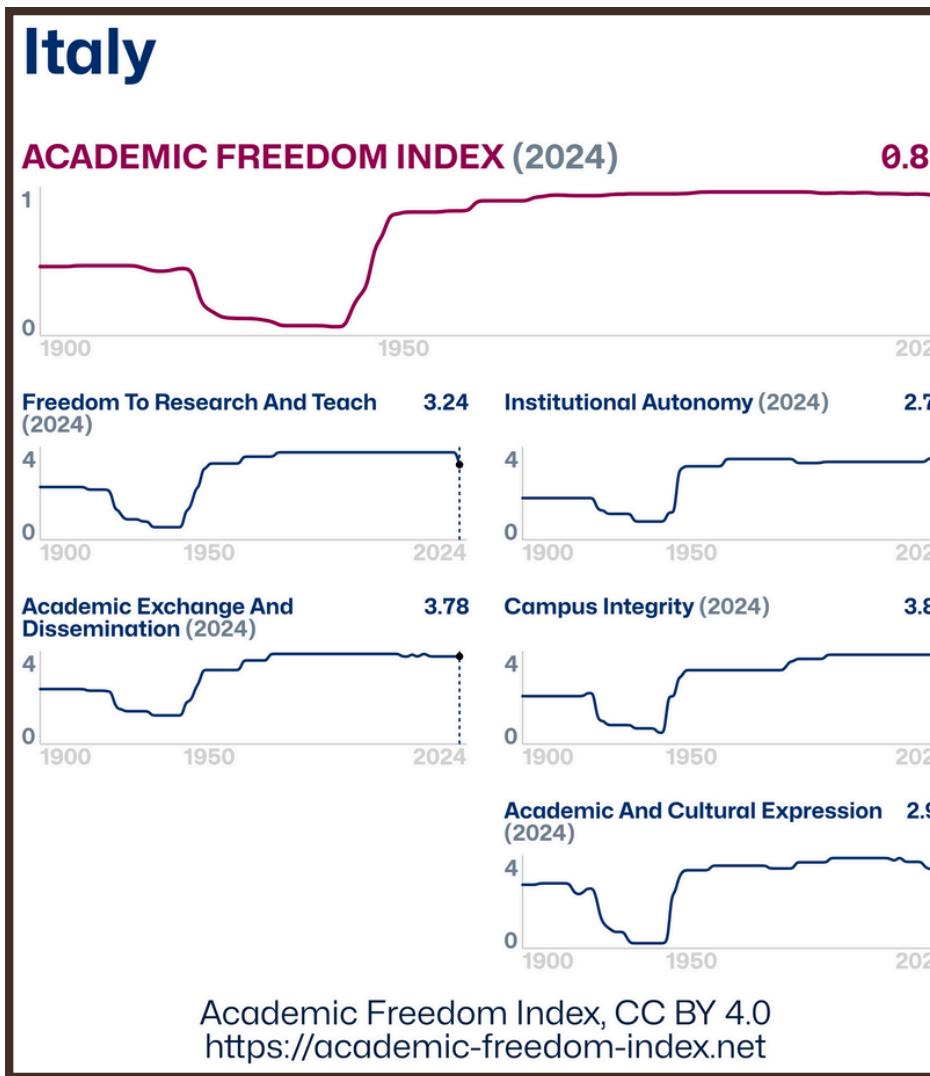
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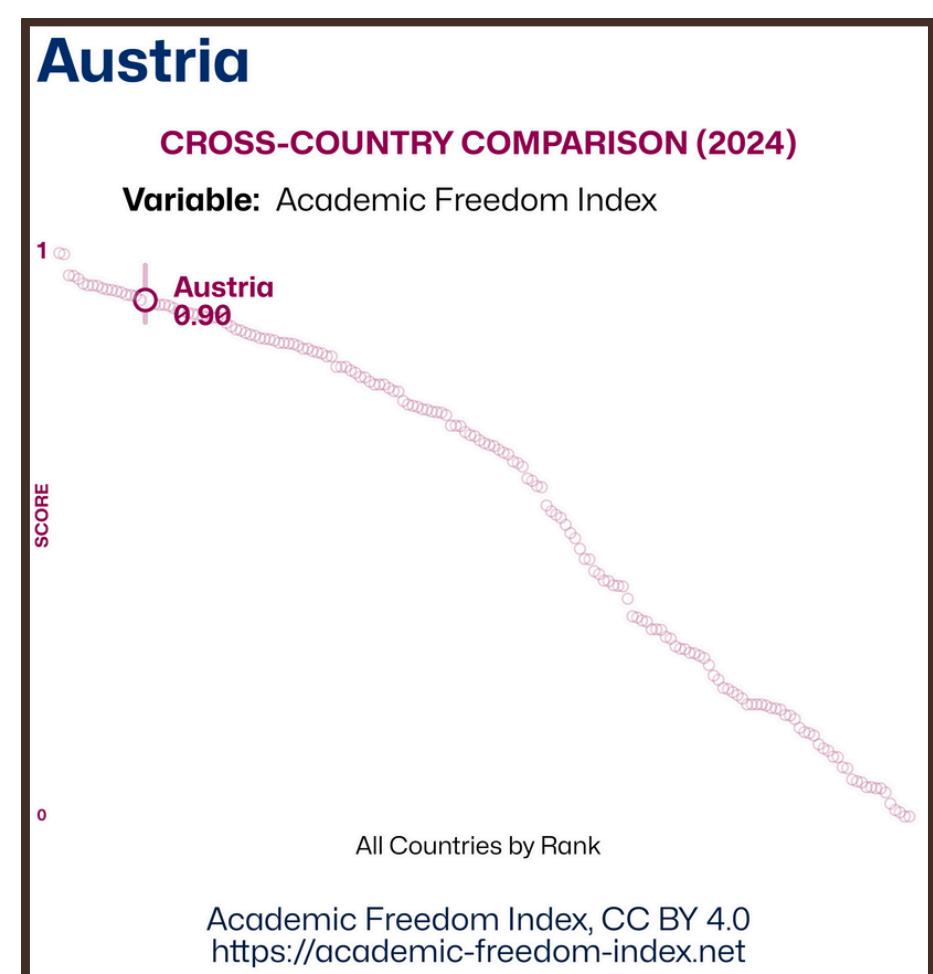
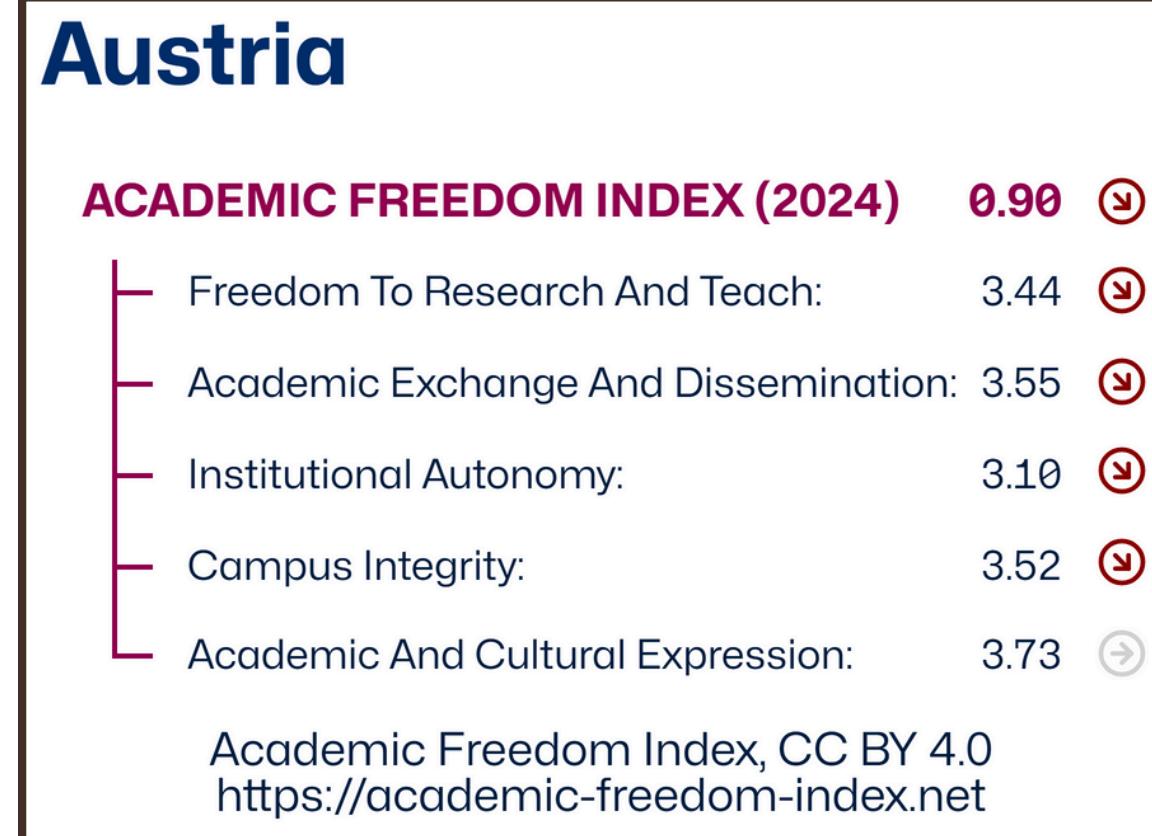
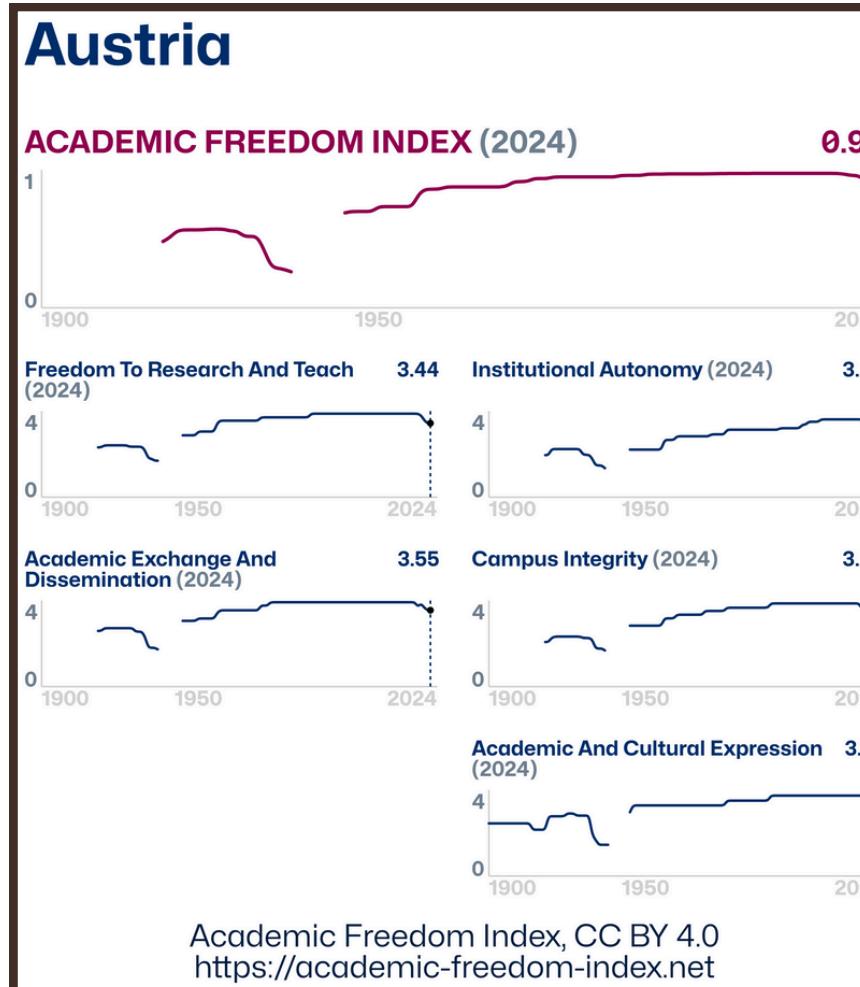
# Academic and Cultural Freedom Index - Poland



# Academic and Cultural Freedom Index – Italy



# Academic and Cultural Freedom Index - Austria



# Cases - Greece - University Police

**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 53/2022  
Government Gazette 132/A/7-7-2022**

**Establishment, organization, operation, regulation of personnel matters, and other issues  
of the University Institution Protection Teams (U.I.P.T.). Amendment of provisions of  
Presidential Decree 178/2014 "Organization of Hellenic Police Services" (A'281) and  
Presidential Decree 7/2017 "Restructuring - reorganization, establishment, and operation  
of regional services of the Hellenic Police" (A'14).**

**University Police was abolished in 2023, just a year after its establishment, due to major protests from  
students and the public.**

<https://www.e-nomothesia.gr/kat-astynomikos-astynomia/idrysi-leitourgia-upereson/proedriko-diatagma-53-2022-phek-132a-7-7-2022.html>

## Cases: Ukraine

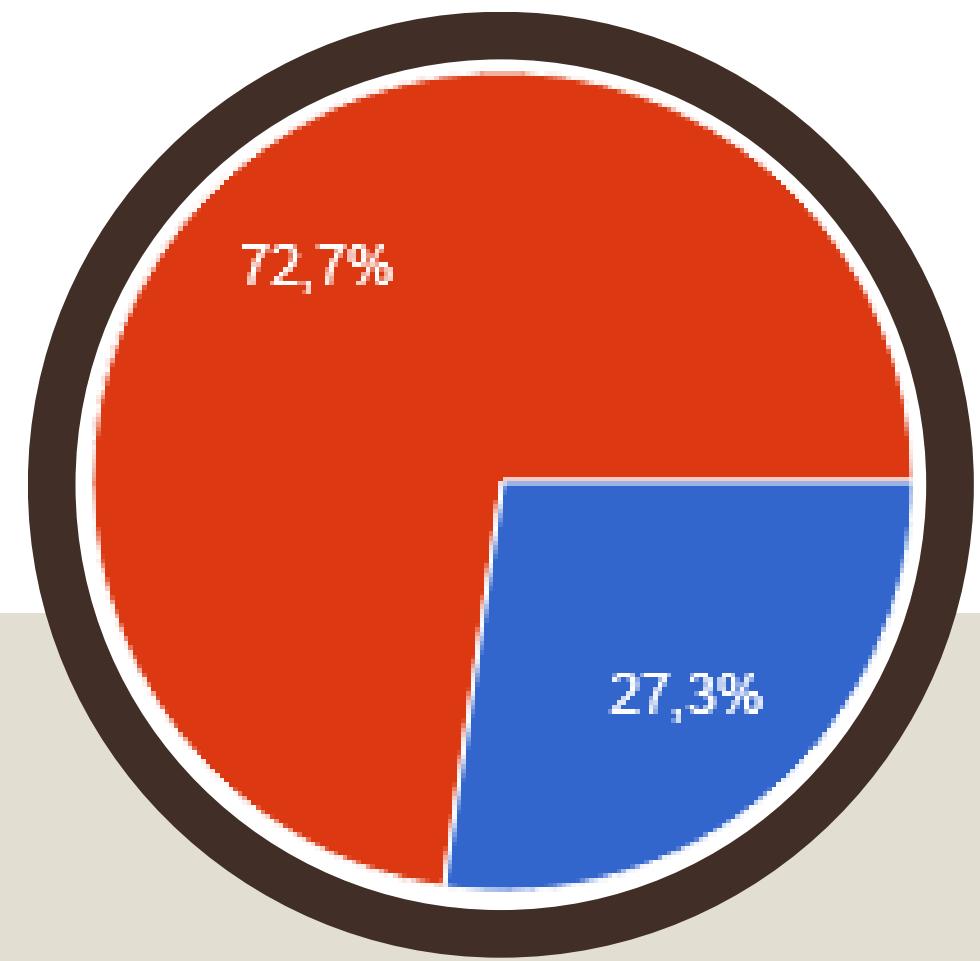
In 2014, following the Euromaidan Revolution and the outbreak of war in eastern Ukraine, a philosophy lecturer at V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University reported facing pressure and harassment from colleagues and university administration for expressing pro-Ukrainian views. At a time when tensions were high and political divisions ran deep, his civic stance was not only unwelcome but perceived as threatening by some within the academic community.

In 2019, a group of students at Lviv Polytechnic National University attempted to organize an event dedicated to International Women's Day, which included lectures and a feminist performance highlighting gender inequality. However, the university administration prohibited the event, stating that it was too political in nature. The cancellation of the event was seen by many students and activists as an unjustified suppression of important social discourse.



## Questions for the interviews

- **What do you think should be improved in Universities in order to promote Freedom of Academic and Cultural Expression?**
- **Have you ever experienced difficulties with cultural expression or felt a lack of academic freedom at your university? Please share your experience.**



**Have you ever experienced difficulties with cultural expression or felt a lack of academic freedom at your university?**

**NO**

**YES**

## Our statistics

**(current results)**

My professors are really open minded and I have never experienced fear or lack of academic freedom.

I love my uni! UAM is really cool, however, it lacks more events for people, who speak no Polish. And some people express very controversial opinions, which may lead to bad stuff

In a discussion regarding a political matter I felt like my classmates silenced my opinion without this being extreme as I was talking with facts.

I can say that I have felt and still feel a lack of effective communication between Polish students and international ones. The university doesn't really take an active role in promoting different cultures. Of course, there is no discrimination, but there is also not enough engagement.

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