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Statement of Support for Homa Hoodfar

The Canadian Sociological Association stands in solidarity with Concordia University Anthropologist Homa Hoodfar, who has been detained by Iranian authorities and imprisoned in Evin prison in Tehran. Authorities have not specified the charges against Prof. Hoodfar, however, her academic research seems to have been interpreted as a threat to national security on the basis of her comparative research on women's status, law, development, and the family in different Muslim contexts. Our Association's mandate is to promote research, publication, and teaching of sociology. Through this mandate, we support all social science, international collaboration, and cooperation as well as evidence based analysis and policy. We strongly encourage the international academic community to support Prof Hoodfar and support the efforts of the Canadian government to secure her release and return to Canada.

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