

The Role of the University in Our Time



The conference "The Role of the University in Our Time" shall reflect on the role, prospect and viability conditions of research universities at the beginning of the 21st century, focusing on the orientation of universities in a globalized world, the interplay of institutional autonomy and political control, the role of the unity of teaching and research, the connection between university organization and the dynamics of research, and the assessment and measurement of productivity in higher education. The work of Joseph Ben-David (1920-1986) serves as a starting point for these reflections.

Invited Speakers:

Andrew Abbott (University of Chicago)
Michael Ben-Chaim (independent scholar, USA)
Nicolas Carayol (Université Bordeaux IV, Pessac Cedex)
William Clark (independent scholar, San Diego)
Mario Coccia (National Research Council of Italy)
Roger de Weck (Zürich)
Yaron Ezrahi (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Rifka Feldhay (Tel Aviv University)
Gerd Folkers (ETH Zürich)
Claudius Gellert (University of Reading)
Valentin Groebner (Universität Luzern)
Shaul Katz (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Dorothee Kimmich (Universität Tübingen)
Ilana Löwy (CNRS Villejuif)
Christoph Mandl (Universität Wien)
Richard Münch (Universität Bamberg)
Britta Padberg (ZiF Bielefeld)
Dmitri Panchenko (University of St. Petersburg)
Thomas Schøtt (University of South Denmark)
Rudolf Stichweh (Universität Luzern)
Chikako Takeishi (Chuo University, Tokyo)
Anke te Heesen (University of Tübingen)
Peter Weingart (Universität Bielefeld)
George Weisz (McGill University)
Peter Wood (National Association of Scholars, USA)

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No conference fee is charged. Please send applications for participation to christen@ethik.uzh.ch. Participants are expected to stay at the Centro Stefano Franscini.

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