

# The Role of the University in our Time: the Legacy of Joseph Ben-David as a Guideline for Today's Challenges

Conference at the Centro Stefano Franscini of the ETH Zürich  
(July 21-26, 2009)

Final Program

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## I Introduction

The following is the “final” program of our Conference on the Monte Verità (as we were able to define it on the basis of the available information). Twenty contributions are contained in the current version of the proceedings which can be downloaded under:

<http://www.wiss.ethz.ch/en/role-of-university.html>.

Below, you will find the academic program (Section 2), a reference to discussion groups we would like to organize (Section 3), and a schema, a schedule of the various activities throughout our days on the Monte Verità (Table 1).

## 2 Academic Program

### 2.1 Wednesday, July 22

9:00–10:30 (Session 1):

**Andrew Abbott** “Theories of Excellence: Ideas of Quality in the RAE”;

**Nathalie Richard** “The Crucible of Human and Social Sciences: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Human Subjects and the Role of the Intellectual in mid-Nineteenth Century France”;

**Rainer Egloff:** Convener.

**11:00–12:30 (Session 2):**

**Ilana Löwy** “Why we Still Need to Study the Scientist’s Role in Society”;

**George Weisz** “The Ongoing Tension between Clinical Practice and Clinical Research”;

**Gerd Folkers:** Convener.

**14:00–15:30 (Session 3):**

**Shaul Katz** “Jewish Heritage and Modern Science: The Case of the Establishment of the Israeli Research System and the Perpetuation of its Excellence”;

**Chikako Takeishi** “Centers of Learning Reconsidered in the Japanese Context”;

**Liah Greenfeld:** Convener.

**16:00–17:30 (Session 4):**

**Rivka Feldhay** “Universities in Small and Big Countries”;

**Dorothee Kimmich** “Innovation in Human Sciences”;

**Michael Hagner:** Convener.

**2.2 Thursday, July 23****9:00–10:30 (Session 5):**

**Nicolas Carayol and Agenor Lahatte** “Dominance Relations and University Ranking”;

**Ivan Chompalov** “Lessons Learned from the Study of Multi-Organizational Collaborations in Science, and Implications for the Role of the University in the 21st Century”;

**Markus Christen:** Convener.

**11:00–12:30 (Session 6):**

**Liah Greenfeld** “American University and the Stagnation of Knowledge”;

**Peter Wood** “The Sustainability Movement in the American University”;

**Eric Kubli:** Convener.

**14:00–15:30 (Session 7):**

**Beate Kraus** “Academic Field and the Social Order of Gender”;

**Roger de Weck** “The World of Media, and the World of Learning”;

**Kijan Malte Espahangizi:** Convener.

**16:00–17:30 (Panel 1):**

**Gerd Folkers and Elvan Kut** “The Mission of the Collegium Helveticum: Transdisciplinarity”;

**Britta Padberg** “The ZiF of Bielefeld University — The preliminary Model for Institutes for Advanced Study in German Universities”;

**Elisabeth Ehrensperger:** Convener.

**17:30–18:30 (Discussion Groups):** See Section 3.

### **2.3 Friday, July 24**

**9:00–10:30 (Session 8):**

**Mario Coccia** “Western-Style Organization and Strategic Change of Public Research: New Direction in Turbulent Scenarios”;

**Christoph Mandl** “In Search for Leverage Points: to Increase Research Performance in European Universities”;

**Terry Russell:** Convener.

**11:00–12:30 (Session 9):**

**Claudius Gellert** “Competition and Quality Orientation in the American, English and German University Systems”;

**Richard Münch** “The German Academic System in Global Competition: Struggling with Social Opening and Cognitive Closure”;

**Valentin Groebner:** Convener.

**14:00–15:30 (Session 10):**

**Thomas Schött** “Centers of Learning and Practice in Entrepreneurship”;

**Rudolf Stichweh** “Centre and Periphery in a Global University System”;

**Marcel Herbst:** Convener.

**16:00–17:30 (Panel 2):**

**Studienstiftung** “What kind of University do we want?”;

**Britta Padberg:** Convener.

**17:30–18:30 (Discussion Groups):** See Section 3.

**20:30–21:30 (Fireside Talk):**

**Miriam Ben-David** “On Joseph Ben-David”;

**Liah Greenfeld:** Convener.

## 2.4 Saturday, July 25

### 9:00–10:30 (Session 11):

**Anke te Heesen** “Collecting and Re-Collecting: The Role of University Collections”;

**Dmitri Panchenko** “Social Framework of Early Theoretical Science”;

**Michael Hagner:** Convener.

### 11:00–12:30 (Session 12):

**Michael Ben-Chaim** “The University and Public Education”;

**Yaron Ezrahi** “The Autonomy of Science after Modernity”;

**Marcel Herbst:** Convener.

### 14:00–15:30 (Final Discussion & Presentations)

**Markus Christen:** Convener.

## 3 Discussion Groups

In the original conference call five key topics were identified to guide the conference. We shall use these key topics also as foci for respective discussion groups that have the opportunity to meet two times during the conference to shape the corresponding issues and themes, and in order to collate material for our intended publications (for the Conference Schedule, see Table 1):

**Group 1: Goals** deals with the orientation and diversity of universities in a globalized world dominated by economic paradigms, including the relationship between science and society (Convener: Liah Greenfeld).

**Group 2: Governance** covers the interplay of institutional autonomy and political control of universities (Convener: Kijan Malte Espahangizi).

**Group 3: Focus** addresses the role of the unity of teaching and research, basic versus applied sciences, and general versus professional education (Convener: Michael Hagner).

**Group 4: Organization** thematizes the connection between the organizational codes and rules, structural (i.e. morphological) aspects of university organization, and the dynamics, diversity and propagation of research and knowledge (Convener: Marcel Herbst).

**Group 5: Monitoring** discusses the assessment and measurement of productivity in higher education, considering various academic traditions (Convener: Markus Christen).

Time Slot	Tuesday July 21	Wednesday July 22	Thursday July 23	Friday July 24	Saturday July 25	Sunday July 26
8:30-9:00	Welcome Address					
9:00-10:30	Session I Abbott & Richard		Session 5: Carayol & Chompalov	Session 8: Coccia & Mandl	Session II: te Heesen & Panchenko	
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	Session 2: Löwy & Weisz		Session 6: Greenfeld & Wood	Session 9: Gellert & Münch	Session 12: Ben-Chaim & Ezrahi	
12:30-14:00	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Session 3: Katz & Takeishi		Session 7: Krais & de Weck	Session 10: Schött & Stichweh	Final Discussion & Presentations	
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break		Coffee Break	Coffee Break		
16:00-17:30	Session 4: Feldhay & Kimmich		Panel I: Folkers & Padberg	Panel 2: Studienstiftung	Excursion	
17:30-18:30	Discussion Groups			Discussion Groups		
19:00-20:30	Welcome Reception Dinner		Free Evening		Dinner	
20:30-21:30				Miriam Ben-David		

Table 1: Conference Schedule