

International Conference „Planning Research for the Future?“

13 – 15 October 2011

Research and science are the keys to our future. But how do institutions and societies orchestrate „their“ research efforts? How do they decide on topics to be addressed – at random or systematically? And to what extent can or should societal challenges be translated into subjects for science and research in the first place? What is the framework for identifying topics – and how does this framework impact on the ensuing research? Do deliberate preparation and planning really increase the chances for science to succeed and, by implication, for societal problems to be solved? Or does it interfere with creativity and precludes those coincidences that can be of such crucial importance? How far may the influence of the funding institution stretch – where does “freedom of research” begin and where does it end?

These questions are answered very differently by the various protagonists in the science system. Bringing together international players with different views, the conference will discuss the areas of conflict between coincidence and planning, mutual influence of scientific structures and social demand, chances, limitations and consequences of research planning.

The conference is organized by the Center for Cluster Development (CCD) of Freie Universität Berlin in cooperation with Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft. As one of three strategic centers under the university’s development strategy, “International Network University” (INU), the CCD plans and promotes the long-term development of research activities at Freie Universität Berlin.

Organizer

Freie Universität Berlin
Center for Cluster Development
Director: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Carsten Dreher

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Information and Registration

www.fu-berlin.de/future-research2011
Registration is open until 30 Sept 2011

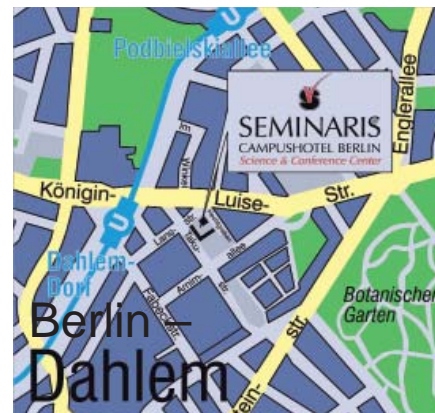
Participation fee

Regular Participant	195 Euro
Early registration discount	150 Euro (until 30 Jun 2011)
Students/Postgraduates	80 Euro
Members of FU Berlin	50 Euro

Dinner + Berlin Tour (Fri, 14 Oct) 48 Euro (optional)

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Venue

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Conference Center
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Thursday, October 13, 2011

15.00 Registration

17.00 Opening Reception

Welcome address

Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt,
President of Freie Universität Berlin

Roadmap to scientific excellence: Research planning as chance for the Science Region Berlin

Prof. Dr. E. Jürgen Zöllner,
Senator for Education, Science and Research

Planning Research for the Future? – An Introduction

Prof. Dr. Carsten Dreher
Center for Cluster Development

Keynote

Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn,
Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung

19.00 Icebreaker-Party

Foyer of the Seminaris Conference Center
Music: Sahrin Rezai



Friday, October 14, 2011

9.00 Discourse demand and ethical principles of participation in science

Prof. Dr. Ortwin Renn, Universität Stuttgart (tbc)

10.00 Parallel Workshops

Workshop I: Identifying Demand

a) Societal challenges as research questions – From demand to research project

Dr. Kerstin Cuhls, Fraunhofer ISI
Prof. Dr. Erika Fischer-Lichte, Freie Universität Berlin
Dr. Heinrich Höfer, Federation of German Industry BDI
Dr. Maria Jepsen, European Trade Union Institute Brüssel
Dr. Markus Müller-Neumann, BASF SE

b) And who asks us? – Students and Junior Researchers

Prof. Dr. Christian Bizer, Freie Universität Berlin
Prof. Dr. Christian Hackenberger, Freie Universität Berlin
Dr. Dagmar Simon, Social Science Research Center Berlin
Young academics of Academies of Sciences and the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings

Workshop II: Actors' Views & Processes

a) Enabling without influencing the agendas? – The role of foundations

Dr. Wilhelm Krull, VW-Stiftung
Andrea Frank, Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft
Dr. Wolfgang Rohe, Mercator-Stiftung
Simon Sommer, Jacobs Foundation
N.N., Qatar-Foundation (tbc)

b) Research planning and institutional rationales – Actors in the research system

Dr. Lothar Behlau, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft
Dr. Christoph Ettl, Max-Planck-Gesellschaft
Prof. Dr. Stefan Joos, Helmholtz-Gemeinschaft
Prof. Dr. Karl Ulrich Mayer, Leibniz-Gemeinschaft
Dr. Fabiana Scapolo, European Commission - Joint Research Centre

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 Summary of the Workshops

15.30 Panel Discussion: Are universities allowed and capable to plan their research?

facilitator: Derek Scally, Irish Times
Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt, Freie Universität Berlin
Prof. Dr. Richard Münch, Universität Bamberg
Prof. Dr. Jens Oddershede, Syddansk Universitet
Prof. Dr. Barbara Sporn, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien
Prof. Dr. Ruth Wodak, Lancaster University

18.30 Dinner Event with Berlin-Tour and „Festival of Lights“ (optional, special booking required)

Saturday, October 15, 2011

9.00 Plenum I Strategic intelligence in science and research policy and structural implications for the research system

facilitator: Derek Scally, Irish Times
Prof. Dr. Erik Arnold, Technopolis Group
Engelbert Beyer, Federal Ministry of Education and Research
Prof. Dr. Michael Decker, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
Prof. Dr. Gerhard de Haan, Freie Universität Berlin
Prof. Dr. Stefan Kuhlmann, University of Twente

10.15 Plenum II Leaving the nutshell? International and European dimensions in strategic intelligence for research

facilitator: Derek Scally, Irish Times
Prof. Dr. Narayanaswamy Balakrishnan, Indian Institute of Science
Prof. Dr. Arthur Bienenstock, Stanford-University
Stefaan Hermans, European Commission (tbc)
Prof. Dr. Rongping Mu, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Prof. Dr. Seeram Ramakrishna, University of Singapore
Prof. Dr. Jamil Salmi, The World Bank

11.45 Closing remarks and farewell

Prof. Dr. Carsten Dreher, Freie Universität Berlin

12.30 End of Conference