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Wednesday, 20 March 2024 | 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm

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What is the relationship between human rights and academic freedom? What is the relation between research security and academic freedom and how can we deal with possible tensions? Is academic freedom a *conditio sine qua non* for the functioning and productivity of higher education and research?

Questions like these will be addressed at the symposium on “Human Rights and Academic Freedom in Europe” in Berlin on 20 March 2024, jointly organised by the human rights committees of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The event will center on two primary objectives: firstly, to explore the complex relationship between human rights and academic freedom, and secondly, to discuss the current state of academic freedom within Europe. Assessing existing challenges to academic freedom in Europe and formulating pragmatic strategies to uphold academic freedom for scientists and academics will be in the focus of the discussion.

Programme

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Room "Sachsen-Anhalt-Saal"

12:00 – 13:00 **Registration**

13:00 – 13:15 **Word of Welcome and Introduction**

Charlotte Klonk, ML
Leopoldina Member of the Presidium, Class IV: Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences

Hans Petter Graver
Chair, DNVA Human Rights Committee

13:15 – 14:45 **First Session: Academic Freedom and Its Relation to Human Rights**

Chair:
Rebecca Everly
Executive Director, International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies

Academic Freedom and Human Rights – A Perspective from the Right to Science

Hans Petter Graver
Professor, Department of Private Law, University of Oslo

'Positive' and 'Negative' Academic Freedoms

Jan Willem Duyvendak
Director, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS-KNAW); University of Amsterdam

Human Rights and Academic Freedom – Ethical Considerations

Alena Buyx, ML
Chair, German Ethics Council; Director, Institute for the History and Ethics of Medicine, Technical University of Munich (TUM)

14:45 – 15:15 **Break**

15:15 – 16:45 **Second Session: The Challenges of and Perils to Academic Freedom in Europe**

Chair:
Inge Jonassen
Member, DNVA Human Rights Committee; Head, Department of Informatics, University of Bergen

Academic Freedom Challenges in Europe

Dominik Kalweit
Manager, Programme MSCA4Ukraine, Scholars at Risk Europe

How *de facto* Academic Freedom Is Eroding in the EU Member States

Peter Maassen

*Professor in Higher Education Studies, Department of Education,
University of Oslo*

Strategies to Protect Academic Freedom

Andrea Pető

Professor, Department of Gender Studies, Central European University

16:45 – 17:30

Break

17:30 – 18:30

Panel Discussion: Who Owns Academia?

Moderator:

Ruth Narmann

*Head of International Relations Department,
German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina*

Panelists:

Armin Nassehi, ML

*Professor of General Sociology and Theory of Society,
Sociology Department, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*

Katrin Kinzelbach

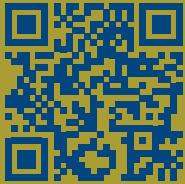
*Professor of International Politics of Human Rights, Institute of Political
Science, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)*

Torbjørn Røe Isaksen

*Political Editor of E24; former Norwegian Minister of Education
(2013 – 2018)*

Anke Reiffenstuel

*Commissioner for Foreign Science Policy, Foreign Education and
Research Policy, German Federal Foreign Office*



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