

Workshop on Academic Freedom and the Internationalisation of HE

The internationalisation of higher education is a fast-developing phenomenon that now affects most universities around the globe. With its multiple components, it produces various outcomes. Undoubtedly, internationalisation facilitates the study and research across the globe. It may, however, create new or aggravate the existing challenges to academic freedom.

This workshop aims to discuss the process of higher education internationalisation and its implications for academic freedom in various national contexts. It sets out to provide a platform for discussing the very concept and definitions of academic freedom in the context of internationalisation, the impact of internationalisation on various national systems of higher education, as well as the ways of measuring academic freedom and reporting its violations.

The workshop is organised and hosted by the [Academic Freedom and Internationalisation Working Group](#).

Workshop programme

All times are in GMT (UK time).

Day one, 4 Nov 2020 (Wednesday)

12:00-12:10 Welcome and introduction, Yesim Yaprak Yildiz, Kasia Kaczmarek

12:10-13:10 Panel one: Academic freedom and internationalisation of Higher Education in the UK, chair: Corinne Lennox, discussant: Yesim Yaprak Yildiz

- The internationalization of universities and the repression of academic freedom, Saipira Furstenberg and Tena Prelec
- Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe, Terence Karran
- Academic freedom - definition dilemmas and measurement challenges, Kasia Kaczmarek
- Introducing the AFIWG and the Code of Conduct, John Heathershaw and Nicole Piché

Q&A session

Day two, 5 Nov 2020 (Thursday)

12:00-13:00 Panel two*: Academic freedom and internationalisation of Higher Education in Europe and the Americas, chair Jesse Levine, discussant Terence Karran

- Commercialisation of Higher Education as a threat to Academic Freedom, Kathleen Lynch
- Internationalisation and academic freedom in the U.S., Robert Quinn
- Too international? The CEU's journey from Hungary to Austria, Zsolt Enyedi
- Internationalisation and university autonomy in Russia, Dmitry Dubrovsky
- Universities in Turkey between Realpolitik and Human Rights Internationalization, Asli Odman

Q&A session

Day three, 6 Nov 2020 (Friday)

12:00-13:00 Panel three: Academic freedom and internationalisation of Higher Education in Asia, Africa and Australia, chair: Eva Pils, discussant: Chris Hughes

- Academic Freedom and the Internationalization of Education: Hong Kong's Dilemma, Carole Petersen
- China's threat to international academic freedom, Teng Biao
- Internationalization and Missing Speech: How Australia Came to Internalize Chinese Values in University Research, Salvatore Babones
- Internationalisation and academic freedom in the MENA region, Ilyas Saliba
- Internationalisation and academic freedom in Sub-Saharan Africa, Ricardo Soares de Oliveira
- Sovietization without Socialism: academic freedom and internalization of HE in post-Soviet Central Asia, Parviz Mullojonov

Q&A session

13:00-13:10 Workshop conclusions and future plans, Kasia Kaczmarek and Yesim Yaprak Yildiz

List of Speakers, Discussants and Chairs:

- Dr Salvatore Babones, Associate Professor, University of Sydney
- Dr Teng Biao, Grove Human Rights Scholar, Hunter College and Pozen Family Visiting Professor, University of Chicago
- Dr Dmitry Dubrovsky, Higher School of Economics, St Petersburg
- Professor Zsolt Enyedi, Central European University and Leverhulme Visiting Professor, University of Oxford
- Dr Saipira Furstenberg, University of Exeter
- Professor John Heathershaw, University of Exeter
- Professor Christopher Hughes, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Dr Katarzyna Kaczmarek, University of Edinburgh
- Professor Terence Karran, University of Lincoln
- Dr Corinne Lennox, School of Advanced Study, University of London
- Mr Jesse Levine, Senior Advocacy Officer, Scholars at Risk
- Professor Kathleen Lynch, University College Dublin
- Dr Parviz Mullojonov, Open Society Institute in Tajikistan
- Dr Asli Odman, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University
- Professor Carole Petersen, William S. Richardson School of Law and Matsunaga Institute for Peace, University of Hawaii
- Ms Nicole Piché, All-Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group
- Professor Eva Pils, King's College London
- Dr Tena Prelec, University of Oxford
- Mr Robert Quinn, founding Executive Director of the Scholars at Risk Network
- Mr Ilyas Saliba, Research Associate, GPPi
- Professor Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
- Dr Yeşim Yaprak Yıldız, Goldsmiths, University of London

*The order of panels two and three is the result of the availability of speakers and does not reflect a deliberate prioritisation of any country or region.