

BACKGROUND: SYMPOSIUM

The topic of the symposium „The Freedom of Scientific Research in the Face of Political and Societal Demands“ suggests a juxtaposition of scientific, political and societal spheres, which might be considered tense or even conflictual. However, increasing interest in deepened exchange offers enormous potential for all three sectors. Thus it is not surprising that initiatives and concepts aiming at a greater interaction are currently on the rise: Science with and for Society as one of the mainstays of Horizon 2020, the European Commission’s Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) to strengthen evidence-based policy making, strategies to establish Open Science and Open Innovation as well as Open Access initiatives all attest to these ever more urgent attempts to encourage interaction between the scientific, political and societal spheres. Yet, trying to influence the direction and the results of this exchange might fundamentally risk the autonomy of science and research, and with it, the key source of its credibility. This symposium aims to discuss these interactions, their risks and opportunities, from a scientific perspective and to contribute to advancing the discourse on the European level.

BACKGROUND: ALLEA PRIZE

The All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values is awarded to eminent scholars whose work represents a significant contribution to the cultural and intellectual values of Europe and to the idea of European integration, thereby promoting and strengthening an understanding of Europe as multifaceted, intellectual, open and vibrant. The prize also seeks to underline the importance of non-technological scholarly work and research for European advancement. Due to their long-standing tradition of preserving, securing and making available the cultural heritage of Europe, Academies of sciences and humanities are in a special position to show and promote Europe’s intellectual and cultural richness. The prize is kindly co-sponsored by the Stiftung Mercator.

19 APRIL 2016

ALLEA INTERNAL BUSINESS MEETING

09:00–16:45

ALLEA Internal Business Meeting
(closed to public)

17:45–19:00

Cultural Programme
Celebration! 125 Years – Anniversary Exhibition | Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien



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18/19 APRIL 2016
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PROGRAMME

18 APRIL 2016

SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

THE FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE FACE OF POLITICAL AND SOCIETAL DEMANDS

MORNING SESSION

Chair: Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

09:30–10:00

Opening and Welcome

Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Welcome Address

Heinz Fischer | President of the Federal Republic of Austria

Welcome Address

Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

Opening Address

10:00–10:30

Keynote Lecture

Sir Peter Knight | Imperial College London

Interplay of Freedom of Scientific Research and Political Demands

10:30–10:50

Symposium Lecture

Julian Nida-Rümelin | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, former Minister of State

Freedom of Science and Academic Education

10:50–11:05

COFFEE BREAK

11:05–11:45

Symposium Lectures

Irmgard Griss | former President of the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice

Freedom of Scientific Research from a Legal Point of View

Michèle Leduc | Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris

Integrity and Responsibility of the Researchers: Ethical Views

11:45–12:30

Panel Discussion

Chair: Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

Speakers of morning session

Societal and Political Demands towards Scientific Research

12:30–13:45

LUNCH BREAK

13:45–13:50

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Re-opening

Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Re-opening

13:50–14:15

Keynote Lecture

Jean-Pierre Bourguignon | President, European Research Council

Perspectives of the ERC

14:15–14:40

Symposium Lecture

László Lovász | President, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Political Influence, Societal Demands, and the Expectation of Economic Returns: Threats or Possibilities for Research?

14:40–14:50

COFFEE BREAK

14:50–15:50

Symposium Lectures

Stefan Hornbostel | German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies

Under Pressure! Investigating Academic Freedom

Andre Gingrich | University of Vienna

Advancing Quality Standards in Changing Contexts: The Case Example of German-speaking Humanities and Social Sciences

Jan Velterop | Academic Publisher

Openness is a Scientifically and Societally Relevant Part of a Published Article's Quality

15:50–16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00–16:50

Panel Discussion

Chair: Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Speakers of afternoon session

Autonomy of Scientific Institutions

16:50–17:50

Debate

Julia Budka | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Roberta D'Alessandro | Leiden University

Paul Heinz Mayrhofer | Vienna University of Technology

Early Career Researchers in Austria and Europe: Freedom is just another Word for ...

17:50–18:00

Closing Address

Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

18:00–19:15

EVENING RECEPTION

AWARD CEREMONY

ALLEA MADAME DE STAËL PRIZE FOR CULTURAL VALUES

19:15

Arrival

19:30

Musical Concert

VioArt Quartett

20:00

Opening

Anton Zeilinger | President, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Welcome address

Günter Stock | President, ALLEA

Introduction "All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values"

20:15

Award Ceremony

Ed Noort | Vice-President, ALLEA

Laudatory Speech

Johannes Hahn | European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

Festive Speech and Hand-over of the ALLEA Prize 2016

Rémi Brague | University of Paris I

Laureate's Speech

21:25

Musical Concert

VioArt Quartett