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A Week on Academic Freedom is a joint initiative by the research programme Democracy and Higher Education, Higher Education and Research as Objects of Study (HERO), and Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (SCAS). A series of events will be organized on the common theme of academic freedom over the course of a week. All events take place in Uppsala between 23–27 October.

To view the full programme online, please see: www.uu.se/a-week-on-academic-freedom

PROGRAMME

Monday, 23 October
Organized by: Democracy and Higher Education
Venue: Uppsala University Main Building, Lecture Hall X
Language: Swedish and English

Academic Freedom and Responsibility in Policy and Practice
13:15–13:25  
Inauguration of the Week (English)
TORA HOLMBERG, Professor of Sociology & Vice-Rector, Uppsala University
CHRISTINA GARSTEN, Principal and Permanent Fellow, SCAS & Professor of Social Anthropology, Uppsala University and Stockholm University
LINDA WEDLIN, Professor of Business Studies & Director of Democracy and Higher Education, Uppsala University
MIKAEL BÖRJESSON, Professor of Sociology of Education & Director of HERO, Uppsala University

13:30–14:15  
Student Interests and the Freedom of Teaching: Challenges and How to Respond (English)
ANDREA TALENTINO, Professor of Political Science & President of Augustana College

14:15–15:00  
Reimagining Academic Freedom in Europe: What is at Stake? (English)
LIVIU MATEI, Professor of Higher Education and Public Policy, King’s College London & Representative of The Guild

15:00–15:30  
Break

15:30–17:00  
En fri akademi bland ökade krav: Vad behövs för en kunskapsbildning i demokratins tjänst? (Swedish)
Panelsamtal
DAG BLANCK, Professor of North American Studies, Uppsala University (moderator)
FARSHID JALALVAND, PhD in Medical Microbiology and Author
ANNIKA NILSSON, Associate Professor of Public Law, Uppsala University
GÖRAN ROSENBERG, Journalist and Author
LINN SVÄRD, Swedish National Union of Students
ASTRID SÖDERBERGH WIDDIG, Professor of Cinema Studies & Vice-Chancellor, Stockholm University
JOHAN ÖSTLING, Professor of History, Lund University; Director, Lund Centre for the History of Knowledge (LUCK) & Wallenberg Academy Fellow

17:00–  
Informal reception
Registration is required. Register here
Tuesday, 24 October
Organized by: HERO
Venue: Hall C, Uppsala Konsert & Kongress
Language: English

The Relationship between Academia and Society in Troubled Times

13:15–13:20  Welcome
MIKAEL BÖRJESSON, Professor of Sociology of Education & Director of HERO, Uppsala University
SHARON RIDER, Professor of Philosophy & Deputy Director of HERO, Uppsala University

Part I: Variations of Interfaces: Scientific Domains

SVEN WIDMÅLM, Professor of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University
DAN LARHAMMAR, Professor of Molecular Cell Biology, Uppsala University
MIA PHILLIPSON, Professor of Physiology, Uppsala University

13:45–14:10  What is Public Social Science?
JOHAN HEILBRON, Guest Professor, HERO, Uppsala University
KRISTOFFER KROPP, Associate Professor of Sociology, Roskilde University
JULIEN LARREGUE, Assistant Professor in Sociology, Université Laval

14:10–14:35  Beyond the Integrative Humanities
ANDERS EKSTRÖM, Professor of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University
ULRIKA BJÖRKNSTÉN, Secretary General, Vetenskap & Allmänhet
NINA WORMBS, Professor of History of Technology, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

14:35–15:00  Conclusions
ANDERS EKSTRÖM, JOHAN HEILBRON & SVEN WIDMÅLM

15:00–15:20  Break

Part II: Science, Politics, and Ideology

15:20–15:45  Declining Trust in Science?
JOHAN HEILBRON, Guest Professor, HERO, Uppsala University
ULRIKA BJÖRKNSTÉN, Secretary General, Vetenskap & Allmänhet

15:45–16:10  Research Funding for Excellence: Impact and Consequences
KERSTIN SAHLIN, Senior Professor of Public Management & Chair of HERO, Uppsala University
PETER EDLUND, Researcher in Business Studies, Uppsala University
AUDREY HARROCHE, Research Fellow, Oxford Brookes University

16:10–16:35  Between Academe and Politics – Think Tanks and the Quest for Knowledge
CHRISTINA GARSTEN, Principal and Permanent Fellow, SCAS & Professor of Social Anthropology, Uppsala University and Stockholm University
ULRIK JENNISCH, Junior Global Horizons Fellow, SCAS & Researcher, Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research (Score), Stockholm University
DIETER PLEHWE, Senior Global Horizons Fellow, SCAS & Senior Research Fellow, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

16:35–17:00  Conclusions
CHRISTINA GARSTEN, JOHAN HEILBRON & KERSTIN SAHLIN

17:00–  Informal reception
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Wednesday, 25 October
Organized by: HERO
Venue: the Humanities Theatre, English Park Campus
Language: Swedish and English

Hur står det till med den akademiska friheten?
13:15–13:30  Inledning (Swedish)
Speaker TBA

13:30–14:25  Den akademiska friheten i Sverige: En lägesbild (Swedish)
SHIRIN AHLBÄCK ÖBERG, Professor of Political Science & Deputy Director of HERO, Uppsala University
ANNA JONSSON CORNELI, Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law, Uppsala University

14:30–15:00  Vad behöver göras? Diskussion med intresseorganisationer (Swedish)
SHIRIN AHLBÄCK ÖBERG (moderator)
YLVA FÄLTHOLM, Vice-Chancellor of University of Gävle & Representative of SUHF
EMIL GÖRNERUP, Head of Research and Innovation Policy, Confederation of Swedish Enterprise
RASMUS LINDESTEDT, Board Member, SFS
KARIN ÅMOSSA, Head of Policy and International Affairs, SULF

15:00–15:30 Break

15:30–16:25  Nordic Comparative Perspectives on Academic Freedom (English)
SHARON RIDER, Professor of Philosophy & Deputy Director of HERO, Uppsala University (moderator)
JANNE HOLMÉN, Associate Professor of the History of Education, Uppsala University
ANINE KIERULF, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Oslo
ASGER SØRENSEN, Associate Professor of Philosophy of Education, Aarhus University

16:30–17:00  Discussion (Swedish/English)

Thursday, 26 October
Organized by: SCAS
Venue: SCAS, the Thunberg Lecture Hall, Linneanum, Thunbergsvägen 2
Language: English
This session will be available via Zoom Webinar: https://uu-sc.zoom.us/j/61433675775

Academic Citizenship in Perspective
10:15–12:00  The VUIAS Initiative – A Joint Effort in Founding an Institute for Advanced Study for Ukraine
DANIEL SCHÖNPFLUG, Head of Academic Programs, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Professor of History, Freie Universität Berlin & Co-Chair Virtual Ukraine Institute for Advanced Study (VUIAS)

16:30–18:00  On Academic Integrity
SVERKER SÖRLIN, Non-resident Long-term Fellow for Programmes on Environmental Humanities, SCAS & Professor of Environmental History, KTH Royal Institute of Technology
Friday, 27 October
Organized by: HERO.
Venue: SCAS, the Thunberg Lecture Hall, Linneanum, Thunbergsvägen 2
Language: English
This session will be available via Zoom Webinar: https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/66417120918

Varieties of Collegiality
10:15–10:30 Introduction  
Kerstin Sahlin, Senior Professor of Public Management & Chair of HERO, Uppsala University

10:30–10:50 Governing Research. New Forms of Competition and Cooperation in Academia  
(Pre-recorded lecture)  
Anna Kosmützky, Professor of the Methodology of Higher Education and Science Research, Leibniz Center for Science and Society (LCSS), Leibniz University Hannover  
Georg Krücken, Professor of the Sociology of Higher Education & Director, International Center for Higher Education Research (INCHER), University of Kassel

10:50–11:10 Integrating Horizontal and Vertical Collegiality  
Francois van Schalkwyk, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology (CREST), Stellenbosch University

11:10–11:30 A Slow Form of Governance? Collegial Organization and Temporal Synchronization in the Context of Swedish University Reforms  
Hampus Östh Gustafsson, Researcher, Lund Centre for the History of Knowledge (LUCK), Lund University

11:30–12:00 Comments & Discussion  
Shirin Ahlbäck Öberg, Professor of Political Science & Deputy Director of HERO, Uppsala University  
Johan Boberg, Associate Professor of Sociology of Education & Research Coordinator, HERO, Uppsala University

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