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INCLUSION IN LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES

The main goals of this project are to bring knowledge and insights on the issues of inclusion in the academic community to researchers and policymakers for fostering discussions on the matter.

Research assessment has been in constant flux in Lithuania. After twenty years of experimenting with metric-based research assessment, policymakers introduced the Comparative Expert Assessment (CEA) along with additional measures—of economic and social impact—that were relatively new to Lithuanian academics. After CEA 2018, the experts stated that some areas were still stagnating and would probably not improve without focused efforts.

At the end of 2018, Eleonora Dagienė started her PhD research at CWTS (the Center of Science and Technology Studies at Leiden University, the Netherlands), seeking to investigate quantitative research assessment and its unintended consequences. Additionally, continuing her research at Mykolas Romeris University, Eleonora has sought to identify the drivers and barriers in applying national research assessment tools.

Through an in-depth analysis of more than fifty interviews, inclusion emerged as one of the significant and contentious issues. Policymakers use instruments to push Lithuanian researchers beyond the 'local' towards international academic communities while researchers struggle with inclusion in both local and foreign communities.

These initial findings prompted Eleonora Dagienė to look for experts working on the inclusion topics and organise events to bring their knowledge to the community. The seminar and roundtable discussion are a result of that effort.

29 October 2021, Friday, 14:00-16:00 Eastern European Time (EET) (in Lithuanian with simultaneous interpretation into English)

The round table discussion „LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT INFLUENCED THE DEVELOPMENT OF LITHUANIAN RESEARCH ASSESSMENT“

14:00–14:10

Welcome speeches



Prof. Dr Inga Žalėnienė
Rector of Mykolas Romeris University



Prof. Dr Artūras Žukauskas
The Chair of the Committee on
Education and Science of the Seimas
of the Republic of Lithuania
(Rector of Vilnius University, 2015–2020)



Gintautas Jakštas
Vice-minister at LR Ministry of
Education, science and sport

14:10–14:25

How Lithuanian policymakers have been operating over three decades in a highly unpredictable environment



Eleonora Dagienė

Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania
CWTS (Centre for Science and Technology Studies), Leiden University, The Netherlands

14:25–15:25

Invited policymakers will reflect and discuss how the research evaluation has contributed to the international competitiveness of Lithuanian science:



Prof. Dr Artūras Žukauskas

the Chair of the Committee on Education and Science of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Rector of Vilnius University, 2015-2020)



Prof. Dr Romas Baronas

The chair of the Research Council of Lithuania; The Institute of Computer Science, Vilnius University



Prof. Dr Dalius Serafinas

Head of the Lithuanian Society of Scientists; Head of the Quality Management Master's Program, Vilnius University



Jurgita Petrauskienė

Counsellor for Education and Science at the Permanent representation of Lithuania to the OECD (the Minister of Education and Science, 2016-2018)



Prof. Dr Eugenijus Butkus

The Life Sciences Centre, Vilnius University (Chair of the Research Council of Lithuania, 2003-2013)



Prof. Dr Rūta Petrauskaitė

Department of Lithuanian Studies at Vytautas Magnus University (Vice-Chair of the Research Council of Lithuania for Humanities, 2008-2018)



Prof. Dr Jochen Gläser

Technische Universität Berlin, Germany



Dr Guus Dix

The University of Twente, the Netherlands

15:25–16:00

General Discussion – what we would like to achieve

28 October 2021, Thursday, 10:00-13:00 Eastern European Time (EET), in English

Open virtual seminar

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Moderator:



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Professor of Higher Education, Centre for Higher Education, TU Dortmund University; Chair of the Board, Futura Scientia, Lithuania



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