

# UW



Network of Universities  
from the Capitals of Europe

## UNIVERSITIES IN THE CAPITALS AND THE GRAND CHALLENGES

UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW ♦ FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2016

Chair of the Seminar: Luciano Saso, UNICA President

Venue: Old Library Aula - Main Campus,  
Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, Warsaw

8:30-9:00

**Registration for the Seminar**

Morning coffee & tea in the Foyer of the Old Library

9:00-9:30

**Welcome**

- Hanna Gronkiwicz-Waltz, Mayor of Warsaw *or* Michał Olszewski, Deputy Mayor of Warsaw
- Marcin Pałys, Rector of the University of Warsaw
- Luciano Saso, UNICA President

9:30-11:00

**Session I: UNICA Universities and Urban Challenges**

*How has the position of Universities in European Capital Cities changed due to recent political developments? ♦ Universities and their role in creating favourable conditions for urban development ♦ City-University relations: peaceful coexistence or win-win relations?*

Chair: Anna Giza-Poleszczuk, Vice-Rector for Development at the University of Warsaw

- *Science as a factor of regional and urban development* - Andrés Rodríguez Pose, Professor of Economic Geography, London School of Economics, President of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI)
- *Research potential of Warsaw in international scientific networks* - Agnieszka Olechnicka, Adam Płoszaj, Centre for European Regional and Local Studies (EUROREG), University of Warsaw
- *Warsaw in global metropolitan networks* - Peter J. Taylor, Professor of Human Geography, Northumbria University
- *Title TBC* - Miguel De Castro Neto, Expert in Smart Cities, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

Questions & Answers

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break in the Foyer**

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

**11:30-13:00 Session II: Panel discussion “University–City cooperation: What can universities do for the cities and vice-versa?”**

*What are the most effective ways to strengthen the collaboration between the University and the City authorities? ♦ How can we involve Students in a more effective collaboration with the City? ♦ How to demonstrate the added value of a University in a Capital City? ♦ Why and how shall we promote the City interest in our Universities? ♦ How can Universities contribute to a better understanding of the City dynamics?*

Chair: Franck Leprevost, University of Luxembourg, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee

Panel speakers:

- Andrzej Koźmiński, President of Koźmiński University, Warsaw
- Deborah Philippe, Vice-Rector for University-City Relations at the University of Lausanne
- Manuel Veiga, Municipal Director of Culture, Municipality of Lisbon
- Sjoerd Arlman, Head of Department, City of Amsterdam
- Jaak Aaviksoo, Rector, Tallinn University of Technology

**13:00-14:00 Lunch in the Foyer**

**14:00-16:00 Session III: Panel discussion “Universities from the Capitals facing the Grand Challenges together”**

*What is the role of Universities in the refugee crisis? ♦ How did Universities react to the terrorist attacks? ♦ What kind of crisis management actions did they put in place? ♦ What is the impact of the recent events on international mobility? ♦ New role of Higher Education in Civic Education*

Chair: Antonio Rendas, Rector of Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

Panel speakers:

- Didier Viviers, former Rector, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- Anna Buverud, Project leader for the Academic Dugnad programme, University of Oslo
- João Saagua, Vice-Rector, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa
- Jesús Escrivá Muñoz, Liaison Officer, Erasmus Student Network

**16:00-16:30 Closing**

**16:30-19:00 Free time**

**19:00 Dinner in Wilhelm Landau’s Bank (Senatorska street 38)**

