

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 Gronkiewicz-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 Rodriguez 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 and 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
- Urban Planning in an Open Data Society Miguel de Castro Neto, Expert in Smart Cities, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

Questions & Answers

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

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 Leprévost, University of Luxembourg, Member of the UNICA Steering Committee

Panel speakers:

- · Andrzej K. Koźmiński, President of Koźmiński University, Warsaw
- Déborah 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: António Rendas, Rector of Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

Panel speakers:

- Didier Viviers, former Rector, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- Anna Kolberg Buverud, Project leader for the Academic Dugnad programme, University of Oslo
- João Sàágua, Vice-Rector and Francisco Caramelo, Professor, 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 University of Warsaw's Jubilee Dinner

Venue: Wilhelm Landau's Bank, Senatorska Street 38



