



**LEUPHANA**  
UNIVERSITÄT LÜNEBURG

# MODERNIZING UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN EUROPE THROUGH LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

28 - 29 September 2017

Central building (Zentralgebäude) - Universitätsallee 1

How can Higher Education in Europe be modernized? How can an intensive culture of learning be cultivated? How can depth of knowledge be combined with breadth of competences? How can learning and teaching can be given the status that is merits? This conference brings together decision-makers, educators, teacher and administrators in HE that are interested in how current conceptions and practices of Liberal Arts and Sciences can be a major source to address these questions.

## PROGRAMME

### Thursday, September 28

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| 14:00 – 14:45 | Registration, including a welcome coffee (Foyer Central Building)  |
| 14:45 – 15:00 | <b>Welcome</b> by Prof. (apl) Dr. Carola Schormann, Vice President of Leuphana University and by Dr. Steffi Hobuss, Incoming Academic Director of Leuphana College;<br><b>Introduction</b> by Dr. Volker Balli, Academic Director Studium Individuale (C40.704)  |
| 15:00 – 16:30 | <b>Student and Alumni Voices</b> on Liberal Arts Education in Europe (C40.704)   |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Coffee Break   |
| 17:00 - 18:00 | <b>Presentation of the Guide to Emerging LAS Practices in the EU</b> (C40.704)<br><b>(1) What makes a Liberal Arts and Sciences programme?</b><br>By Laurent Boetsch, Executive Director, ECOLAS<br><b>(2) Liberal Arts and Sciences in the EU: Case Studies of Current Examples</b><br>by Volker Balli, Academic Director, Studium Individuale, Leuphana<br><b>(3) Quality Standards for LAS programmes</b><br>by Lieke Schreel, Educational Director, Leiden University College, The Hague |
| 18:00 – 18:45 | Possibility to take a Campus Tour (or a break)   |
| 18:45 – 21:15 | <b>Reception</b> in the Foyer of the Central Building  |

## Friday, September 29

9:00 – 10:15	<b>Thematic Discussion Group - Session I</b>
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00	<b>Thematic Discussion Group - Session II</b>
12:15 – 12:45	Possibility for a guided tour of the Central Building
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch (Cafeteria of the Central Building, ground floor)
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Plenary:</b> Presentation of main points of the morning discussions (C40.704)
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Higher Education in Europe: Envisioning next steps</b> (C40.704) A panel discussion with Bert van der Brink (Dean University College Roosevelt), Laurent Boetsch (ECOLAS) and Samuel Abraham (BISLA)

## Thematic Discussion Groups

On the second day, three central themes surrounding a LAS education that have been introduced during the first day will be taken up in 'thematic discussion groups.' They will take place in the spirit of an LAS pedagogy: interactive, critical and intensive: Following a short introduction by the moderator, each group of about 20 participants will, based on their experiences, insights and questions, discuss the given theme. The main discussion points of all discussion groups will be presented in the plenary session (14:00 - 14:30).

Each participant is invited to choose, when registering on the 28th, two out of the three possible themes. Discussions groups will run parallel during both sessions (I. 9:00 - 10:15 and II. 10:45 - 12:00). The three themes are:

- (1) **Beyond the primacy of research:** How to promote the status of learning and teaching at European as one central purpose of Universities and Colleges in Europe
- (2) **Beyond (but also within) the class-room:** How to foster a culture and community of intensive and collaborative learning
- (3) **Beyond old-fashioned specialisation:** How to identify central academic competences and how to ensure breath of such competences in learners

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Venue

The conference will take place in the new central building of Leuphana University Lüneburg. Information on how to arrive in Lüneburg can be found at [https://www.leuphana.de/no\\_cache/en/university/contact/directions.html](https://www.leuphana.de/no_cache/en/university/contact/directions.html)

### Conference Fee

Thanks to the support by the Erasmus+ funded Strategic Partnership BLASTER, the conference is free of charge, including accommodation on the 28th, the reception on Thursday, lunch on Friday, refreshments as well as a copy of the Guide to Emerging LAS Practices in the EU. You will need, however, to provide your own transport to and from Lüneburg as well as within Lüneburg.

### Accommodation

Participants who registered for it will either stay in the Hotel Altes Kaufhaus <http://www.alteskaufhaus.de/en/> or at the Seminaris Hotel <http://www.seminaris.de/en/hotels/seminaris-hotel-lueneburg.html>

### Wi-Fi

All participants will have access to Wi-Fi on Leuphana Campus

Further information can be found at [https://www.leuphana.de/no\\_cache/mhe-conference/mhe-conference.html](https://www.leuphana.de/no_cache/mhe-conference/mhe-conference.html).

In case of any questions or comments, please contact us at [mheconf@leuphana.de](mailto:mheconf@leuphana.de)

