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## INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE & POLICY SYMPOSIUM (ISPS)

“NAVIGATING GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY: HOW RESEARCH-INTENSIVE UNIVERSITIES STRENGTHEN SOCIETIES.”

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Herrenhausen Palace, Hanover, Germany

### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Wednesday, Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (DAY 1)	
14:30-14:45	<b>Opening &amp; Welcome</b> International Science & Policy Symposium <i>Dr. Georg Schütte, Secretary General of Volkswagen Foundation</i>
14:45-15:00	<b>Introductory Notes</b> <i>Prof. Michael Hoch, Chair German U15, Rector of the University of Bonn</i>
15:00-15:45	<b>Opening Keynote</b> <b>“Navigating Global Responsibility: How Research-Intensive Universities Strengthen Societies“</b> <i>Prof. Peter Stoicheff, Chair U15 Canada, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan</i>
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-17:30	<b>Panel discussion I:</b> <b>“Excellence in Research, Innovation, and Global Talent Mobility”</b> <i>Featuring: Prof. Sophie D’Amours, Rector of Université Laval; Prof. Liselotte Højgaard, European Research Council, Scientific Board; Prof Ed McCauley, President and Vice-Chancellor of University of Calgary</i>  What kind of political conditions are required for universities to guarantee excellence in research, innovation and international exchange? How do we define excellence? How does international exchange foster excellence? Who is included or excluded in our notion of “international”? How do excellence and innovation relate to one another?

	Q&A with audience
17:30-18:00	Coffee Break
18:00	Reception
<b>Thursday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (DAY 2)</b>	
09:00	Morning Coffee and Welcome
09:30-10:00	<p><b>Input: “Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Higher Education: Research-Intensive Universities as Models of a Just Society”</b></p> <p><i>Prof. Malinda Smith, Vice-Provost EDI, University of Calgary</i></p>
10:00-11:00	<p><b>Panel discussion II:</b></p> <p><b>“Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: What is the University’s Role for Social Stability and Sustainable Progress?”</b></p> <p><i>Featuring: Prof. Gülay Çağlar, Political Sciences, Gender &amp; Diversity, FU Berlin; Prof. Ingrid Piller, Applied Linguistics, Macquarie University Sydney; Prof. Enrico Schleiff, President of Goethe University Frankfurt; Prof. Patrick Deane, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Queen’s University</i></p> <p>How do equity, diversity and inclusion factor into Universities’ responsibilities as international agents of social stability and sustainable progress? What are the main hindrances to turning our Universities into equal, diverse and inclusive institutions? How does research on EDI factor into our institutional transition?</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A with audience</b></p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:00	<p><b>Input: “Courageous Commitments in Crisis: On Research in Changing Geopolitical Landscapes”</b></p>
12:00-13:00	<p><b>Panel discussion III:</b></p> <p><b>“Navigating Research and Higher Education in Changing Geopolitical Landscapes: What is the Future of International Academic Collaboration?”</b></p> <p><i>Featuring: Prof. Jeannick Brisswalter, President of Université Côte d’Azur; Vicky Thomson, Chief Executive &amp; Director Group of Eight Australia; Prof. Günter M. Ziegler, President of Freie Universität Berlin; Prof. Jacques Frémont, President and Vice-Chancellor of University of Ottawa.</i></p> <p>How can Universities strengthen international ties despite an increasingly tense global political landscape? What is the universities’ singular role in maintaining sustainable social stability? How do Universities provide safe spaces for transnational exchange and debate?</p>

	Q&A with audience
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:30	<b>Input: “Pathways to Sustainable Food Systems - Policies and Technologies in an Era of Multiple Crises.”</b>
14:30-15:30	<p><b>Panel discussion IV: “Pathways to Sustainable Food Systems - Policies and Technologies in an Era of Multiple Crises.”</b></p> <p><i>Featuring: Prof. Angela Bedard-Haughn, Soil Science, University of Saskatchewan; Prof. Peter Dannenberg, Human Geography, University of Cologne; Thioye Massamba, UN Climate Secretariat; Prof. Matin Qaim, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn; Prof. Annette Scheersoi, Vice-Rector for Sustainability, University of Bonn</i></p> <p>How does excellent research contribute to increasing food security globally? How do we deal with shocks to the food system in the wake of natural disasters and climate change? How can food systems be made more environmentally and socially sustainable and resilient? What role does smart digital technologies play in advancing the sustainability of food system?</p> <p>Q&amp;A with audience</p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:30	<p><b>Keynote: “Universities for Democracy: How Research and Education Foster Free Societies”</b></p> <p><i>Prof. Shalini Randeria, President &amp; Rector of Central European University</i></p>
16:30-17:30	<p><b>Panel discussion V: “Do Universities Remain Spaces of Open Discourse?”</b></p> <p><i>Featuring: Prof. Klaus Gärditz, Public Law, University of Bonn; Katrin Kinzelbach, International Politics of Human Rights, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg; Dr. Kai Sicks, Secretary General of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD);</i></p> <p>What is the state of academic freedom and free speech on campuses world wide? How do Universities negotiate political responsibility and provide conditions for democracy to flourish?</p> <p>Q&amp;A with audience</p>
17:30-18:15	Wrap-up and Farewell
18:00	Reception