


Staff Training Programme

Responsible Internationalization and Institutional Support for At-Risk Scholars in Turbulent Times

Monday 10.3		Venue: Central Library (Ground Floor)	
9.00 – 9.30	Registration		
9.30 – 11.00	<p>Opening & Welcome addresses <i>Prof. Georgios Tzetzis, Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, Lifelong Learning, International Relations and Outreach, AUTh</i> <i>Prof. Alexandros Triantafyllidis, AUTh, Chair SAR Greece, member of UN TF RIGE</i></p> <p>Presentation “Utrecht Network & Utrecht Network Task Force “Responsible Internationalization: Promoting Academic Freedom and Academic Responsibility in International Higher Education, Research and Innovation” <i>Iris Vernekohl, Ruhr U Bochum, Chair UN TF RIGE</i></p> <p>Keynote Speech “Fundamental Values of Higher Education at Risk in a Fragmented World. Promoting and Protecting Academic Freedom, Public Responsibility of Higher Education, and Public Responsibility for Higher Education” <i>Prof. Liviu Matei, King’s College London; Magna Charta Observatory</i></p>		
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break		
11.30 – 13.00	Getting to Know Each Other: Short introduction of participants & their universities		
13.30	Lunch		
16.00	Guided City Tour (Departure point: entrance of the Central Library)		
Tuesday 11.3		Venue: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Faculty of Theology (Ground floor)	
Overall Topic	Responsible Internationalization in Times of Shifting Geopolitics & Rising Nationalisms		
9.30 – 10.00	<p>Presentation: Insights from Across the Utrecht Network: Results of the RIGE Questionnaire “Utrecht Network Task Force Responsible Internationalization and Global Engagement (RIGE): Questionnaire for the support for Utrecht Network Member Institutions”</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Prof. Alexandros Triantafyllidis (AUTh) & Iris Vernekohl (Ruhr U Bochum)</i> Presenters: <i>Dr. Kristina Mantasavili & Konstantina Tolia (AUTh)</i></p>		
10.00-11.00	<p>Presentations & Discussion: Challenges and Experiences at Participating Utrecht Network Universities</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Lauri Randveer (U Tartu)</i> <i>Dr. Claire Dorrity (U College Cork)</i></p> <p>Peer Exchange: Participants view on/understanding of responsible internationalization & exchange of good practices</p>		
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break		

11.30 – 13.30	<p>Round Table Discussion: “Responsible internationalization and the Perils of International Cooperation: Insights from Across Europe”</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Ioannis Papageorgiou (AUTH) Discussants: Dr. Archil Chiochia (Tallinn University of Technology) Assist. Prof. Konstantinos Tsimonis (King's College London) Prof. Sören Urbansky (Ruhr U Bochum) Iris Vernekohl (Ruhr U Bochum)</p> <p>Short description: This Round Table will focus on the challenges that internationalisation poses to universities regarding its implications on academic freedom, financial and thus political dependency. How can universities remain open to the increasingly interdependent world while at the same time preserving their academic integrity?</p>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	<p>Presentation, Case study & Good Practice Exchange: How to set up effective and acceptable international cooperation assessment systems at universities balancing knowledge security, academic freedom and human rights.</p> <p>Moderator: Monika Sprung (Ruhr U Bochum) Presenter: Kristin Günther (U Hamburg)</p> <p>Short description: This presentation explores the complexities of establishing international cooperation assessment systems in universities, focusing on the delicate balance between ensuring knowledge security, preserving academic freedom, and upholding human rights, based on the best practice example of the University of Hamburg. The session delves into the university’s approach to navigating these challenges in global partnerships and includes an interactive case study. Participants will gain insights into best practices for creating assessment frameworks and processes for international academic cooperation and university partnerships that align with dual use/export control regulations, academic freedom and ethical standards, while fostering international collaboration in a rapidly evolving academic landscape.</p>
Wednesday 12.3	Venue: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Faculty of Theology (Ground floor) 
Overall Topic	Responsible Internationalization in Times of Global Societal Challenges
9.30 – 11:00	<p>Panel Discussion: University Social Responsibility and Responsible Internationalization</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Maximilian Schell (Ruhr U Bochum, PI WUN Project “Academic Freedom as a driver of sustainable development?”) Panelists: Prof. Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua (U Ghana, African Coalition for Academic Freedom) Prof. Patrício Langa (Eduardo Mondlane University) Dr. Claire Dorrity (U College Cork)</p> <p>Short description: This panel explores the intersection of university social responsibility (USR) and responsible internationalization in higher education, framed within a local, regional and global context. Key themes include the interface between academic freedom and academic responsibility, a critical reflection on the suitability of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a frame of reference for international cooperation, and how to address global power imbalances in higher education, research, and knowledge production. While emphasizing the importance of university engagement with society,</p>

	<i>the discussion will furthermore focus on how institutions can create responsible internationalization practices that not only foster a more equitable and inclusive global academic exchange/international partnerships, but also a related support and engagement with at-risk scholars and institutions, with a further view on possible contributions to solving pressing societal problems.</i>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>World Café: How to Implement Responsible Internationalization and University Social Responsibility in Practice?</p> <p>Moderators: Prof. Patrício Langa (Eduardo Mondlane University), Dr. Maximilian Schell (Ruhr U Bochum), Iris Vernekohl (Ruhr U Bochum)</p> <p>Short description: This World Café event will explore the intersection of responsible internationalization and university social responsibility (USR) through three dynamic discussions. It will encourage interactive, collaborative conversations to generate practical ideas for integrating different dimensions of responsible internationalization and social responsibility into university policies and practices. Participants will engage in group dialogues on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Global University Social Responsibility and Academic Freedom 2. International Cooperation in Structures of Global Power Asymmetries 3. Internationalization in Higher Education for and with Society (IHES)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Good Practice Exchange and Discussion: Safeguarding and Promoting Academic Freedom in Ukraine in Times of War and Beyond</p> <p>Moderator: Monika Sprung (Ruhr U Bochum) Presenters: Prof. Svitlana Andreichenko Prof. Lisa Heschl (U Graz, Project Coordinators of (FreeAc)) Dr. Olga Matveieva (PSI Fellow, Ruhr U Bochum) Monika Sprung, (Director, International Office, Ruhr University Bochum)</p> <p>Short description: This session will explore the vital role of academic freedom in Ukraine, especially in light of the ongoing crisis. Representatives from the University Alliance Ruhr and the Erasmus+ project "Promoting Academic Freedom in Ukraine (FreeAc)" will share insights on initiatives supporting Ukrainian scholars and institutions under threat. The discussion will highlight key strategies for safeguarding academic freedom and responsibility, offering practical solutions for ensuring the continuity of research and teaching in Ukraine, and fostering international collaboration in times of crisis and beyond.</p>
Thursday 13.3	Venue: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, KEDEA Building 
Overall title	Responsible Support for At-Risk Scholars (in South/Eastern Europe)
10.00 – 17.00	<p>InspirEurope Regional Outreach Workshop</p> <p>WORKSHOP AGENDA</p>
19.30	Goodbye Dinner

Friday 14.3		Venue: Central Library (Ground Floor)	
9.30 – 10.30	Conclusions from Sessions & Open Discussion		
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break		
11.00 – 11.30	Upcoming RIGE Related Initiatives		
11.30 – 12.00	Erasmus+ Funding Schemes (KA2 Projects) Presenter: Nikos Liolios (AUTH)		
12:00-12:15	Wrap Up , Farewell & Good Bye		