

## **The Changing Role of the Humanities in the Academy and Society: Historical and Transnational Perspectives**

**15. - 17. September 2011, Centre for British Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**

**15 September 2011**

13.00-13.30 – Conference Registration and Coffee

13.30-13.45 – Welcome and opening words: Georgia Christinidis (Centre for British Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

13.45-15.15 - **Panel 1: Historical paradigms**

Chair: Roberto Sala

Tamson Pietsch (New College, Oxford)

*“Fellow workers in the same high cause”*: socialization and useful knowledge in the universities of the British Empire, 1830-1914

Anne Baillot (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

*The University Library and the Humanities: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*

15.15-15.45 – Coffee break

15.45-17.45 – **Panel 2: Disciplinary perspectives**

Chair: Georgia Christinidis

Heather Ellis (Centre for British Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

*Ancient ideas of a liberal education and their continuing relevance to the humanities today*

Sebastian Berg (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

*Intervention – Project – Discipline: the integration of British cultural studies into German universities*

Roberto Sala (Universität Erfurt)

*Does Economics Belong to the Humanities? The Bizarre Convergence of Werner Sombart's and Frank H. Knight's Methodological Statements*

18.00-19.30 **Keynote Lecture**: Bruce Robbins (Columbia University)

*The place of the humanities within the university: what has changed in the twenty-first century?* (Working title)

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09.00-11.00 - **Panel 3: Contemporary case studies**

Chair: Anne Baillot

Susan Bruce (University of Keele)  
*The value of difficulty*

Laura Kolbe (University of Helsinki)  
*Slogans, Symbols and Foundation Myths: Academic History and University Branding at the Baltic Sea Area in the 21st Century*

Johanna Waters (University of Liverpool)  
*British universities in contemporary Hong Kong: creating new transnational subjects?*

11.00-11.30 – Coffee break

11.30-13.00 – **Panel 4: Transnational networks**

Chair: Sebastian Berg

Asimina Karavanta (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)  
*The European University and the Task of the Humanities in a post-Europe: The Work and the Event of an Intercultural, Planetary and Postnational Imaginary*

Aris Kaloudis (Norwegian Institute for Studies in Research, Innovation and Education)  
*Networks of intellectuals and intellectuals in networks*

13.00-14.30 – Lunch break

14.30-16.00 – **Panel 5: Alternative sites for the humanities**

Chair: Heather Ellis

Georgia Christinidis (Centre for British Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)  
*The public intellectual: beyond the academy?*

Olav Eikeland (Akershus University College)  
*Universities within symbiotic learning systems*

16.00-16.30 – Coffee break

16.30–18.00 – **Round table: The challenges facing the humanities: transnationalism, past and present**

Georgia Christinidis, Heather Ellis, Laura Kolbe, Bruce Robbins

19.30 – Conference dinner

**17 September 2011**

9.30-11.00 – Small group discussions

11.00-11.30 – Coffee break

11.30-13.00 - **Plenary discussion**

13.00-14.00 – Lunch and closing of conference