

SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

ROYAL PALACE OF HERRENHAUSEN, HANNOVER, GERMANY

## TRAVEL GRANTS

### UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE: IMPEDING OR FACILITATING CREATIVITY?

A symposium in cooperation with the HERCuLES Group of the Academia Europaea, the International Centre for Higher Education Research Kassel (INCHER-Kassel), and the Volkswagen Foundation

#### THE CONFERENCE

Modern universities and their employees are facing increasing pressures to demonstrate that they are delivering value for the resources they are provided. Accreditations, evaluations and rankings are three features of this tendency. In terms of research there has been a growing focus on citations of researchers and impact factors of journals. All this has led to discussions regarding the effects on universities. A particular issue in that context have been the effects on creativity, which is crucial for the development of new knowledge. Against this backdrop a conference will take place at the Royal Palace of Herrenhausen ("Schloss Herrenhausen") in Hanover on September 29–30, 2016 on the topic 'University Governance: impeding or facilitating creativity?'

The conference, which will have between one and two hundred participants, is organized by the Academia Europaea expert group on Higher Education Research and Culture in European Societies (HERCuLES) and the International Centre for Higher Education Research Kassel (INCHER-Kassel), University of Kassel, Germany, in collaboration with and with the generous support of the Volkswagen Foundation.

The two day conference programme includes keynote speeches by the former Stanford President Gerhard Casper and the 2014 Chemistry Nobel Laureate Stefan Hell as well as presentations by a number of distinguished experts in the area of research on universities, science studies, and creativity. For more detailed information about the programme please visit the following website: [http://goto.uni-kassel.de/governance\\_creativity](http://goto.uni-kassel.de/governance_creativity)

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The Volkswagen Foundation has generously provided special resources for 20 travel grants (including accommodation) of 500 euro each for young researchers who wish to attend the conference and take actively part in the discussions.

Those who want to apply for these grants are asked to send their applications to the Office Manager of Professor Krücken, [hoeckelmann@incher.uni-kassel.de](mailto:hoeckelmann@incher.uni-kassel.de), before April 30, 2016. Applications should include:

- A description of the applicant's research in relation to the conference topic
- A short CV

Participants will be selected by the steering committee based on qualifications. Information about the selection will be provided before May 30, 2016.

#### QUERIES

For questions, please contact Professor Georg Krücken at [kruecken@incher.uni-kassel.de](mailto:kruecken@incher.uni-kassel.de); Professor Lars Engwall at [lars.engwall@fek.uu.se](mailto:lars.engwall@fek.uu.se); or Professor Erik De Corte at [erik.decorte@ppw.kuleuven.be](mailto:erik.decorte@ppw.kuleuven.be)