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HERCuLES

A group within Academia Europaea

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The Mandate of the Group

Since its formal establishment in 2004, The HERCuLES group has regularly organized symposia addressing issues in relation to higher education and research (see below and Appendix 1). According to its mandate, the group can have a maximum of 18 members with a Chair and a Vice-Chair. Present members are:

Name	Field	Country
Lars Engwall (Chair)	Management	Sweden
Milena Žic Fuchs (Vice Chair)	Linguistics	Croatia
Jean-Pierre Bourguignon	Physics	France
Helena Buescu	Comparative Literature	Portugal
Kirsten Drotner	Media Studies	Denmark
Jürgen Enders	Political Science	United Kingdom
Marie Farge	Mathematics and Physics	France
Alban Kellerbauer (ER editor)	Nuclear Physics	Germany
Georg Krücken	Sociology	Germany
Marja Makarow (AE President)	Biochemistry/Molecular Biology	Finland
Gemma Mondinos	Neuroscience	United Kingdom
Christine Musselin	Sociology	France
George Sharvashidze	Education	Georgia
Peter Scott	Education	United Kingdom
Britt-Marie Sjöberg	Molecular Biology	Sweden
Jo Tollebeek	Cultural History	Belgium
Marijk van Wende	Higher Education	The Netherlands

Activities 2019-2023

In 2019, HERCules arranged two symposia, both in Stockholm. The first occurred on May 15-18, with the support of the Wenner-Gren Foundations. The theme was *Mind the Gap – Bridging Secondary and Higher Education*, i.e. on the transition into higher education. Chair of the organizing committee was the then HERCules member Svend Erik Larsen. He also edited the papers into a 157-page supplement of the *European Review* published in August 2020.

The second symposium in 2019 was held on November 27-28 on the topic “Missions of Universities over Time: Global Actors, National Champions, or Local Power Houses?” with the support of the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, and the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation. The contributions appeared in a volume edited by Lars Engwall published in 2020 by Springer/Nature in their series *Higher Education Dynamics*.

For 2020, the HERCules Group had planned the symposium “The Internationalization of Higher Education Institutions” to take place in Uppsala, on May 6-8 with the support of the Åke Wiberg Foundation. Due to the pandemic, the symposium had to be postponed three times. However, on May 4-6, 2022 it could be arranged in collaboration with the Centre for Higher Education and Research as a Study Object (HERO) and the Swedish Centre for Studies of the Internationalisation of Higher Education (SIHE) at Uppsala University. The contributions will appear in 2023 in a volume edited by Lars Engwall on in the Springer/Nature series *Higher Education Dynamics*.

On the request of the AE Secretary General group members have taken part in webinars during the spring of 2022 in relation to the DG, Science Europe, and the European University Association initiative “Towards an Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment” and the European Commission initiative “Open Access Europe”.

On May 10-12, 2023, the HERCules Group ran a symposium in Stockholm on May 10-12 on the topic “Publishing in Academia: Digital Challenges” with the support of the Wenner-Gren Foundations. HERCules members Lars Engwall (chair), Theo D’haen, Kirsten Drotner and Marcel Swart constitute the organizing committee. Twenty speakers provided various perspectives on the topic with an audience of 60 people. A selection of the presentations will be published as a Supplement to the Academia Europaea journal *European Review*.

Future activities

In 2024, the group will run a symposium in Stockholm on May 15-17 on the topic “Academic Freedom in Twenty-First Century”. The organizing committee consists of Lars Engwall (chair), Christine Musselin and Peter Scott. The symposium will be supported by the Wenner-Gren Foundations. It will be preceded by a meeting of the group.

For 2025, the group intends to arrange a symposium on Universities as institutions or the Future of Academia.

Appendix 1. Earlier HERCules Activities

With the Wenner-Gren Foundations <http://www.swgc.org/welcome.aspx>

2002, May, Stockholm: *Excellence in Higher Education*. London: Portland Press, ISBN 9781855781528.

2005, November, Stockholm: *The Formative Years of Scholars*. London: Portland Press, ISBN 9781855781641.

2007, November, Stockholm: *The University in the Market*. London: Portland Press, ISBN 9781855781689.

2009, November, Stockholm: *From Information to Knowledge, from Knowledge to Wisdom: Challenges Facing Higher Education in the Digital Age*. London: Portland Press, ISBN 9781855781771.

2011, May, Stockholm: *Trust in Universities*. London: Portland Press, ISBN 9781855781948.

2013, May, Stockholm: *Bibliometrics: Use and Abuse in the Review of Research Performance*. London: Portland Press, ISBN 9781855781955.

2015, May, Stockholm: *From Books to MOOCs? Emerging Models of Learning and Teaching in Higher Education*. London: Portland Press, ISBN 9781855782006.

2017, May, Stockholm: *Crossing over to the Future: Interdisciplinarity in Research and Higher Education*. *European Review* 26 (S2). ISSN 1062-7987. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/european-review/issue/F0FD4D5DB39D9E50F79328D4C333D2DA>.

2023, May, Stockholm, *Publishing in Academia: Digital Challenges*.

With the Compagnia di San Paolo www.compagniadisanpaolo.it

2006, March, Pavia: *Quality Assessment in Institutions of Higher Education in Europe: problems, practises and solutions*. London: Portland Press, ISBN 9781855781719.

2009, March, Turin with the Compagnia di San Paolo and Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei: *Diversification of Higher Education and the Academic Profession*. *European Review* 18(S1), <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/european-review/issue/diversification-of-higher-education-and-the-academic-profession-papers-from-the-hercules-symposium-turin-italy-2009-supported-by-the-fondazione-compagnia-di-san-paolo/DE146C4AAE466D80F2A3ABA286C35CBA>.

2013, November, Rome: *Migration and Mobility in Science: Impacts on Cultures and the Profession in Institutions of Higher Education in Europe*. *European Review* 23(S1), <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/european-review/issue/mobility-and-migration-in-science/A4AB80EFD0AF6277373D6AD263388068>.

With Tsinghua University, Beijing www.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/newthuen

2014, May sponsored by the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation: *Humanities and Social Sciences, Globalization and China*. *European Review* 24(2).

With the Volkswagen Stiftung and INCHER (Kassel)

2016, September, Hannover: *University Governance: Impeding or Facilitating Creativity*. *European Review* 26 (S1). <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/european-review/issue/7181A1DDB7D1C17C2AC3FBF88ACDBE4E#>.

Pre-2000 events

1996, May, Rotterdam: *New Challenges for the Academic Profession*.

1997, September, Cambridge: *Interdisciplinarity and the Organisation of Knowledge in Europe*.

1999, June, Budapest: *The Universal Importance of Fundamental Science*.

1999, October, Stockholm: *The Virtual University*. London: Portland Press, ISBN 9781855781450.

1999, November, Uxbridge (UK), with the ESF: *HiBEER – High bandwidth for European Education and Research*. http://www.esf.org/fileadmin/Public_documents/Publications/ESPB7.pdf.