



## Programme

### **CONTEMPORARY THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy within the Context of  
Accreditation, Quality Assurance and Rankings

**Thursday 15th September 2011**

*Aula di Santa Lucia, Via Castiglione 36*

09.00 – 09.40

***Welcome remarks***

Ivano Dionigi, Rector of the University of Bologna, Italy

***Highlights of the Observatory Activities***

Üstün Ergüder, President of the Magna Charta Observatory Council

Öktem Vardar, Secretary General of the Magna Charta Observatory

***Keynote Speech***

Hans Van Ginkel, Honorary Professor, Utrecht University, Netherlands

09.40 – 10.45

**1<sup>st</sup> Session: Introduction**

***Report from the US: Impacts on Academic Freedom and Autonomy of  
Accreditation, State Quality Assurance Processes, and the Ratings Game***

Robert Berdahl, Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland, USA

***Interventions from the Audience***

Moderated by: Andrei Marga, Magna Charta Observatory Council

*10.45 – 11.15          Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.45

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session: Quality Assurance and Rankings**

***Quality Assurance – Friend or Foe?***

Peter Williams, former President, ENQA and former Chief Executive, QAA, UK



***Panel: Ranking and classification of universities: possible implications for institutional autonomy***

Ellen Hazelkorn, Vice-President, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland

Gero Federkeil, Vice-President IREG – Observatory on Academic Rankings and Excellence - Centre for Higher Education Development, Germany

Fiorella Kostoris, Governing Council, Italian Quality Assurance Agency – ANVUR

Allan Päll, Chairperson, European Students' Union, Brussels

Moderated by: André Oosterlinck, Magna Charta Observatory Council

12.45 – 13.00

***Interventions from the Audience***

13.00 – 14.30

*Lunch*

14.30 – 15.30

***3<sup>rd</sup> Session: Quality Assurance versus Academic Freedom***

***Introduction: Does Quality Assurance violate Academic Freedom? A Case Study***

Jens Jungblut, Magna Charta Observatory Council

***Panel: Does Quality Assurance Threaten Institutional Autonomy and Academic Freedom?***

Colin Tück, Director, European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education – EQAR, Brussels, Belgium

Lewis Purser, Director of Academic Affairs, Irish Universities Association, Dublin, Ireland

Judith Eaton, President, Council for Higher Education Accreditation, USA

Lee Harvey, Professor Emeritus Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

Moderated by: Jens Jungblut, Magna Charta Observatory Council

15.30 – 16.00

***Interventions from the Audience***

16.00 – 16.30

*Coffee break*



16.30 – 17.45

**4<sup>th</sup> Session: New Circumstances Under Which Higher Education Institutions Operate**

Martina Vukasovic, Magna Charta Observatory Council

Amr Ezzat Salama, Former Minister on Scientific Research, Science and Technology

**Interventions from the Audience**

Moderated by: Aleksa Bjeliš, Vice-President of the Magna Charta Observatory

20.00                      *Gala dinner (at Palazzo Fava)*

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**Friday 16th September 2011**

*Aula Magna Santa Lucia, Via Castiglione 36*

10.30                      ***Ceremony of the Signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum***

10.30 – 10.45            ***Welcome address***

Ivano Dionigi, Rector of the University of Bologna

10.45 – 11.15

Romano Prodi, Economist; formerly president of the European Commission and Italian President of the Council of Ministers

11.15 – 12.00            ***Signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum***

12.00 – 12.15 ***Concluding remarks***

Üstün Ergüder, President of the Magna Charta Observatory Council

12.15 – 14.00            *Closing buffet lunch*

15.00 – 17.00            ***Cultural Event – Genus Bononiae museums tour***

**The Conference will be held in English**