VALUES BEYOND 2015:  
THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE  
FOR UNIVERSITIES AND THEIR STUDENTS

Programme

Thursday 17 September 2015  
09.30 - 16.30

Aula Absidale Santa Lucia, Via de’ Chiari 25a  
09.30 – 13.00

Welcome remarks  
Ivano Dionigi, Rector, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Italy

Introduction to the Conference  
Sijbolt Noorda, President, Magna Charta Observatory Council

Review of the Observatory’s year  
David Lock, Secretary General, Magna Charta Observatory

1st Session  
Keynote address  
What are universities for?  
Geoffrey Boulton, Formerly Regus Professor and Deputy Principal, University of Edinburgh, UK  
Chair: Sijbolt Noorda, President, Magna Charta Observatory Council

2nd Session  
Students experience in the research university: How do students actually learn?  
Roselinde Bon, Student, Amsterdam University College  
Zahia Siab, Student, Amsterdam University College  
Georgiana Mihut, Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association  
Victor Ajao, Student Representative from University of Bologna and Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association  
Chair: Rok Primozic, Former Chairperson, European Students’ Union, Brussels
3rd Session
Panel
**International perspectives** (presentations on the role of universities in promoting values in society and the challenges encountered in doing so, followed by discussion)

– *The importance of internalising values in universities – Chinese perspectives*, Yang Xianjin, Chairman of the University Council, Tongji University, Shanghai, China;

– *The importance of internalising values in universities – a perspective from Middle East*, Yasser Elshayeb, National TEMPUS Coordinator, Egypt

– *The importance of internalising values in universities – a perspective from South America*, Marco Antonio Zago, Rector of the University of São Paulo, Brazil

Moderator: Jane Knight, Adjunct Professor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, Canada

**Interventions from the audience and plenary discussion**

**Introduction to world café session**
David Lock, Secretary General, Magna Charta Observatory

Museum of the History of Bologna - Palazzo Pepoli, Via Castiglione 8
14.15 – 16.30

**World café sessions**
Tables of up to 10 people, each led by a speaker on a specific theme relating to the Conference (see list herebelow).
Participants will choose a topic and go to the relevant table. Forty five minutes later, on the sounding of a bell, participants will move to another table for a different topic for the second session. Forty five minutes later, on the sounding of a bell, participants will move to the third session of the afternoon. The three sessions will be followed by a refreshment break when participants can exchange their learning and experiences.

10 min. introduction of the topic by speaker: (distributing a printed summary to participants at the table)
30 min. of questions and discussions from the participants
A note will be taken of each discussion which will be written up into a resource for the MCO website.
**Topics**

Overall theme: the role of universities in promoting values in society and the challenges of doing so (tables hosted by speakers from the morning sessions will provide the opportunity for further questions and discussion of those topics).

1. **Africa: Challenges in promoting Magna Charta Universitatum fundamental principles and values**
   *Host: Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua, University of Ghana*
   *Rapporteur: Robert Quinn, Council Member*

2. **China: Challenges in promoting Magna Charta Universitatum fundamental principles and values**
   *Host: Guan Naija, Vice-President, Nankai University*
   *Rapporteur: Dimitris Tsougarakis, Council Member*

3. **Europe: Challenges in promoting Magna Charta Universitatum fundamental principles and values**
   *Host: Stefano Paleari, Board of European University Association*
   *Rapporteur: Jean-Pierre Finance, Council Member*

4. **Middle East: Challenges in promoting Magna Charta Universitatum fundamental principles and values**
   *Host: Yasser Elshayeb, National TEMPUS Coordinator, Egypt*
   *Rapporteur: Sara Nasereddin, Middle East University, Jordan*

5. **South America: Challenges in promoting Magna Charta Universitatum fundamental principles and values**
   *Host: Marco Antonio Zago, Rector of the University of São Paulo, Brazil*
   *Rapporteur: John Davies, Emeritus Professor, Anglia Ruskin University, UK*

6. **Transnational education**
   *Host: Mohamed Loutfi, Pro-Vice Chancellor Cardiff Metropolitan University, and Council Member*
   *Rapporteur: Zahia Siab, Student, Amsterdam University College, Netherlands*

7. **The needs of a global professional body**
   *Host: Pier Paolo Balladelli, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*
   *Rapporteur: Hossam Badrawi, Professor, Cairo University*

8. **Undergraduate involvement in research**
   *Host: Rok Primozic, Former Chairperson, European Students’ Union, Brussels*
   *Rapporteur: Agneta Bladh, Council Member*

9. **Consumerism or humanism: educational values in the University of Bologna and beyond**
   *Host: Sina Westa – PhD Student, University of Ljubljana*
   *Rapporteur: Ella Ritchie, Emerita Professor, Newcastle University*

10. **Provision of student support services**
    *Host: Eva Söderman, Head of Study Counsellors and Career Office, Uppsala University, Sweden*
    *Rapporteur: Klaus D. Beiter, Marie Curie Experienced Fellow, University of Lincoln*
11. Values for a global perspective for students
   Host: Viktor Grønne, European Students’ Union, Brussels
   Rapporteur: Jens Jungblut, Council Member

12. Values under pressure through internationalisation
   Host: Jane Knight, Adjunct Professor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
   University of Toronto, Canada
   Rapporteur: Martina Vukasovic, Council Member

13. Beyond the values of reputation: What “races” should universities run?
   Host: Georgiana Mihut, Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association
   Rapporteur: Eva Egron-Polak, Council Member

14. Role of sport in promoting values
   Host: Kole Gjeloshaj, Director of Education Services, FISU – International University
   Sports Federation, Belgium
   Rapporteur: Roselinde Bon, Student, Amsterdam University College, Netherlands

14.15 – 15.00
   World café session 1

15.00 – 15.45
   World café session 2

15.45 – 16.30
   World café session 3

16.30 End of world café session and networking refreshment

16.45 – 18.00
   Students workshop session
   Students will meet again at the tables to continue the discussion started in Uppsala in the context of
   the findings of this conference. The discussion will focus on the participation of students in the
   university community, students as co-creators of their learning trajectories as co-responsible
   members of university committees and representational bodies. Note: depending on the number of
   students present there may be more than one workshop.

18.30 Concert of the Collegium Musicum at Aula Absidale
   Santa Lucia

19.00 Cocktail at San Giovanni in Monte
Friday 18 September 2015
Aula Magna Santa Lucia, Via Castiglione 36
10.00 – 12.30

Ceremony of the Signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum
In solidarity with the Victims of Garissa University College

Agere and prodesse, Ivano Dionigi, Rector of the University of Bologna

Europe and its universities in a global world, Xavier Prats-Monné, Director General for Education and Culture, European Commission, Brussels

Are the Universities fitted for a universal development? Romano Prodi, Former President of the European Commission

Signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum

Words of thanks on behalf of Signatories, Peter André Alt, President Freie Universität Berlin.

Concluding remarks

Fabio Roversi-Monaco, Honorary President of the Magna Charta Observatory

Sijbolt Noorda, President of the Magna Charta Observatory Council