



One day left to register for the MCU Anniversary Conference

Higher education leaders will convene in Bologna, Italy 14-16 September for the anniversary of the signing of the Magna Charta Universitatum (MCU) and conference.

This theme of this year's conference is, **Universities engaging with society in turbulent times**. Internationally renowned speakers will provide valuable insight and perspectives relevant to universities today. They will also lead small-group discussions with conference participants on a wide range of topics critical to helping universities uphold fundamental values and principles to best serve society.

If you have attended the signing event before, you know how special this is. If you have not yet had the chance to sign the MCU in person, or have not visited Bologna, there is no better occasion to experience this unforgettable event. The deadline to register is 1 September, 2022.

Register today



UPCOMING WEBINAR

Serving society in times of conflict: a case study from Ukraine

6 October 2022 1400 - 1530 CEST

Against the background of the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020, David Lock, Secretary General of the Magna Charta Observatory talks to Professor Roman Gryniuk, Rector of Vasyl 'Stus Donetsk National University, about relocation and the importance of values, leadership, and international partners in enabling the University to continue to serve society. Participants will then have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues with the rector.

There is no charge for the webinar. It is open to all leaders, staff and students in Higher Education, whether signatories of the Magna Charta or not. [Register by 4 October 2022.](#)

This webinar is one of a series about the MCU 2020.

Learn more and register



Secretary General recognized by Scholars at Risk

Scholars at Risk (SAR), a strategic partner of the Magna Charta Observatory, has recognized David Lock, the MCO's Secretary General with the award of an inscribed trophy. The inscription reads 'In recognition of outstanding dedication to protecting at-risk scholars and promoting academic freedom'. The recognition is built on the partnership with the MCO whom David represents on the SAR International Advisory Committee.

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Conference speaker featured in UWN article

Chris Brink is a keynote speaker at the MCU anniversary conference and was featured in a recent *University World News* article discussing academic freedom and universities' responsibilities to society.

"Every university should be free to decide for itself where its responsibilities lie, and how to act on them," says Brink. Read more at the link below.

UWN article

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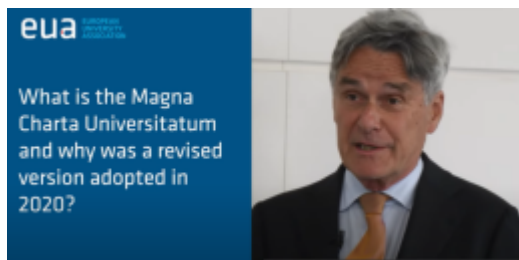
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What is the MCU 2020?

At the 2022 EUA Annual Conference held earlier this year, **Sijbalt Noorda**, former Chair of the Magna Charta Observatory Council explains the rationale behind the creation of the Magna Charta Universitatum and its revision in 2020, which values it promotes, and how it supports universities in demonstrating and ensuring their individual values.

Watch the interview

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