

The Conference

The University and the City looks at the manifold ways in which universities and their host cities interact. The 2014 conference will focus on questions of autonomy.

The format is based on a successful conference series between the University of Toronto and Goethe University Frankfurt which takes place every two years. This time it will be opened up to our ten most important partner institutions, serving as the international centrepiece of Goethe University's 2014 centenary celebrations.

High-ranking members of our partner universities and representatives of our partner cities' administrations will participate in the conference. The conference language is English.

While recognizing the interconnectedness of the factors that constitute the city-university relationship the conference sessions separate the four main arenas in which the core processes of cooperation occur: *'the political sphere'*, *'the economic sphere'*, *'civic engagement'*, and *'alliances and networks'*.

The final session seeks to reconcile various academic traditions and arrive at a holistic understanding of the city-university linkage.

The conference is aimed at academics, students and practitioners in the social sciences and humanities, including sociology, human geography, urban planning, business, economics, architecture, political science and related fields.

In keeping with its spirit as a civic institution Goethe University warmly encourages the general public of the greater Frankfurt-Rhein-Main area to attend and express their views.

Our partners are the University of Toronto, the University of Birmingham, Tel Aviv University, Charles University Prague, the University of Pennsylvania, Fudan University (Shanghai), Osaka University, ENS Lyon, Vilnius University and the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. During the conference there will be plenty of opportunities to meet the representatives of our partner universities.

The University

In 1914, Goethe University Frankfurt was founded by generous citizens of Frankfurt, who saw the absence of a university as an obstacle to the city's development. Almost a hundred years later, in 2008, it has regained the status of a civic university becoming a "foundation under public law with legal capacity". Today, Goethe University enjoys a degree of autonomy from the government that is unique in the German university system.

Goethe-University is one of Germany's largest universities and academic home to almost 45,000 students. It consists of 16 faculties offering some 170 different courses of study.



Thursday 5 June

- 12:00 Arrival and light lunch buffet
- 12:45 **Welcome** by Werner Müller-Esterl, President, Goethe University and Peter Feldmann, Lord Mayor, City of Frankfurt; **Opening Speech** by Leslie Wilson, Secretary-General, European University Association
- 14:00 Session 1 – Chair: Hans-Jürgen Puhle, Frankfurt
– 15:30 **The Political Sphere**
- Coffee break
- 16:00 Short presentation of three partner universities
- 16:30 Session 2 – Chair: Paul Bernd Spahn, Frankfurt
– 18:00 **The Economic Sphere**
- 18:15 **Joint Reception of Goethe University and Frankfurt Rhein Main – Die Wirtschaftsinitiative** (by invitation only)
- Academic keynote** by Thomas Sevcik, CEO of Arthesia Group, a strategic consultancy for cities and institutions; **Presentation of Results** of a survey among Goethe University's students concerning "Perspective 2035: Goethe University Students' Views on the Metropolitan Area of the Future"

Friday 6 June

- 9:00 Session 3 – Chair: Jenny Phillimore, Birmingham
– 10:30 **Whose University? Whose City? Civic Engagement**
- Coffee break
- 11:00 Session 4 – Chair: Gisela Welz, Frankfurt
Synergies, Cooperation and Competition: Alliances among Cities and Universities
- 12:30 Short presentation of three partner universities
- 13:00 **Lunch buffet.** University presidents to retreat for separate **strategy meeting**
- 14:30 Short presentations of four partner universities
– 15:15
- Coffee break
- 15:45 Session 5 – Chair: Megan Brenn-White, the Brenn-White Group; **Panel Discussion: Pulling the Strings Together**
- 18:30 **Closing reception in the Great Hall of the City of Frankfurt** (Römer, by invitation only), **Political dinner speech** (Sir Albert Bore, Leader Birmingham CC)

Saturday 7 June

- 9:00 Social programme: sightseeing tours of the campus
– 13:00 and the city



- 1 IG-Hochhaus und Nebengebäude (Fachbereiche 6, 7, 8, teilw. 9, 10)
- 2 2a Casino (Mensa) / 2b Anbau Casino
- 3 House of Finance (HoF)
- 4 Hörsaalzentrum (HZ), Beratungszentrum des Studierendenwerkes
- 5 Rechtswissenschaft und Wirtschaftswissenschaften (RuW)
- 6 Studierendenwohnheim der Kirchen, Hochschulgemeinden
- 7 Haus der Stille (Interkulturelles Begegnungszentrum)
- 8 Zentralverwaltung (PA), HRZ
- 9 Gesellschaftswissenschaften, Erziehungswissenschaften, Psychologie, Human-geographie, International Office (IO), Studien-Service-Center (SSC) – (alle PEG)
- 10 Exzellenzcluster "Die Herausbildung normativer Ordnungen" (ExNO)
- 11 Musik, Kunst, außereuropäische Sprachen
- 12 Studierendenhaus
- 13 Universitätsbibliothek Johann Christian Senckenberg
- 14 Akademie der Arbeit
- 15 Max-Planck-Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte
- 16 Norbert Wollheim Memorial, Informationspavillon
- 17 Seminarhaus

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