

17.30-18.00 BREAK & TRANSFER TO FRITZ THYSSEN FOUNDATION

18.30-20.00 PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSION
Amélie Thyssen Auditorium, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Apostelnkloster 13-15, Cologne

**NEUE UNIVERSITÄTEN – NEUE GESELLSCHAFT?
GRÜNDUNGSGESCHICHTEN IM RÜCKBLICK**

(The panel discussion, held in German, will be simultaneously translated into English for the non-German-speaking conference participants.)

INTRODUCTION:
HANS-PETER ULLMANN (COLOGNE)

AYLÂ NEUSEL *(concerning Kassel)*
WOLFGANG SCHIEDER *(concerning Trier)*
WOLFGANG SCHLUCHTER *(concerning Erfurt)*

MODERATION: MANUELA GÜNTER (COLOGNE)

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

09.30-11.30 PANEL 5

**OPEN SOCIETY – OPEN UNIVERSITY?
ALTERNATIVE MODELS IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

CHAIR: JOST DÜLFFER (COLOGNE)

DANIEL WEINBREN (OPEN UNIVERSITY)
"Disembodied and airborne": Reflections on the First 50 Years of the Open University (UK)

TIMOCIN CELEBI (DUISBURG-ESSEN)
A Decentralized Institution of Further Education and North Rhine-Westphalia's Comprehensive Plan for Higher Education: The Fernuniversität-Gesamthochschule Hagen

SUSANNE SCHREGEL (COLOGNE)
Where Freedom, Women and Monsters Meet. Some Remarks on Invented Universities

COMMENTATOR:
CHRISTA-IRENE KLEIN (FREIBURG)

11.30-12.15 LUNCH BREAK

12.15-14.15 PANEL 6

**COMPETITION – PRIVATIZATION – INTERNATIONALIZATION:
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LATE 20TH CENTURY**

CHAIR: STEFAN GROHÉ (COLOGNE)

JEROEN HUISMAN (GHENT)
Does the Higher Education Institutional Landscape in Europe Really Change?

JULIAN LAMBERTY (ODENSE)
An Offspring of the Competition State? The Creation of the University of Southern Denmark in the Context of Late 20th Century University Politics in Denmark

BALÁZS TRENCSENYI (CEU BUDAPEST)
The Dilemmas of the Model of a Private Non-Profit "Mission-driven" University: Post-Transition Developments in the "Other Europe" and the Story of Central European University

COMMENTATOR:
RALPH JESSEN (COLOGNE)

14.15 CONCLUDING DISCUSSION



VENUE:
New Seminar Building, Albertus-Magnus-Platz

REGISTRATION:
Interested guests may participate at their own expense. Since the number of places is limited, please register by e-mail by 20 March 2019 (gwamhof(at)uni-koeln.de).

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**VISIONS OF SOCIETY:
NEW UNIVERSITIES AND
THE 20TH CENTURY**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE
MARCH 28 TO 30, 2019**

PROJEKT
**GESCHICHTE DER
UNIVERSITÄT ZU KÖLN
SEIT 1919**
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At the academic ceremony for the opening of the New University of Cologne on June 20, 1919 with Mayor Konrad Adenauer (front row, 2nd from left) in the former main building on Claudiusstraße (University Archives Cologne).

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its re-foundation in 1919, the University of Cologne offers the opportunity to reflect on the politics, relevance and impacts of the establishment of new universities in Europe during the 20th century. The international conference aims to compare conditions and intentions, forms and effects of new universities within changing political environments. While the historical European university model relies heavily on a tradition dating back to its medieval origins, it also proved to be flexible, innovative and open to the future.

Thus, the question of the relationship between the establishment of new universities and contemporary social change is the main focus of interest: How were the processes of establishing new institutions of higher education embedded in the specific social, political and economic environment of their time? And in particular: which ideas of the present and future of society fueled these founding projects?

The conference will provide an opportunity for intensive discussion in a workshop-style atmosphere. The conference language is English.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

14.00–14.15 WELCOME REMARKS & INTRODUCTION
RALPH JESSEN (COLOGNE)

14.15–16.15 PANEL 1

IDEAS OF URBAN MODERNITY: BIG CITIES AND NEW UNIVERSITIES IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY

CHAIR: HANS-PETER ULLMANN (COLOGNE)

KERSTIN THIELER (COLOGNE)
Old Traditions, New Concepts: Founding Narratives of the New Cologne University Around 1919

BARBARA WOLBRING (FRANKFURT/MAIN)
Visions of Economic Prosperity and Urban Modernity: The Bourgeois Founding of a University in Frankfurt 1914

KATRIN STEFFEN (LUNEBURG/BERLIN)
Crisis and Euphoria: The Establishments of Warsaw Universities During the First World War

COMMENTATOR:
UTE SCHNEIDER (DUISBURG-ESSEN)

16.15-17.00 COFFEE BREAK & CHANGE OF VENUE

17.00-18.30 KEYNOTE LECTURE
WiSo Building, Auditorium XXIV

WELCOME ADDRESS
AXEL FREIMUTH (*Rector of the University of Cologne*)

STEFAN COLLINI (CAMBRIDGE)
The Long Run: Contemporary Universities in Historical Perspective

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

09.00-11.00 PANEL 2

NATION BUILDING: STATE FORMATION AND THE UNIVERSITY IN INTERWAR EUROPE

CHAIR: GEORG WAMHOF (COLOGNE)

VESA VARES (TURKU)
Cosmopolitan Nationalism and Conservative Reformism in the Re-foundation of the University of Turku, 1917–1920

NING DE CONINCK-SMITH (AARHUS)
Aarhus University Between Modernity and Tradition. A Correspondence Between Major Actors, 1919–1933

ANTONIE DOLEŽALOVÁ (PRAGUE)
Pillars of the New Society: Universities in Inter-War Czechoslovakia Between Education, Nation, and Money

COMMENTATOR:
HABBO KNOCH (COLOGNE)

11.00-11.20 COFFEE BREAK

11.20-12.20 MICHAEL GRÜTTNER (BERLIN)
New Foundations under National Socialism: The Reichsuniversitäten Straßburg and Posen

CHAIR: **HABBO KNOCH** (COLOGNE)

12.20-13.00 LUNCH BREAK

13.00-15.00 PANEL 3

MODERNIZING POSTWAR SOCIETIES: STRATEGIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN AN ERA OF EXPANSION

CHAIR: RALPH JESSEN (COLOGNE)

WILFRIED RUDLOFF (KASSEL)
“Temples of science”, “castles in the air” and “hotbeds of red cadres”. A Diversified Landscape of Higher Education in West Germany? (1960s and 1970s)

MAURO MORETTI (SIENA)
“Adding to the nation’s stock of universities”. Main Trends and Issues Concerning the Establishment of New Universities in Italy 1945–1990

WILLIAM WHYTE (OXFORD)
From Redbrick to Plateglass. Founding New Universities in the United Kingdom, 1950s–1960s

COMMENTATOR:
CHRISTOF DIPPER (DARMSTADT)

15.00-15.30 COFFEE BREAK

15.30-17:30 PANEL 4

CONCEPTS OF REFORM: UNIVERSITY FOUNDATIONS IN THE 1960s AND 1970s

CHAIR: **STEFFI DE JONG** (COLOGNE)

FABIAN LINK (FRANKFURT/MAIN)
Helmut Schelsky’s Reform University in East Westphalia: Bielefeld University as an Amalgamation of Nazi Concepts, the Humboldt Idea, and the “Cold War University”

ANNEMIEKE KLIJN (MAASTRICHT)
“The Maastricht Experiment”. On the Legitimation of a “New Style” University in the South of the Netherlands in 1976

ANNE CORBETT (LSE LONDON)
The Creation of the European University Institute in Florence, 1972: A Lesson about Historical Memory, a Lesson about Europe and Higher Education

COMMENTATOR:
VOLKER BARTH (COLOGNE)