

Vienna Lecture on the European Union

Monday, 27 October 2014, 17:00
Aula, Campus, University of Vienna
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Lecture: “**European integration in research: accomplishments and challenges**” from the perspective of a leading researcher and research director: Prof. Dame **Helen Wallace** (Foreign Secretary, British Academy)

Abstract:

European integration of research governance has taken many forms within the European Union and outside (e.g. CERN, Global Research Council). One of the milestones in the development of European Union research policy has been the establishment of a common funding program in 1984, known as the “Framework Program” and currently as Horizon 2020. While the majority of research funding still is allocated at the national level, EU-level funding schemes play an important role in promoting EU-wide research collaboration, but also in creating competition and defining “excellence”.

These developments raise a number of questions of relevance in Austria and beyond: How are research policies adapted and how do national governments and universities in various countries adjust to changes in European and global research governance (e.g. Austria vs. UK)? What are commonalities and differences between member states and between different actors? How much autonomy is left in today’s research governance for national governments, universities, departments and individual researchers, particularly considering crisis-endangered budgets? Finally: What is the EU’s role in a fast changing global research landscape, and are European integration and globalization of research complementary or competing developments?

Comments:

“Austria’s largest University: Any impact of Europe?”

Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik (Vice Rector for Research, University of Vienna)

Moderator:

Gerda Falkner (Head, Institute and Platform for European Integration Research, University of Vienna)

The event will be followed by a small reception.

Registered and unregistered participants are welcome.

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