

INVITATION

Nordic Conference on Higher Education and Research Academic Work in a Recession - who should pay?

Thursday 9th - Friday 10th February 2012
Espoo, Finland

Nordic countries invest highly in higher education and research and often see these investments as tools for growth and welfare politics respectively. It has become important for academics to understand the changing context of higher education and to highlight the importance of increasing research about higher education. The common structural elements and close history of the countries indicates a need for comparative studies between them, where the aim would be to strengthen and encourage younger researchers, together with established senior researchers, to undertake comparative research about higher education and academic leadership in both national and global contexts. This Nordic conference, open for everyone to attend, will bring together scholars of higher education, science and leadership.

The aim is to provide a forum for the discussion of research findings relating to the phenomena and trends of higher education reforms and developments in the Nordic countries. The first day will cover the themes of higher education legislation, funding and quality evaluation, higher education systems and higher education structures. The second day's theme will focus primarily on the phenomena and actors within universities. The Conference will seek to address the following questions: Who are the major actors or key players in higher education; and who are those who decide on the resources for higher education and science, now and in the future?

The formal organisers are the University of Helsinki's Network for Higher Education and Innovation Research (HEINE), the Consortium of Higher Education Researchers in Finland (CHERIF) and Hanasaari – the Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre.

The conference keynote speakers are

University Chancellor **Lars Haikola**, Sweden, Ph.D. **Hans Mäntylä**, Aalto University, Finland, Ph.D. **Sheila Slaughter**, University of Georgia, USA and Ph.D. **Susan Wright**, Aarhus University, Denmark.

Conference fee: 150 euro (students 100 euro). The fee includes participation, refreshments and lunch during the conference, as well as dinner on Thursday 9th.

Registration: please register at Hanasaari website (<http://asp.bdb.fi/hanaholmen/q?pk=232-684-801>) before January 20th, 2012.

Venue: The venue is situated 5 km west from Helsinki city centre. Hanasaari Cultural Centre, Hanasaarenranta 5, 02100 Espoo, Finland. Webpage: <http://www.hanasaari.fi/>.

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