

Spring Campus, March 27 -31, 2017

Workshop: “Managing Responsibility of Research at Universities”, March 28-29, 2017

Organized by Dr. Klaus Jacob (FUB)

Concepts such as Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) or Sustainability Research indicate the increasing demands and expectations of society in science to provide answers on the grand challenges. In order to deliver research relevant to society, scientists are expected to consider the views of stakeholders in transdisciplinary or co-designed projects. How does this relate with the current cultures of science? Are such approaches distracting from producing scientific publications and orientation on excellent research? How could reflexivity of research and engagement with society further encouraged by universities? What would this mean for the governance of science? The extent to which science and research should have additional requirements in terms of the subject areas and the process of research is subject of controversial debate: Some put emphasis on the freedom and independence of research as an important achievement of modernity. Others argue that science should become much more involved in society and provide solutions in meeting the great challenges of society.

The workshop invites speakers from all partner universities of the sustainability alliance as well as European researcher in the field of responsible research and innovation to share their views and strategies for governing research and education to meet expectations and demands by society. What are concepts, strategic directions and instruments to improve relevancy of science for society? What are risks, limits and barriers of such approaches?