

Academic Cooperation in times of Political Conflict – Challenges, Experiences, and Solutions for Higher Education Institutions

Panel Discussion | June, 28, 2016, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. | Harnack-Haus, Ihnestr.16

As part of Freie Universität Berlin's International Week 2016, the event will shine a light on the pressing issue of academic cooperation in the context of political conflict. The panel discussion debates Freie Universität Berlin's international presence with liaison offices in countries affected by political transformation. It draws attention to the risks of international academic cooperation, but also to the social responsibility of universities to support scholars working in conflict zones or in countries with limited academic freedom. How does conflict impact the internationalization strategy of Freie Universität Berlin? How can cooperation be sustained in times of conflict? Drawing from their experience and expertise, the four panelists will address these questions from different perspectives: What can the university's liaison offices that are located in regions of political conflict achieve? How do science organizations react and reinforce cooperation? And how does research assess the chances and challenges of academic cooperation in times of conflict?

Program / Participants:

Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Herbert Grieshop, Director, International Affairs, Freie Universität Berlin

Panel discussion:

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Prior registration is not necessary.