

# CHER

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## CHER 35th Annual Conference

Higher Education Institutions as Change Agents in Society:  
Perspectives on Adaptation and Impact

August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria

## PROGRAM FORMAT

Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> of August, 2023	
14:00 - 17:00	Early registration
18:00 - 21:00	Pre-conference Heuriger at Zum Martin Sepp (first come, first served) Cobenzlgasse 34, Grinzing 1190 Vienna

Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> of August, 2023	
7:30	Registration
8:30 - 9:00	Conference opening <b>Hugo Horta</b> , Chair, Consortium for Higher Education Researchers (CHER); <b>Barbara Sporn</b> , Director, Institute for Higher Education Management, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
9:00 - 10:00	Welcome Keynote <b>Ada Pellert</b> , Rector, Fernuniversität of Hagen, Germany
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:40 - 12:10	<b>Presentations in parallel tracks</b>
12:10 - 13:20	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 - 15:00	<b>Presentations in parallel tracks</b>
15:00 - 15:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:20 - 16:50	<b>Presentations in parallel tracks</b>
17:00 - 18:00	CHER General Assembly (CHER members only)
18:00 - 20:00	Welcome Reception at WU (drinks and cold snacks provided)

Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> of August, 2023			
8:00	Registration (late arrivals)		
8:30 - 9:30	Ulrich Teichler Lecture <b>David Dill</b> , Emeritus Professor of Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, United States		
9:40 - 11:10	<b>Presentations in parallel tracks</b>		
11:10 - 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Poster thematic walk-through</b>		
12:30 - 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:00 - 15:30	<b>World Café</b> To steer or to be steered? Digitalization, big data use and ownership in higher education Lead: <b>Marijk van der Wende</b> , Distinguished Professor, Utrecht University	<b>Editorial Workshop</b> Higher education journal editors workshop - Contemporary issues in higher education research publishing Lead: <b>Peter Bentley</b> , Editor-in- Chief, Journal of Higher Education Policy and Management	<b>Roundtable Discussion</b> The impacts of COVID- 19 on the institutional fabric of higher education  Lead: <b>Rómulo Pinheiro</b> , Professor, University of Agder
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16:00 - 17:30	<b>Presentations in parallel tracks</b>		
19:00 - 23:00	Conference Dinner at Vienna State Opera, Opernring 2, 1010, Vienna		

Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> of September, 2023	
8:30 - 9:30	Conference Keynote <b>Pedro Nuno Teixeira</b> , Secretary of State for Higher Education, Portugal
9:40 - 11:10	<b>Presentations in parallel tracks</b>
11:10 - 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 - 13:00	<b>Presentations in parallel tracks</b>
13:10 - 13:30	Closing of the conference and farewell <b>Barbara Sporn</b> , Director, Institute for Higher Education Management, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business <b>Hugo Horta</b> , Chair, Consortium for Higher Education Researchers (CHER) <b>Justin Powell and Marcelo Marques, University of Luxembourg</b> , Organizers, CHER 2024 Conference
13:30 - 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>

This program format is intended to provide participants with a general overview of the outline and structure of the conference. A detailed program with assigned contributions, rooms and time slots will be made available in due time. Check the website regularly for updates.

Presentations in parallel tracks comprise **paper presentations** and **panels**. For papers, 30 min-slots are allocated, for panels – 60 minutes, including Q&A.

The conference envisages a novel format for **poster presentations** in the form of an organized poster thematic walk-through. Posters will be displayed thematically in separate rooms and an allocated time slot is provided for the poster walk-through.

**Interactive formats** to engage with the audience include a World Café, an Editorial Workshop and a Roundtable Discussion.

The [World Café](#) session will host a group dialogue dealing with the topic of big data, data ownership and digitalization in the context of higher education. What data are collected, by whom, how are they being used for steering higher education institutions, how do they affect academic careers, and what are the commercial interests? Moderated and provided with initial input by an expert, participants will actively discuss these questions in small group rounds. The Café will conclude with key takeaways, “harvested” from the small group discussions. The format allows for a rich exchange of perspectives, fruitful and critical dialogue and networking among participants.

The purpose of the **Editorial Workshop** is to hear from editors of higher education journals about contemporary issues in research publishing, including a new initiative called Meta-Research Open Review and its transformational approach to peer review and publishing. Time will also be dedicated to a “Meet the Editors” session targeting young scholars.

The **Roundtable Discussion** will present findings from a recent comparative study that maps out responses by higher education institutions around the globe to the challenges and strategic opportunities brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. The format comprises a facilitated roundtable discussion with input statements from the authors and discussion at tables with the audience.