

# Positioning the Humanities in the 2020s

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## Travel grants available! International experts will focus on the future role of the humanities at a symposium in Hannover on September 10-12, 2019.



The tower of books by Slovak artist Matej Kren (Prague Municipal Library) can be seen as a symbol for the extensive contribution of the humanities to our cultural knowledge. What is their future role? (Foto: ©audouino - stock.adobe.com)

Since the new millennium the humanities in the Anglo-Saxon world as well as the Geistes- and Kulturwissenschaften in Europe have been exposed to manifold constraints and threats, but there also have been new opportunities. On the one hand they were quite severely affected by paradigm shifts in the value systems of policy-makers and university leaders, thus redirecting resources towards apparently more useful and profit-making units (with higher impact on the university's overall performance). On the other hand,

they were confronted with an increasing demand for providing their specific knowledge base and expertise in culturally embedded matters such as ethnic and religious conflicts or the changing modes of communication in a digitalized world. It is against this background that the international Herrenhausen Symposium, organized by the Volkswagen Foundation and the German U15 Universities, aims at thoroughly analyzing the present situation and achievements made. Experts from renowned academic institutions in Europe and abroad will exchange their views and ideas. A particular emphasis shall be put on future developments and strategically important prospects for the respective knowledge domains in the 2020s. What is their role in an increasingly instable world? How can they protect their autonomy and pave the way for a culture of scholarly creativity? What steps should be taken?

### Herrenhausen Symposium

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September 10-12, 2019

Herrenhausen Palace, Hanover, Germany

## Program

The program for the Symposium can soon be found in the column on the right.

Session 1: Analysis of the Present Situation

Session 2: The Humanities Facing Globalization and the Rise of New Nationalism

Session 3: Humanities in the Digital Era

Session 4: Challenges for and Advances of the Humanities

Session 5: Bridging the Gap between Cultures - Humanities and the Natural and Social Sciences

Session 6: The Humanities' Contribution towards the Global Issues

**Confirmed Speakers include:** Homi K. Bhabha, Harvard Humanities Center / Sverker Sörlin, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm / Premesh Lalu, University of Western Cape / Ian Baucom, University of Virginia / Eva Schlottheuber, University of Düsseldorf / Steffen Mau, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / Simon Goldhill, Cambridge University / Michael Hagner, ETH Zürich / Peter-André Alt, German Rectors' Conference / Susan Schreibman, Maastricht University / Dorrit Vibeke Sorensen, School of Arts, Design and Media Singapore / Barry Smith, University of London / Jeroen van den Hoven, Delft University / Gustaf Arrhenius, University of Stockholm / Anna-Katharina Hornidge, University of Bremen / Frank Uekötter, University of Birmingham / Helga Nowotny, ERA Council Forum Austria / Beate Söntgen, Leuphana University Lüneburg

## Registration

If you would like to attend the conference, please register by clicking on the registration link in the column on the right. There are no fees for attendance but registration is essential.

## Travel Grants for Early Career Researchers

There are travel grants available for interested early career researchers. Please find the call in the column on the right. If interested, please apply via the following link: <https://call.volkswagenstiftung.de/calls/antrag/index.html#/apply/5>. Application deadline is **April 30, 2019**.

## Language

The conference language is English.

## Accommodation for participants

Please note that you are responsible for booking your accommodation. In the column on the right you find information on hotels with room contingents reserved for the participants of the symposium.

## Venue and public transport

The conference is held at Herrenhausen Palace in Hanover, Germany. You can reach the venue by tram: Take line 4 or 5 and get off at "Herrenhäuser Gärten".

## Zur Anmeldung



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