

Academic Freedom in the Digital Age

In an open society, academic freedom is fundamental to the flourishing of science. Recent years have brought threats to that academic freedom, but also new perspectives for academia. How can civic engagement, legislation and university leadership contribute to counter challenges to academic freedom and help harness the full potential of the digital age to ensure that science prospers?



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16 September 2019, 18:00 – 20:00

Main Ceremonial Hall, University of Vienna,
Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna, Austria



Panel and speakers

Heinz W. Engl

Rector of the University of Vienna, mathematician, member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and Academia Europaea, Fellow of the American Mathematical Society

Éva Fodor

Pro-Rector for Social Sciences and Humanities and Associate Professor of Gender Studies at the CEU

Michael G. Ignatieff

President and Rector of the CEU after serving at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government; award-winning writer, teacher, former politician and historian

Liviu Matei

Provost and Professor of Higher Education Policy at the School of Public Policy of CEU

Katharine Sarikakis

Professor of Communication Science, leads the Media Governance and Industries Research Lab and holds a Jean Monnet Chair of European Media Governance and Integration

Jean-Robert Tyran

Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs, Director of the Vienna Center for Experimental Economics and Professor of Economics of the University of Vienna

Robert J. Zimmer

President of the University of Chicago, mathematician

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18:00

Welcome Address

Heinz W. Engl, Rector of the University of Vienna
Michael G. Ignatieff, President and Rector of the Central European University (CEU)

18:15

Keynote

Robert J. Zimmer, President of the University of Chicago

18:45

Panel Discussion

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Moderation:

Marlene Nowotny, Ö1/ORF

19:30

Q & A

19:45

Informal Closing

Drinks & Sandwiches

The event is open to the public and free of charge.
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