

The logo for Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB), consisting of the letters 'RUB' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.An abstract graphic featuring a large, glowing golden sphere on the right side, with three golden arcs curving downwards from it towards the left. Below these arcs are three sets of concentric circles, resembling ripples in water, on a blue gradient background. The top of the image has a light green to white gradient.

RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT BOCHUM

TEACHING IS TOUCHING THE FUTURE: FROM VISION TO PRACTICE
International Conference of the RUB | from 6. - 7. June 2011

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Having long-since concentrated on the implementation of the Bologna reforms and related structural issues of modules, workload and credits, the discussion on studying and teaching is now changing tack, and a more conceptual analysis of teaching and learning is increasingly gaining significance. The focus is on how teaching should be shaped in the future so that it offers the best possible learning and working conditions, meets the requirements of an increasingly diverse student body, and ensures international compatibility. Against this background, visions, mission statements, models and future concepts for teaching are currently being developed at many universities.

But how do we transform these visions into concrete pioneering concepts for teaching? How can these concepts be implemented in study programmes? How do we make the aspiration into living reality?

The conference “Teaching is touching the future: from vision to practice“ picks up on these issues and aims to initiate a lively exchange of experiences on the development and practical implementation of future concepts for teaching – an exchange that shall transcend national and disciplinary boundaries.

The conference is open to all interested parties from Germany and abroad who want to share new ideas for teaching, whether as part of their position in university or faculty management, as teachers or students.



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

MONDAY 6th JUNE 2011

- 10.30 a.m. Registration and Welcome
- 11.00 a.m. Opening of the conference
Prof. Dr. Elmar Weiler, Rector of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- 11.30 a.m. *Prof. Dr. Hans N. Weiler, Stanford University*
“Teaching is the Future: Visions of the future - the future of a vision”
- 12.15 p.m. Poster presentation at the “Visions Square” (incl. light snack)
- 1.30 p.m. **Visions: disciplinary and transdisciplinary**
Prof. Dr. John Dickens, Loughborough University:
Development of teaching and learning in academic disciplines. Visions, lessons learned and strategies
Prof. Dr. Marijke van der Wende, Amsterdam University College:
Crossing the boundaries of traditional curricular content.
Visions, lessons learned and strategies
- 3.00 p.m. Coffee break
- 3.30 p.m. **Visions in practice** – Introduction to the workshops
- 3.45 p.m. Workshops – Phase I: Interdisciplinary workshops
4. 45 p.m. Break

- 5.00 p.m. Workshops – Phase II: Subject-specific workshops
- 6.00 p.m. End of the first day
- 6.15 p.m. Cultural programme
- 7.30 p.m. Barbeque in the garden

TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2011

- 8.30 a.m. Welcome
- 9.00 a.m. **Transfer working groups: Success factors for the realisation of visions**
- 10.30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.00 a.m. **From vision to practice**
Prof. Dr. Mitchell Ash, University of Vienna: From “Humboldt” to “Bologna”: Visions in the political and historical context.
Prof. Dr. med Sigrid Harendza, University of Hamburg: Local visions!
Success strategies for implementing visions at the roots
- 12.30 p.m. Conference cinema
- 13.00 p.m. End of the conference and light snack
- Chair:** *Prof. Dr. Uta Wilkens, Vice Rector for Teaching, Continuing Education and Media at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum*

POSTER PRESENTATIONS AT „VISIONS SQUARE“

Various case studies from Germany and abroad will be presented as part of a poster session. The poster session forms the starting point for a dialogue about successful strategies for implementing visions for teaching. For an overview of the case studies presented at the conference, please visit our conference website www.rub.de/visionary-teaching.

WORKSHOPS VISIONS IN PRACTICE

How are visions put into practice? What approaches are chosen? What are the practical challenges? These questions are central to the workshop “Visions in practice” and are discussed in the light of the case studies presented.

THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS ARE OFFERED:

Workshops – Phase I: Interdisciplinary workshops

Workshop 1+2: University-wide approaches

Workshop 3+4: Vision worldwide

Workshop 5+6: Professionalisation and support of teaching

Workshops – Phase II: Subject-specific workshops

Workshop 7: Medicine

Workshop 8: Natural Sciences

Workshop 9: Engineering

Workshop 10: Economics and Social Sciences

Workshop 11: Humanities

Workshop 12: Teacher training

TRANSFER WORKING GROUPS: SUCCESS FACTORS FOR THE REALISATION OF VISIONS

Based on discussion results of the previous day, success factors and strategies for implementing visions will be developed in subject-specific working groups.

ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Following stimulating conversations and intensive discussions, at the end of the first day the conference offers an alternative programme for the senses and the opportunity to continue the exchange informally among colleagues.

- Exhibition "Heavenly fragrance - hellish stink" at the Botanical Garden of the RUB
- Organ concert in the main lecture hall
- Panoramic view over the Ruhr Valley and the Ruhr region - guided tour on the roofs of the RUB
- Barbeque in the gardens

REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE FEE

Registration for the conference is possible from 23/03/2011 onwards via the conference website.

Please note that - depending on the number of registrations – it may be necessary to limit attendance.

The conference fee is € 125 including participation in the cultural programme. Students pay a reduced conference fee of € 25. This includes the confe-

rence materials, drinks and snacks during breaks and participation in the cultural programme.

ACCOMMODATION

Along with your registration for the conference, you can book your hotel online. Hotels are available close to the venue.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference languages are German and English. Translations will be provided for German papers, on request.

VENUE AND DIRECTIONS

Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Event centre

Universitätsstraße 150

44801 Bochum

Directions can be found on the conference homepage.

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