

Thursday, 15 September 2011 - 9.00h

Aula Absidale di S. Lucia
Via Castiglione, 36 – Bologna

CONTEMPORARY THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy within the
Context of Accreditation, Quality Assurance and Rankings*

Ivano Dionigi, Rector of the University of Bologna
Welcome remarks

Highlights of the Observatory Activities

Üstün Ergüder, President of the Magna Charta Observatory
Council

Öktem Vardar, Secretary General of the Magna Charta
Observatory

Keynote Speech

Hans Van Ginkel, Honorary Professor, Utrecht University,
Netherlands

1st Session: Introduction

**Report from the US: Impacts on Academic Freedom and
Autonomy of Accreditation, State Quality Assurance
Processes, and the Ratings Game**

Robert Berdahl, Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland,
USA

2nd Session: Quality Assurance and Rankings

Quality Assurance – Friend or Foe?

Peter Williams, former President, ENQA and former Chief
Executive, QAA, UK

**Panel: Ranking and classification of universities: possible
implications for institutional autonomy**

Ellen Hazelkorn, Vice-President, Dublin Institute of
Technology, Ireland

Gero Federkeil, Vice-President IREG – Observatory on
Academic Rankings and Excellence - Centre for Higher
Education Development, Germany

Fiorella Kostoris, Governing Council, Italian Quality
Assurance Agency – ANVUR

Allan Päll, Chairperson, European Students' Union, Brussels,
Belgium

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3rd Session: Quality Assurance versus Academic Freedom

**Introduction: Does Quality Assurance violate Academic
Freedom? A Case Study**

Jens Jungblut, Magna Charta Observatory Council

**Panel: Does Quality Assurance Threaten Institutional
Autonomy and Academic Freedom?**

Colin Tüeck, Director, European Quality Assurance Register
for Higher Education – EQAR, Brussels, Belgium

Lewis Purser, Director of Academic Affairs, Irish
Universities Association, Dublin, Ireland

Judith Eaton, President, Council for Higher Education
Accreditation, USA

Lee Harvey, Professor Emeritus Copenhagen Business
School, Denmark

**4th Session: New Circumstances Under Which Higher
Education Institutions Operate**

Martina Vukasovic, Magna Charta Observatory Council

Amr Ezzat Salama, Minister on Scientific Research, Science
and Technology, Egypt

The Conference will be held in English

Friday, 16 September 2011 - 10.30h

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*The Ceremony of the Signature of the
Magna Charta Universitatum*

Ivano Dionigi, Rector of the University of Bologna
Welcome address

Romano Prodi, Economist, formerly President of the
European Commission and Italian President of the Council of
Ministers

Signing of the Magna Charta Universitatum

Üstün Ergüder, President of the Magna Charta Observatory
Council
Concluding remarks