



Universities as political institution - HEIs in the middle of academic, economic and social pressures

CHER 2017 Conference in Jyväskylä, Finland, August 28-30

The call for proposals is open now, deadline is March 17th.

The 30th Annual Consortium of Higher Education Researchers (CHER) conference will focus on multiple and often complex relations and relationships internal and external to higher education institutions. In this context, *political* refers not only to definitions, uses and users of power but more broadly to a variety of relationships among different actors and agencies responsible for making, executing, or resisting decisions concerning HEIs.

The conference aims to open up fresh perspectives to HEIs as political institutions consisting of a variety of conflicting definitions and practices on how to organise, plan, and implement academic and managerial decisions and processes. Similar variety may occur with the multiple relationships HEIs have in their networks, formal agreements, and practical cooperation with the actors and agencies of the surrounding societies.

The conference tracks will include the following: academic work and workers; leadership and management; teaching and learning; students - admission, experience and outcomes; HEIs in society.

The conference will be organised by the Higher Education Studies Team (HIEST) at the Finnish Institute for Educational Research, the University of Jyväskylä, in cooperation with CHER.

Abstract submission and more information on the conference website ktl.jyu.fi/cher2017.

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