



Rethinking the University after Bologna: New Concepts and Practices beyond Tradition and the Market

UCSIA Interdisciplinary Conference
12th – 13th of December 2008
University of Antwerp (Belgium)

CALL FOR PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS

This is a call for papers and workshops for the two-day international conference “Rethinking the University after Bologna: New Concepts and Practices beyond Tradition and the Market”.

To address this subject, the conference **programme** will be clustered around **four main themes**: the social and public purpose of the university, alternatives and changes in academic education, recent developments in and organization of academic research and finally academic knowledge production and dissemination in the information age.

The conference conveners want to invite **papers and workshop proposals** that discuss or demonstrate untimely practices and ideas in times of entrepreneurship and excellence. Such a conference may open up a new horizon for academics, students and policy makers to think about the university within the European space for higher education and research.

Relevant questions to be addressed in the workshop sessions are:

- What are the possible dysfunctions of both the traditional models and the entrepreneurial alternative of universities?
- Why should we look for alternative models of higher education and research?
- What are the side effects of the entrepreneurial university?
- What are the consequences of commercialising higher education?
- Are there trade offs between accountability and academic freedom?
- What are the alternatives for non-institutionalised universities?
- What is the future for new open source movements, open access systems and open educational resources?
- How promising are new organisational alternatives for higher education and academic research?

Scholars from different disciplines interested to present a **paper** in this conference are encouraged to submit a brief CV and an abstract of a paper addressing these questions or on issues considered relevant within the broad theme of the conference before **April 15th 2008**. Papers will be selected by a scientific committee before May 1st 2008. Final papers should be submitted before October 31st.

Scholars in different fields are also invited to submit proposals for **workshops**. Workshops provide an ideal platform for the presentation of recently finished work or novel ideas in a more interactive way. They are an opportunity to discuss work

in progress, particularly for junior researchers. Workshops also offer a platform to elaborate on specific topics, to exchange ideas and to start up future collaboration.

Organizers of workshops are asked to submit proposals using the template in attachment before **April 15th 2008**. Workshops will be selected by a scientific committee before May 1st 2008. Final formats and relevant papers should be submitted by October 31st the latest.

The conference language is English.

There is no conference fee for speakers and workshop chairs. Accommodation is provided by UCSIA for participants with an accepted paper or workshop.

Guidelines for workshop organisers:

- The workshop should be organized around a clear and well defined subject or issue, and preferably discussed from a multidisciplinary perspective
- Workshops are expected to last 90 minutes.
- A maximum of three papers should be presented within this time slot
- Preference is given to workshops bringing together representatives of the academic world, opinion and policy-makers.
- Proposal should be submitted using the attached template.

Timetable:

- April 15th 2008: deadline for abstracts and workshop proposals
- By May 1st 2008: decision of acceptance of papers and workshops
- October 31st 2008: final papers
- 12th and 13th December 2008: conference

**Please submit your proposal to sara.mels@ua.ac.be
before April 15th 2008**