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INVITATION

PRIMA Leadership Programme

Kick-off Event

The Future of Academic Leadership (Dialogue II)

With a keynote by Helga Nowotny

Leadership challenges of academic institutions:
conflicting expectations, uncertainty and robustness

22 March 2021 · 9.00 – 17.15 · Virtual event

PROGRAMME

8.50 Tech check and getting ready

9.00 Welcome & introduction

Matthias Egger, President of the SNSF Research Council

Anna Wahl, Gender Equality Commission SNSF

Jennifer Khakshouri, Journalist and moderator

Anne Zimmermann, President COPERNICUS Alliance and moderator

**9.30 Leadership challenges of academic institutions:
conflicting expectations, uncertainty and robustness**

Keynote by **Helga Nowotny**, followed by questions from the 2020 PRIMA grantees

10.30 Break

10.45 Questions from the audience

11.10 Dialogues in break-out sessions: challenges & solutions for Switzerland

Dialogues moderated by the PRIMA grantees

12.00 Lunch break with possibility to network and meet the experts one-to-one

13.15 Insights from the dialogues

presented by the 2019 PRIMA grantees

**14.15 How can we promote an academic culture that facilitates
quality, diversity, sustainability and a trusting atmosphere?**

Panel discussion

Matthias Egger, Professor of epidemiology and public health, University of Bern, President of the SNSF Research Council

Anna Wahl, (Sweden), Professor of gender, organization and management, Royal Institute of Technology, member of the SNSF Gender Equality Commission

Katrin Hansen, (Germany) Professor of leadership, personnel and organization, former Vice President for academic and international affairs at Westfälische Hochschule, auditor of Stifterverband

Martin Hilb, President of the International Board Foundation and Swiss Institute of Directors, formerly HSG professor and President a.i. of the University Council, University of Lucerne

15.00 Break

15.15 Questions to the panellists

Questions from the 2020 PRIMA grantees

Questions from the audience

16.15 Comments & summary

by **Helga Nowotny** and graphic storyteller **Sabine Soeder** followed by questions from the 2020 PRIMA grantees

16.45 Conclusion, outlook, closing & invitation to network

17:15 End

The Swiss National Science Foundation is firmly committed to fostering sophisticated leadership competencies to cope with current societal and academic challenges. Leadership excellence is required to meet these challenges. What we need is a culture of trust that enables diverse people to feel at home and allows critical thinking and excellence to flourish.

Academic institutions need to become role models and important stakeholder of societal change. How can people in academic leadership positions promote an organisational culture that facilitates excellence through diversity, sustainability and a trusting atmosphere in the workplace? The fact that this event had to be postponed due to COVID-19 – the greatest disruption in a generation – highlights the relevance of the topic.

We invite you to hear a cutting-edge speech by the former president of the ERC, Professor Helga Nowotny, and participate in discussions with international leadership experts. Share your experiences, learn more about the perspectives of the PRIMA grantees, meet the experts and expand your network.

About PRIMA: The annual event on advanced academic leadership is an opportunity to celebrate the researchers who successfully applied for a PRIMA grant. With the PRIMA funding scheme for outstanding women researchers, the SNSF is contributing to more diversity in research.

About Helga Nowotny: Helga Nowotny is Professor emerita of Science and Technology Studies, ETH Zurich, and a founding member and former president of the European Research Council. She is also vice president of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. She holds a PhD in sociology from Columbia University, NY, a doctorate in jurisprudence from the University of Vienna as well as and many honorary doctoral titles.

Graphic recording artist **Sabine Soeder** will create a visual record of the event.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Location

Virtual meeting, registered participants will receive a link in the morning of the event.

Language

The event will be held in English.

Registration

There is no registration fee. Please register at:
<http://bit.ly/PRIMA-leadership-2021>

Miscellaneous

Childcare can be provided, please tell us your needs. If you need to cancel your registration, send an email to: **equality@snf.ch**

Concept & realisation

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