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# JOINT ACADEMY DAY OEAW–KNAW

With a special view to strengthening the cooperation with foreign partner academies, the Presiding Committee decided to organize “Joint Academy Days”. Within this event series, representatives of the Austrian Academy of Sciences will discuss scientific policy issues together with members of its partner academies.

As a successful start, we are happy to welcome experts from the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

The Joint Academy Day 2018 relates to the following topics: (1) Ethical Questions regarding Research in or about Authoritarian Regimes, (2) Research Impact (Academy – University – Industry – Society), (3) Advisory Function of Academies, (4) Multilingualism in the Humanities, (5) Academy beyond the Capital, and (6) Digital Humanities.



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## PROGRAMME

13.30–14.00 **Welcome and Introduction** (Theatersaal)

**Anton Zeilinger** | President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

**Oliver Jens Schmitt** | President of the Division of Humanities and the Social Sciences

14.00–15.30 **Panel Discussions**

**Panel 1** (Theatersaal)

**Ethical Questions regarding Research in or about Authoritarian Regimes**

**Panel 2** (Sitzungssaal)

**Research Impact (Academy – University – Industry – Society)**

**Panel 3** (Clubraum)

**Advisory Function of Academies**

15.30–16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00–17.30 **Panel Discussions**

**Panel 4** (Theatersaal)

**Multilingualism in the Humanities**

**Panel 5** (Sitzungssaal)

**Academy beyond the Capital**

**Panel 6** (Clubraum)

**Digital Humanities**

17.30–18.30 **Presentation and Discussion of the Workshop Results** (Theatersaal)

18.30 **Reception**

**VENUE:** Austrian Academy of Sciences, Theatersaal, Sonnenfelsgasse 19, 1010 Vienna; Sitzungssaal and Clubraum, Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna

**REGISTRATION** by completing the registration form until Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018: [www.oeaw.ac.at/en/registration/joint-academy-day/](http://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/registration/joint-academy-day/)

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## TOPIC OUTLINES

### ► Panel 1 Ethical Questions regarding Research in or about Authoritarian Regimes

Chair: Florian Schwarz | OeAW

Panelists:

Martin van Hees | KNAW, Nico Schrijver | KNAW,  
Sabine Ladstätter | OeAW, Melanie Malzahn | OeAW,  
Ernst Steinkellner | OeAW

For research institutions and individual researchers, doing research in or about authoritarian regimes involves specific ethical questions, ranging from how to safeguard ethical best practice when legal standards and regulations differ or even diverge, to evaluating the impact of ethical considerations on the process of building and maintaining trust, to assessing specific personal risks for project participants. Public opinion tends to narrow the ethical dimension of this kind of research to the question of whether or not it is ethical to “collaborate with authoritarian regimes” at all. Research in or about authoritarian regimes is concerned with more than defining and safeguarding ethical red lines in research planning and practice. At stake are fundamental values of academic research and collaboration within the international scientific community.

### ► Panel 2 Research Impact (Academy – University – Industry – Society)

Chair: Jürgen Eckert | OeAW

Panelists:

Richard van de Sanden | KNAW, Andrea Fischer | OeAW,  
Saskia Stachowitsch | OeAW, Josef Strobl | OeAW

The impact of research in universities and research organizations for transfer to industry and sustainable growth as well as for the education of young people and acceptance in public is of the utmost importance for science and society. This also concerns intensification of activities intended to overcome the often widespread scepticism about science, research and technology in the public and for the education of future generations.

### ► Panel 3 Advisory Function of Academies

Chair: Gerda Falkner | OeAW

Panelists:

Belle Derks | KNAW, Louise Vet | KNAW,  
Manfred Grasserbauer | OeAW, Alexia Fürnkranz-Prskawetz  
| OeAW, Michael Nentwich | OeAW

One of the crucial roles of academies of sciences is to give advice to political leaders, other stakeholders, and the society at large. Topics often concern specific policy-related issues (e.g. how to fight global warming?) or matters of ethics in research and beyond (e.g. helping with the setting up or the management of committees enquiring into alleged offences against good practices). However, it is anything but trivial to develop standard procedures to promote advice that is both legitimate and effective — hence the great variety of such standards all over the world.

### ► Panel 4 Multilingualism in the Humanities

Chair: Stefan Michael Newerkla | OeAW

Panelists:

Lotte Jensen | KNAW, Pieter Muysken | KNAW,  
Thomas Corsten | OeAW, Paolo Sartori | OeAW,  
Danuta Shanzer | OeAW

From a global perspective, multilingualism is the norm. Linguistic and cultural competence in more than one language is therefore not only vital to individuals and societies for facing the challenges of increased globalisation and understanding other cultures and modes of thought, but also an indispensable necessity for excellent research in the arts and humanities. Here, interpretation and orientation are closely bound up with linguistic cultures and their epistemological traditions. On the other hand, the ever-increasing use of English as the lingua franca of science undermines this linguistic-cognitive plurality and thus puts at risk the role in providing orientation that the humanities must perform in a social context.

### ► Panel 5 Academy beyond the Capital

Chair: Matthias Karmasin | OeAW

Panelists:

Marc Groenhuijsen | KNAW, Rivke Jaffe | KNAW,  
Bernhard Jakoby | OeAW, Werner Piller | OeAW,  
Kristina Stoeckl | OeAW

Many academies of science have a historically deducible bias towards the capital — with regard to the composition of their membership as well as to their activities. The recent debate on third mission and responsible science has also challenged academies with regard to this aspect: questions as to whether excellence and cutting edge research are mainly to be found in the political and economic centers and if it is justified to concentrate public outreach activities in the capital arise. The panel will discuss if and how regional presence and visibility can contribute to the legitimization and acceptance of academies and which strategies seem appropriate in a rapidly changing societal environment.

### ► Panel 6 Digital Humanities

Chair: Arno Strohmeier | OeAW

Panelists:

Antal van den Bosch | KNAW, Lex Heerma van Voss | KNAW,  
Ivona Brandić | OeAW, Thomas Eiter | OeAW,  
Alexandra Lenz | OeAW

The ongoing digitisation of all areas of our lives is also bringing about a comprehensive transformation in the sciences. As a result, the humanities are facing a serious challenge, for while this opens up many opportunities for development on the one hand, on the other it means that researchers have to get to grips with new technologies. We now have at our disposal basic methodological patterns, work practices and organisational structures.

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