



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES – CRITICAL FUTURES

Conference – 23-24 October 2023

Venue: University Foundation, Egmontstraat 11/rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels and Online

Universities are critical for Europe's future, in terms of social and political integration, and in providing an institutional framework through which Europe acts in the world. At a time of radically transforming European and global contexts, what roles should universities play in tackling issues ranging from gender and social inequalities and integration of refugees, to public access to research, and repositioning Europe in a world of competing global strategies over flows of knowledge, researchers and students?

To fulfil this renewed societal engagement and critical public purpose requires rethinking how universities are organised and how they carry out their core activities. The conference will share knowledge generated over two years by Europe-wide working groups on new forms of knowledge production, accountability and public trust, and technologies of management. It offers new insights into tackling gender inequality and precarity, refugee access to higher education, and alternative approaches to internationalisation.

The conference is free and is hybrid. Please register by 13 October at events.au.dk/europeanuniversities-criticalfutures

The conference is for senior and early-stage researchers and members of the policy community and aims to develop a dialogue between the research and policy-making communities. Conference organiser is Professor Susan Wright, Aarhus university and further information about the project and its working groups is available at projects.au.dk/european-universities-critical-futures

Programme

23 October

- 10.00 – 10.30 Introduction and welcome
- 10.30 – 12.00 COVID 19, open science and collaborative research
- 13.00 – 14.30 Trust – alternatives to metrics
- 15.15 – 16.45 Impacts of management technologies on university work

24 October

- 10.00 – 12.00 Gender inequity and precarity
- 13.00 – 14.30 Refugee access to higher education
- 15.15 – 16.45 Alternative internationalisms
- 16.45 – 17.30 Closure and future actions