



1st gradSERU Symposium:

A Global Comparative Assessment of Graduate Education at Research Universities



October 4-5, 2018 – Hannover, Herrenhausen Palace, Germany

Student Experience in the Research University (SERU) Consortium

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The Symposium will provide a forum to analyze responses from the new SERU Graduate Student Experience Survey ([gradSERU](#)), to discuss further development of the survey instrument, the challenges faced by top research universities to improve the graduate experience and to be competitive for talent globally, and recruitment and expansion of the network of gradSERU campuses.

PROGRAM

DAY 1 – Thursday October 4

- 10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome, Introductions and Symposium Goals**
 Wilhelm Krull (Secretary General VW Stiftung)
 John Aubrey Douglass (SERU Founding PI, CSHE UC Berkeley)
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Why Industry Cares About Doctoral Education** - Jürgen Lehold (Director of the AutoUni)
- 10:45 – 11:45 **Panel – Graduate Education: Global Markets and the Competition for Talent**
 Chair: Marijk van der Wende (Professor of Higher Education Systems, Utrecht University)
 David Bogle (University College London, LERU Doctoral Education Group)
 Hongjie Chen (Peking University)
 Erika Kothe (Uniwind and Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)
- 11:45 – 12:00 Break
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Keynote - Torn Between Two Worlds? Some Reflections on the Tension Between Doctoral Education and Research Training** - Wilhelm Krull (Secretary General VW Stiftung)
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:15 **US/Canada University - Reforms and Challenges for Graduate Education**
 Chair: Scott Lanyon (Vice Provost and Dean Graduate Education, University of Minnesota)
 ○ What We Know About the Contemporary Graduate Student Experience - Scott Lanyon (Vice Provost and Dean Graduate Education, University of Minnesota)
 ○ gradSERU Results – a Preliminary Analysis - Daniel Jones-White (Research & Development Director, gradSERU University of Minnesota)
 Roundtable – Invited Participants:
 University of Toronto - Luc De Nil - Acting Dean of Graduate Studies
 Michigan State University - Thomas Jeitschko - Dean and Associate Provost for Graduate Education
 University of Iowa – Wayne Jacobs – Director Office of Assessment
 University of Delaware – Rosalind Johnson – Assistant Dean Office of Graduate and Professional Education
 University of California San Diego – Erin Espaldon – Senior Analyst Academic Affairs
 Rutgers University – Victoria Porterfield – Research Project Manager - Institutional Research and Academic Planning
 University of Pittsburgh – Chelsea Kluczkowski – Data Analyst – Office of the Provost

- 16:15 – 16:45 Break
- 16:45 – 17:45 **A Student Panel – Is Doctoral Education Fit for Purpose?**
 Chair: Igor Chirikov (Vice-Rector, HSE University Moscow and SERU-I Managing Director, CSHE UC Berkeley)
 Participants: Martin Oellers (Universität Bremen), Dafna Burema (Universität Bremen), Saule Bekova (HSE University Moscow), Irina Shcheglova (HSE University Moscow), Kristina Schneider (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
- 18:15 Symposium Dinner

DAY 2 – Friday October 5

- 9:00 – 10:15 **Exploring Career Outcomes of Ph.D. Graduates**
 Chair: Katrien Maes Deputy Secretary-General League of European Research Universities
- What Do We Know about Ph.D. Career Outcomes in the US – Maresi Nerad (University of Washington)
 - Student Outcomes – The German Panel Study - Choni Flöther (International Centre for Higher Education Research, Kassel Universität)
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 **Europe: Reforms and Challenges for Graduate Education**
 Chair and Comments: Andreas Breiter – (Vice President for Research Universität Bremen)
- gradSERU Results – a Preliminary Analysis – Igor Chirikov (Vice-Rector, HSE University Moscow and SERU-I Managing Director, CSHE UC Berkeley)
- Invited Campus Representatives:
 Utrecht University - Dieuwertje ten Brinke (Research Policy Advisor, Academic Affairs)
 Georg-August-Universität Göttingen - Andrea D. Bührmann (Vice President)
 Universität Bremen - Andreas Breiter (Vice President for Research)
 Lund University - Mats Benner (Professor Department of Business Administration)
- 12:00 – 13:15 Lunch
- 13:15 – 14:30 **Panel – Reforms and Challenges for Graduate Education in Asia and Oceania**
 Chair: Igor Chirikov (Vice-Rector, HSE University Moscow and SERU-I Managing Director, CSHE UC Berkeley)
 Osaka University (Japan) - Tatsuo Kawashima (Director and Professor of the Center for the Study of Higher Education and Global Admissions)
 Victoria University Wellington (New Zealand) - Leon Bakker (Director Planning and Management Information)
 Peking University (China) - Hongjie Chen (Professor, Graduate School of Education)
- 14:30 – 14:40 **Symposium Summary and Conclusions**
- 14:40 – 14:50 Break
- 14:50 – 16:00 **gradSERU Business Meeting – SERU Campus Representatives** (all Symposium participants welcomed)
 Data Analysis and Reports
 gradSERU Design and Content Workgroup Launch
 Data Collection and Sharing
 Recruitment