

friday lectures

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Rethinking university again: ambition, context, relevance.

University is indispensable to any sophisticated democratic society. The friday lectures focus on the discussion of the university as an autonomous and independent place of research and teaching, of generating and imparting knowledge and insight. University is discussed as an institution which responsibly contributes to the solution of problems concerning human beings, society and environment, as an institution in which questions of gender and diversity justice are an important matter of concern and as an institution which can contribute to the development of socially just and cosmopolitan visions.

Ambition, meaning, aim and object of the university have always been a matter of (quite disputed) analysis offered by researchers, lecturers, students and political decision-makers. Bologna-university? Unconditional university? University what for? Whose university?

Response and Moderation

The thematic connection to both the state of the international discussion and the requirements of the University of Vienna is ensured by the contributions of experts from other universities as well as by the response of scientists, Third Space Professionals and students of the University of Vienna. The moderators of the friday lectures – mostly journalists on science, politics and social topics – offer a professional view from outside of university.

“turn it digital”

All contributions to the friday lecture day will be published as audio recordings on the website of the Center for Teaching and Learning / CTL. Students of the University of Vienna prepare themselves for the friday lectures in the seminar ‘rethinking studying: processes to generate knowledge and audiovisual practices’ (Brigitte Kossek / Silvia Grillitsch). They will contribute with responses to the friday lectures, conduct interviews with the lecturers and produce videocasts which will be published on the website of the CTL and on YouTube provided that the lectures give their approval.

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Link to the **friday lectures**: <http://ctl.univie.ac.at/veranstaltungen/>