

Magna Charta Observatory

Anniversary Conference
Monday 23 – Wednesday 25 October 2023

**Universities and Re-Construction of Cities:
the Role of Research and Education**

**University of Lodz
Poland**

Monday 23rd October 2023

Pre-conference programme

Waclaw Schubert's Assembly Hall, Lindleya 5 Lodz

13:30 Registration – entrance hall at the arrival

14:00 Welcome

Elżbieta Żądzińska, Rector of the University of Lodz

David J. Lock, Secretary General, Magna Charta Observatory

14:10 Regional perspectives on universities serving societies, challenges and responses
Chair – Professor Łukasz Bogucki, Vice-Rector of the University of Lodz

This session will provide an introduction to the Higher Education landscape and current issues in Poland and Ukraine

Speakers:

- a) Arkadiusz Mężyk - President of the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland – CRASP - **Online**
- b) Petro Kulikov - President of the Union of Rectors of Universities of Ukraine - **Online**
- c) Mychailo Wynnyckyj, Deputy Minister of Education and Science Ukraine – **Online**
- d) Adam Pustelnik - Deputy Mayor of Łódź
- e) Vitalii Bilyi - Counsellor of the Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Poland
- f) Student's perspective
Kevin Lewicki - President of the Students' Parliament of the Republic of Poland
- g) Student's perspective
Polina Hombalevska - President of Ukrainian Association of Students
- h) Student's perspective
Maksym Svysenko – Board member of Ukrainian Students League

Q&R – moderated by Prof. Łukasz Bogucki

15:45 Refreshment break

16:15 Magna Charta Observatory: serving signatory universities
Chair – David Lock, Secretary General of the Magna Charta Observatory

Speakers:

David Lock, Secretary General - Review of the year
Giga Zedania, Member of the MCO Governing Council and
Julia Berruezo MCO Research Assistant
Research initiatives

Questions and discussion – Moderated by David John Lock

16:55 David Lock Information about the Networking sessions for universities non attending the Working Dinner

17:00 Networking sessions for universities
Corridor of the coffee break

18:30 End of networking session and transfer to the hotels by buses

FREE EVENING

Tuesday 24 October 2023

Waclaw Schubert's Assembly Hall, Lindleya 5 Lodz

Conference

Universities and Re-Construction of Cities: the Role of Research and Education

9:00 Arrival and registration of participants

9:30 Opening and Presidential Messages

Welcome

Professor Elżbieta Żądzińska, Rector of the University of Lodz

Introduction to the conference

Patrick Deane

President of the Magna Charta Observatory Governing Council and Chair of the conference

10:00 Keynotes

Universities and Re-Construction of Cities: the Role of Research and Education

Implications for teaching and preparing students

Implications for service to civil society

Implications for service to commercial enterprises

Different perspective from each speaker to be identified if they are available.

Keynote themes and speakers:

a) The Contribution of Research

Ed Brinksma - President of the Executive Board, Erasmus University of Rotterdam,
President of the UNIC European University of Post-industrial cities

b) The Contribution of Education

Elfithri Rahmah, Chief of Section Capacity Development, and Water Family Coordination
(CDW) – **Online**

The role of Research and Education in Addressing Water Security: UNESCO Contribution
within the IHP IX (2022-2029)

c) Reconstruction following situations of Conflict

Brendan O'Malley, Editor of University World News, perspectives formed over many
years from visiting conflict zones (such as Afghanistan, Thailand, Kosovo, Philippines,
Palestine/Israel, Northern Ireland and Cyprus) and researching and writing onto issue,
including for the Education Under Attack studies for UNESCO, etc On learning
perspective

11:20 Refreshment break

11:50 Panel Session

Case studies of universities which have actually contributed to re-construction in different situations/locations E.g. natural disasters, pandemics, etc

The purpose of the session is to share evidence of universities contributing of reconstruction of different types and in different ways to inspire ideas

Moderator: Ivan Pacheco, MCO ambassador and Research Fellow Boston College Boston, USA

1. Case from USA – To focus on the reconstruction of the region of the Rust Belt that experienced industrial decline starting in the 1950s.
John C. Austin, Former President, Michigan State Board of Education
2. Case from Europe – To focus on post-floods reconstruction in Emilia-Romagna
Gian Luca Morini, University of Bologna, Italy
3. Case from Asia - To focus on attention paid to the Sustainable Development Goals
Pornchai Mongkhonvanit, President, Siam University, Thailand

13:10 Briefing for afternoon session

David Lock, MCO Secretary General of the Magna Charta Observatory

13:15 Lunch

Corridor 1st floor + side rooms

Faculty of Educational Studies, Address: Aleja Scheiblerów 2

14:45 – 17:15 World Café Sessions

14:45 World Café Session 1

15:35 World Café Session 2

16:25 World Café Session 3

17:15 Close of World Café session

World Café Topics and partners

10 tables of 12 persons

- 1 **Student Perspectives on engaging with society and reconstruction (room no. 0.5):**
 - Student essay competition winners to present and discuss their essays on student involvement in universities serving society;
 - Global Students' Forum - student involvement in reconstruction
 - Students engaging with society as part of their programmes
(Session led by GSF and ESU)
Host: Peter Kwasi Kodjie, Secretary General, All-Africa Students' Union
Rapporteur: Julia Berruezo, Research Assistant, Magna Charta Observatory**Broadcasted Online**

This will operate as a single session from 14:45 to 17:15 approx. although participants may join and leave the session as they wish.

- 2 **European Universities and the creation of a truly European innovative ecosystem of post-industrial cities**
Host: Peter Scholten – Professor, Erasmus University Rotterdam - UNIC
Rapporteur: Ivan Pacheco, Research Fellow, Center for International Higher Education. Boston College, USA
- 3 **Building back sustainably: University engagement with the Sustainable Development Goals for research and teaching for reconstruction**
Host: Hilligje van't Land, Secretary General, International Association of Universities
Rapporteur: Martine Rahier, member of the MCO Governing Council
(Session with IAU)
- 4 **Building Equity and Fairness into reconstruction activities (with special reference to Gender)**
Host: Professor Cristina Demaria, Vice-Rector Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna, Italy
Rapporteur: Ella Ritchie, Emeritus Vice-Rector, Newcastle University, UK
- 5 **Including Values in leadership training for staff and students**
Hosts: Martina Darmanin, Member of the MCO Governing Council & Professor John Davies, MCO Ambassador
Rapporteur: Martina Darmanin, Member of the MCO Governing Council
- 6 **Magna Charta Observatory – have your say on its future strategy**
Host: Dr Patrick Deane, President of the MCO Governing Council
Rapporteur: David Lock, Secretary General, Magna Charta Observatory
- 7 **Living your Values: the MCO's Living Values Project**
Host: Professor Mandla Makhanya, Wroclaw Medical University, Poland and representative(s) from pilot sites
Rapporteur: Caroline Parker, MCO Ambassador
- 8 **University and realization of social function: Life-Long Learning and interaction with local authorities, business and civil society.**
Host: Tetiana Oriekhova, Dean, Vasyl` Stus Donetsk National University
Rapporteur: Anna Osmolovska, Deputy Director, Educational Academy "UAdvise", Ukraine
- 9 **The role of digitally enhanced education in enhancing the resilience of a HEI and a university community**
Host: Oksana Zamora, PhD, associate professor, International Economic Relations

Department, Sumy State University

Rapporteur: Marcelo Knobel, Member of the MCO Governing Council

10 **Supporting students: experience of Polish universities**

Hosts: Professor Marcin Palys – Member of the MCO Governing Council & Kevin Lewicki

- President of the Students' Parliament of the Republic of Poland

Rapporteur: Giga Zedania, Member of the MCO Governing Council

17:30 Return to the hotels by buses

19:30 Conference gala dinner:

Venue: EC1 Machinery Hall

Targowa 1/3

90-022 Łódź

22:00 Return to the hotels by buses

Wednesday 25 October 2023

Ceremony for the signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum MCU2020

Waclaw Schubert's Assembly Hall, Lindleya 5 Lodz

9:00 Signatories arrival to the dressing room

9:45 Arrival of participants

10:15 Ceremony

Opening remarks

Elżbieta Żądzińska, Rector of the University of Lodz

Giovanni Molari, Rector of the Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna and President of the Magna Charta Observatory

10:25 'Europe at a crossroads. Also a challenge for our universities'

Herman Van Rompuy - Former President of the European Council (DHC University of Lodz)

Signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum

Words of thanks on behalf of Signatories

Maciej Żukowski, Rector of the Poznań University of Economics and Business

Signature of Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Student Forum

Presentation of Certificates to winners of MCO Student essay competition

Presentation of Certificates to judges of MCO Student essay competition

Concluding remarks

Patrick Deane, President of the Magna Charta Observatory Council

Elżbieta Żądzińska, Rector of the University of Lodz

University of Lodz Choir performance

12:30 Lunch

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The end of the MCU Anniversary