



*A Week on  
Academic Freedom*

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*A Week on Academic Freedom* is a joint initiative by the research programme Democracy and Higher Education, Higher Education and Research as Objects of Study (HERO), and Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (SCAS). A series of events will be organized on the common theme of academic freedom over the course of a week. All events take place in Uppsala between 23–27 October.

To view the full programme online, please see: [www.uu.se/a-week-on-academic-freedom](http://www.uu.se/a-week-on-academic-freedom)

## PROGRAMME

### Monday, 23 October

Organized by: Democracy and Higher Education

Venue: Uppsala University Main Building, Lecture Hall X

Language: Swedish and English

### Academic Freedom and Responsibility in Policy and Practice

- 13:15–13:25 *Inauguration of the Week* (English)  
**TORA HOLMBERG**, Professor of Sociology & Vice-Rector, Uppsala University  
**CHRISTINA GARSTEN**, Principal and Permanent Fellow, SCAS & Professor of Social Anthropology, Uppsala University and Stockholm University  
**LINDA WEDLIN**, Professor of Business Studies & Director of Democracy and Higher Education, Uppsala University  
**MIKAEL BÖRJESSON**, Professor of Sociology of Education & Director of HERO, Uppsala University
- 13:30–14:15 *Student Interests and the Freedom of Teaching: Challenges and How to Respond* (English)  
**ANDREA TALENTINO**, Professor of Political Science & President of Augustana College
- 14:15–15:00 *Reimagining Academic Freedom in Europe: What is at Stake?* (English)  
**LIVIU MATEI**, Professor of Higher Education and Public Policy, King's College London & Representative of The Guild
- 15:00–15:30 Break
- 15:30–17:00 *En fri akademi bland ökade krav: Vad behövs för en kunskapsbildning i demokratins tjänst?* (Swedish)  
 Panelsamtal  
**DAG BLANCK**, Professor of North American Studies, Uppsala University (moderator)  
**FARSHID JALALVAND**, PhD in Medical Microbiology and Author  
**ANNIKA NILSSON**, Associate Professor of Public Law, Uppsala University  
**GÖRAN ROSENBERG**, Journalist and Author  
**LINN SVÄRD**, Swedish National Union of Students  
**ASTRID SÖDERBERGH WIDDING**, Professor of Cinema Studies & Vice-Chancellor, Stockholm University  
**JOHAN ÖSTLING**, Professor of History, Lund University; Director, Lund Centre for the History of Knowledge (LUCK) & Wallenberg Academy Fellow
- 17:00–  
 Informal reception  
 Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

**Tuesday, 24 October**

Organized by: HERO

Venue: Hall C, Uppsala Konsert & Kongress

Language: English

## **The Relationship between Academia and Society in Troubled Times**

13:15–13:20

*Welcome*

**MIKAEL BÖRJESSON**, Professor of Sociology of Education & Director of HERO, Uppsala University

**SHARON RIDER**, Professor of Philosophy & Deputy Director of HERO, Uppsala University

### **Part I: Variations of Interfaces: Scientific Domains**

13:20–13:45

*Science Today: Predicaments and Promises*

**SVEN WIDMALM**, Professor of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University

**DAN LARHAMMAR**, Professor of Molecular Cell Biology, Uppsala University

**MIA PHILLIPSON**, Professor of Physiology, Uppsala University

13:45–14:10

*What is Public Social Science?*

**JOHAN HEILBRON**, Guest Professor, HERO, Uppsala University

**KRISTOFFER KROPP**, Associate Professor of Sociology, Roskilde University

**JULIEN LARREGUE**, Assistant Professor in Sociology, Université Laval

14:10–14:35

*Beyond the Integrative Humanities*

**ANDERS EKSTRÖM**, Professor of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University

**ULRIKA BJÖRKSTÉN**, Secretary General, Vetenskap & Allmänhet

**NINA WORMBS**, Professor of History of Technology, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

14:35–15:00

*Conclusions*

**ANDERS EKSTRÖM, JOHAN HEILBRON & SVEN WIDMALM**

15:00–15:20

Break

### **Part II: Science, Politics, and Ideology**

15:20–15:45

*Declining Trust in Science?*

**JOHAN HEILBRON**, Guest Professor, HERO, Uppsala University

**ULRIKA BJÖRKSTÉN**, Secretary General, Vetenskap & Allmänhet

15:45–16:10

*Research Funding for Excellence: Impact and Consequences*

**KERSTIN SAHLIN**, Senior Professor of Public Management & Chair of HERO, Uppsala University

**PETER EDLUND**, Researcher in Business Studies, Uppsala University

**AUDREY HARROCHE**, Research Fellow, Oxford Brookes University

16:10–16:35

*Between Academe and Politics – Think Tanks and the Quest for Knowledge*

**CHRISTINA GARSTEN**, Principal and Permanent Fellow, SCAS & Professor of Social Anthropology, Uppsala University and Stockholm University

**ULRIK JENNISCHE**, Junior Global Horizons Fellow, SCAS & Researcher, Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research (Score), Stockholm University

**DIETER PLEHWE**, Senior Global Horizons Fellow, SCAS & Senior Research Fellow, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

16:35–17:00

*Conclusions*

**CHRISTINA GARSTEN, JOHAN HEILBRON & KERSTIN SAHLIN**

17:00–

Informal reception

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## Wednesday, 25 October

Organized by: HERO

Venue: the Humanities Theatre, English Park Campus

Language: Swedish and English

### Hur står det till med den akademiska friheten?

13:15–13:30 *Inledning* (Swedish)  
Speaker TBA

13:30–14:25 *Den akademiska friheten i Sverige: En lägesbild* (Swedish)  
**SHIRIN AHLBÄCK ÖBERG**, Professor of Political Science & Deputy Director of HERO, Uppsala University  
**ANNA JONSSON CORNELL**, Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law, Uppsala University

14:30–15:00 *Vad behöver göras? Diskussion med intresseorganisationer* (Swedish)  
**SHIRIN AHLBÄCK ÖBERG** (moderator)  
**YLVA FÄLTHOLM**, Vice-Chancellor of University of Gävle & Representative of SUHF  
**EMIL GÖRNERUP**, Head of Research and Innovation Policy, Confederation of Swedish Enterprise  
**RASMUS LINDSTEDT**, Board Member, SFS  
**KARIN ÅMOSSA**, Head of Policy and International Affairs, SULF

15:00–15:30 Break

15:30–16:25 *Nordic Comparative Perspectives on Academic Freedom* (English)  
**SHARON RIDER**, Professor of Philosophy & Deputy Director of HERO, Uppsala University (moderator)  
**JANNE HOLMÉN**, Associate Professor of the History of Education, Uppsala University  
**ANINE KIERULF**, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Oslo  
**ASGER SØRENSEN**, Associate Professor of Philosophy of Education, Aarhus University

16:30–17:00 *Discussion* (Swedish/English)

## Thursday, 26 October

Organized by: SCAS

Venue: SCAS, the Thunberg Lecture Hall, Linneanum, Thunbergsvägen 2

Language: English

This session will be available via Zoom Webinar: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/63453675775>

### Academic Citizenship in Perspective

10:15–12:00 *The VUIAS Initiative – A Joint Effort in Founding an Institute for Advanced Study for Ukraine*  
**DANIEL SCHÖNPFLUG**, Head of Academic Programs, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Professor of History, Freie Universität Berlin & Co-Chair Virtual Ukraine Institute for Advanced Study (VUIAS)

16:30–18:00 *On Academic Integrity*  
**SVERKER SÖRLIN**, Non-resident Long-term Fellow for Programmes on Environmental Humanities, SCAS & Professor of Environmental History, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

**Friday, 27 October**

Organized by: HERO.

Venue: SCAS, the Thunberg Lecture Hall, Linneanum, Thunbergsvägen 2

Language: English

This session will be available via Zoom Webinar: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/66417120918>

## Varieties of Collegiality

- 10:15–10:30 *Introduction*  
**KERSTIN SAHLIN**, Senior Professor of Public Management & Chair of HERO, Uppsala University
- 10:30–10:50 *Governing Research. New Forms of Competition and Cooperation in Academia*  
(Pre-recorded lecture)  
**ANNA KOSMÜTZKY**, Professor of the Methodology of Higher Education and Science Research, Leibniz Center for Science and Society (LCSS), Leibniz University Hannover  
**GEORG KRÜCKEN**, Professor of the Sociology of Higher Education & Director, International Center for Higher Education Research (INCHER), University of Kassel
- 10:50–11:10 *Integrating Horizontal and Vertical Collegiality*  
**FRANCOIS VAN SCHALKWYK**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology (CREST), Stellenbosch University
- 11:10–11:30 *A Slow Form of Governance? Collegial Organization and Temporal Synchronization in the Context of Swedish University Reforms*  
**HAMPUS ÖSTH GUSTAFSSON**, Researcher, Lund Centre for the History of Knowledge (LUCK), Lund University
- 11:30–12:00 *Comments & Discussion*  
**SHIRIN AHLBÄCK ÖBERG**, Professor of Political Science & Deputy Director of HERO, Uppsala University  
**JOHAN BOBERG**, Associate Professor of Sociology of Education & Research Coordinator, HERO, Uppsala University

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