

26th February 2010

- 09.30 Career paths, scientific language and publication practice  
Karl-Heinz Minks (HIS, Hannover)
- 10.00 Panel and discussion III: Career paths  
Dr. Ulrike Albrecht (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn)  
Prof. Dr. Schirin Amir-Moazami (Freie Universität Berlin)  
Prof. Naoki Murata (JSPS Tokyo)  
Dr. Marie Luise Ehrenschtndtner (University of Aberdeen)
- 11.30 Break
- 12.00 Panel and discussion IV: Scientific language and publication practice  
Prof. Dr. Barend ter Haar (University of Leiden)  
Prof. Dr. Erika Fischer-Lichte (Freie Universität Berlin)  
Prof. Dr. Ludwig M. Eichinger (German Language Institute, Mannheim)  
Dr. Dorothea Rüländ (Freie Universität Berlin)  
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Sigrid Weigel (Center of Literary and Cultural Research, Berlin)
- Closing address  
Dr. Karin Korn-Riedlinger
- 13.30 Refreshments

The conference will be chaired by Armin Himmelrath (science journalist, Cologne)

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The conference is part of the BMBF funding initiative "Freedom for Research in the Humanities".

## Venue

Collegium Leoninum  
Nova Vita Residenz Bonn GmbH  
Noeggerathstraße 34  
53111 Bonn

## Conference Offices

The Project Management Agency in DLR  
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## Registration and further information

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Mind Crossing Borders  
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in Germany?  
Conference on 25th/26th  
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RESEARCH

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# Mind Crossing Borders – How international are the humanities in Germany?

## BMBF Conference on 25th/26th February 2010

How much international recognition do the humanities in Germany enjoy? How involved are humanities scholars from Germany in the international exchange of ideas? In what way and to what extent is Germany still a source of and home to international academic discourse in the humanities today? The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung, BMBF) seeks to answer these and other questions together with its guests.

The conference will highlight the achievements and attractivity of the humanities and examine how they compare internationally, taking in a wide range of subjects – from African Studies to Religious Studies. A study on the international positioning of the humanities in Germany, funded by the BMBF and carried out by the Higher Education Information System (Hochschul-Informationssystem, HIS), will provide the basis for these discussions.

A constant change of perspective – the view from Germany outwards and from outside into Germany – connects the items on the agenda. Two lectures will each present two topics; each lecture is followed by two in-depth panel discussions with guests and the audience.

### I: Transfer of ideas

Welche Vernetzungsformen und -strukturen dienen als Erfolgsfaktoren? Welchen Nutzen bringt die Förderung internationaler Forschungsverbände? Was ist für Internationalität in den Geisteswissenschaften charakteristisch?

### II: Research quality

How is the quality of research in Germany viewed from outside? How does international collaboration increase research quality? What are the strengths and attractions of the humanities in Germany?

### III: Career paths

What form do (typical) career paths in individual disciplines take? How reliable do career paths have to be for young academics? What career opportunities and obstacles exist in comparison to other countries?

### IV: Scientific language and publication practice

Does German as an academic language present an “export obstacle”? What is considered standard publication practice in the various subjects and in other countries? How does Germany take part in international scientific discourse?

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We would also like to draw your attention to the public discussion of “The Humanities in Dialogue” on the evening before the conference:

#### Is the legacy lost?

#### The German humanities as reflected by the world

Wednesday, 24th February  
6pm – 9 pm at Kunstmuseum Bonn

## Programme

### 25th February 2010

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| 13.30 | Registration and refreshments  |
| 14.30 | <b>Welcome address</b><br>Dr. Angelika Willms-Herget (BMBF, Bonn)  |
| 15.00 | <b>Testimonial lecture “Mind Crossing Borders”</b><br>Prof. Dr. Homi Bhabha (Harvard University, Cambridge)  |
| 15.40 | <b>Discussion</b>  |
| 16.00 | Break  |
| 16.30 | <b>Transfer of ideas and research quality</b><br>Karl-Heinz Minks (HIS, Hanover)   |
| 17.00 | <b>Panel and discussion I: Transfer of ideas</b><br>Prof. Dr. Lorenz Engell (Bauhaus University Weimar)<br>Prof. Dr. Kiran Patel (European University Institute, Florence)<br>Prof. Dr. Andreas Scholl (National Museums of Berlin)      |
| 18.00 | Break  |
| 18.30 | <b>Panel and discussion II: Research quality</b><br>Prof. Dr. Ryuichi Higuchi (Meiji-Gakuin University Tokyo)<br>Prof. Dr. Werner Sollors (Harvard University, Cambridge)<br>Prof. Dr. Philip van der Eijk (Humboldt University, Berlin) |
| 19.30 | Musical finale and buffet<br>Organ: Mareile Schmidt (Cologne)<br>Trumpet: Friedemann Immer (Cologne)   |