



Annual Conference 2023

31 May – 2 June @ University of Cologne



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COIMBRA GROUP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WELCOME PACKAGE | UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

31 MAY - 02 JUNE 2023



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PROGRAMME 2023 | UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE



TUE
30
MAY

2-6 pm
Executive Board Meeting
Restricted to Executive Board
Members

ALTER SENATSSAAL

WED
31
MAY

9-10 am
Joint Executive Board,
Working Group Chairs
and Coimbra Group
Representatives

NEUER SENATSSAAL

10:30 - 12:30 pm
Working Groups

SSC SEMINAR ROOMS

2-4 pm
Working Groups; Inter-
Working Groups
Meetings

SSC, KERPENER STR,
INTL. HOUSE

4:30-5:30 pm
Joint Executive Board,
Working Group Chairs
and Coimbra Group
Representatives
(continued)

NEUER SENATSSAAL

8:30-9 am
Registration

7 pm

WELCOME RECEPTION AT LICHTHOF SPANISCHER BAU (HISTORISCHES RATHAUS)

THU
01
JUNE

9 am-1 pm
Africa meets Europe
Coimbra Group
Public Conference

11:15 am
Coffee Break

AULA

1-1:45 pm
Lunch

2-2:20 pm
3MT Live Final

AULA

2:30-3:30 pm
Open Session on EU
Alliances

AULA

3 pm

Cultural programme
for delegates

ALL DAY
Working Groups
Posters
Exhibition

3:30-4 pm
3MT Results'
announcement

AULA

4-6 pm
Closed Rectors'
Meeting

ALTER & NEUER
SENATSSAAL

4-5:30 pm
ESN local sections-CG
Contact points
meeting

SSC S40

7 pm Reception

8 pm Gala Dinner at Roof Terrace KölnSky LVR Tower

FRI
02
JUNE

9-11 am
General Assembly
Farewell Rectorate UoC

AULA

11:15-11:45 am
Executive Board
Meeting
Restricted to Executive Board
Members

NEUER SENATSSAAL

11:30 am
Farewell Lunch



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TUESDAY, 30.05.2023


 Alter Senatssaal

14:00 - Executive Board Meeting
18:00 *Restricted to Executive Board members*


WEDNESDAY, 31.05.2023

 SSC Service Point


08:30 -
09:00 Registration

 Neuer Senatssaal


09:00 - Joint Meeting for Executive Board, Working Group
10:00 Chairs and CG Representatives
Restricted to EB members, WG Chairs/VC and CG Representatives

 SSC Seminar Rooms


10:30 -
12:30 Working Groups

 SSC 1st floor


12:30 -
14:00 Lunch

 SSC; Kerpener Str.; Intl. House

14:00 - Working Groups (continued) *detailed information below*
16:00 Inter-Working Groups Meetings

 Neuer Senatssaal

16:30 - Joint Meeting for Executive Board, Working Group Chairs
17:30 and CG Representatives (continued)
Restricted to EB members, WG Chairs/VC and CG Representatives

 Spanischer Bau

19:00 Welcome Reception
Lichthof Spanischer Bau (Historisches Rathaus)











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THURSDAY, 01.06.2023

ALL DAY: WORKING GROUPS POSTERS EXHIBITION

 Aula	09:00 - 13:00	Public Conference on Europe-Africa Cooperation	<i>detailed information below</i>
 Main Building	13:00 - 13:45	Lunch	
 Aula	14:00 - 14:20	3MT Live Final	<i>detailed information below</i>
 Aula	14:30 - 15:30	Open Session on EU Alliances	<i>detailed information below</i>
 Aula	15:30 - 16:00	3MT Results' announcement	<i>detailed information below</i>
 Neuer Senatssaal	16:00 - 18:00	Closed Rectors' Meeting	
 SSC S40	16:00 - 17:30	ESN local sections-CG Contact points meeting	
 KölnSky LVR Turm	19:00	Reception	
 KölnSky LVR Turm	20:00	Gala Dinner	

15:00

Cultural Programme for Delegates

UoC Campus, City of Cologne




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FRIDAY, 02.06.2023

 Aula

09:00 -
11:00 **General Assembly**

 Neuer
Senatssaal

11:15 -
11:45 **Executive Board Meeting**
Restricted to Executive Board members

 Main
Building

11:30 **Farewell Lunch**



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OVERVIEW INTER-WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS |

14:00 - 16:00



SSC 2.101

Research Supports Officers /
Social Sciences and Humanities



Kerpener Str.

Racism at CG Universities:
Historical and Current Perspectives

The Equality & Diversity Working Group and the Heritage Working Group propose to open a debate on racism at Coimbra Group Universities, which encompasses several dimensions. These include an exploration of the intellectual foundations and heritage of academic institutions, alongside a present-day analysis of everyday racism in the form of micro-aggressions or racist statements, of discriminatory institutional practices, and the contents of teaching and research.

The Heritage WG is actively supporting discussion on and debate around the “problematic” legacy (in both its tangible as well as intangible forms) of European universities, drawing on past and present relationships such as colonial histories, North-South relations, and academic practices under authoritarianism. The aim is to promote inter-university dialogue on the intellectual heritage of colonialism and authoritarianism and their significance for contemporary research, education and representational practices, in the frame of the multiple crises of contemporary time.

Building on the Heritage WG’s historical perspective, the Equality & Diversity WG proposes to collect meaningful experiences of anti-racist policies and practices from various academic institutions, which may be profitably shared throughout the Coimbra Group. We hope that the debate on racism and anti-racist policies and practices may lead to considerations of racism and anti-racist policies from an intersectional perspective, especially in terms of intersections of racism and sexism. Since institutional experiences and measures combining anti-racist and anti-sexist perspectives together are still rare, ED WG hopes that the proposed topic will help to open and cultivate a focus on racism at universities from the intersectional angle.

“Racism at CG Universities” aligns with the current EU Anti-racism Action Plan 2020-2025, the European Commission’s Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 and the consideration of intersectionality data proposed in the Horizon Europe Guidance on Gender Equality Plans (GEPs). It also responds to the United National Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) targets and actions, in particular Goals 4 (Quality Education), 5 (Gender Equality) and 10 (Reduced Inequalities).

Draft programme

14:00 Greetings and Introductory remarks

Annalisa Oboe (ED WG Chair) & Bernadette Biedermann (HER WG Chair)

14:15 On the ‘problematic’ heritage of European universities: scope, scale and perspectives

Bernadette Biedermann (HER WG chair) and Jeremy Upton (HER WG Vice-Chair)

14:30 On racism and anti-racism-policies at European Universities: daily practices and urgent questions

Britt Dahmen and Rahab Njeri (ED WG members)

14:45 Racism and University heritage

Markéta Křížová (HER WG member)

15:00 Open Debate

15:45 Conclusion



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14:00 - 16:00



International
House

Universities in Multilingual Europe. Experiences in CG Universities

Universities' role in promoting academic and social cohesion in a multilingual Europe was previously addressed in the Coimbra Group community, as the central topic of the 2019 High-Level Seminar on Education Policy, organised at the University of Tartu (<https://www.coimbra-group.eu/policy-seminars/>). As part of the event's agenda, the results of the first international benchmarking exercise for thirteen CG Universities were briefly presented, including the outcomes for the theme "Foreign Language Skills Development", evaluated through the eyes of students. The results highlighted the gap between students' average ratings of language skills importance and experience. Additionally, the detailed analysis indicated that the biggest gaps perceived by students refer to opportunities to interact with people from diverse backgrounds (Pidgeon, 2019[1]). One of the main reasons to initiate the benchmarking study was to prepare CG Universities for the European University initiative, and indeed, several European University Alliances which include member Universities explicitly address multilingualism as part of their common strategies for strengthening academic cooperation and integration. After more than three years from the event, and taking into consideration recent developments in CG Universities in the pandemic aftermath, but also other opportunities and challenges faced by our institutions in the national and European context, the topic of multilingualism is even more relevant and deserves further attention.

Multilingualism is a topic of interest across Working Groups in the Coimbra Group, and may also attract other delegates at the Annual Conference. Considering all the above, the Education Innovation Working Group proposes a common activity developed around universities' responsibilities in promoting multilingualism as part of the intercultural communication skills needed in a democratic and cohesive Europe.

An interactive format for the activity was discussed and agreed at the last meeting of the Education Innovation Working Group, consisting in: 1-2 keynotes (proposed, to be contacted and confirmed); 3-5 brief 'case-studies' on multilingualism in CG Universities (EDU WG colleagues from the University of Leiden, University of Utrecht and University of Cologne already confirmed their interest and commitment, more contributions welcomed); an open debate on the central topic, intended to foster collaboration between the different working groups and between Coimbra Group Universities.

[1] Pidgeon, N. (2019). *Benchmarking international outlook of Coimbra Group universities Results of the Global Education Profiler Staff and Student Benchmark surveys. Presentation at 2019 CG High-Level Seminar on Education Policy "Universities as drivers of socio-academic integration in multilingual Europe". 2-3 December 2019, Tartu.* <https://www.coimbra-group.eu/wp-content/uploads/Nick-Pidgeon.pdf>.



AFRICA MEETS EUROPE

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THURSDAY, 01 JUNE 2023

09:00

Welcome

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Axel Freimuth | Rector University of Cologne

09:15

Policy Keynote Speech

Domenico Rosa | Head of Division "Strategic Partnerships with Africa and with the ACP", European Commission

09:30

"Empowering Female Scientists in Africa: A Prerequisite for Sustainable and Inclusive Development"

Prof. Dr. Hirut Woldemariam | Addis Ababa University

10:15

First Panel "For a Sustainable Global Future"

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Kirk Junker | University of Cologne

Prof. Dr. Hirut Woldemariam | Addis Ababa University

Prof. Dr. Henk Kummeling | Utrecht University

Prof. Dr. Agnes Nairn | University of Bristol

Dr. habil. Filomain Nguemo | University of Cologne

11:15

Break

Second Panel "Empowering Young Talents"

Moderation: Dr. Emmanuel Sulle | Aga Khan University, Arusha Campus, Tanzania

Project 1 SAHA raiSe libyAn Higher education heAlth sector for the benefit of local society

Prof. Dr. Antonio Morone | University of Pavia

Prof. Sabri Gabran Mohammed Elkrghli | LIMU in Benghazi

11:45

Project 2 Green Energy Transition and Futures Orientated Education

Prof. Dr. Juha Kaskinen | University of Turku

Project 3 Lead! Leadership for Africa

Daniela Simut | University of Cologne & Dr. Kellen Kiambati | Karatina University

DAAD & LEAD scholarship holders: Stacy Ogembo | University of Cologne & Joshua Obara |

Technical University of Munich

Project 4 GATE Gender Awareness and Transformation through Education

Anna Mwakitalu | Trinity College Dublin

13:00

Closure



3MT LIVE FINAL OPEN SESSION ON EU ALLIANCES

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3MT Live Final

Moderation: Gunda Huskobla | Coimbra Group Doctoral Studies Working Group

“The smelly feet of ants and their applications in agriculture”

Ida Cecilie Jensen | Aarhus University

14:00

“Will the real Puppet Master please stand up? Understanding priming processes”

Juhi Parmar | Jena University

“The journey of the biliary tree- Follow your inner compass”

Michaela Raab | Edinburgh University

Open Session on the European Universities Alliances

“Alliances becoming global actors: Opportunities and challenges”

Moderation: Danny Donoghue | Coimbra Group Executive Board Member

Scene-setter: Vanessa Debais-Sainton | Head of Unit, Higher Education, DG EAC, European Commission

Experiences from Alliances with CG Members

4EU+

14:30

Lenka Rovná | Charles University

Arqus

Dorothy Kelly | University of Granada

CHARM-EU

Raúl Ramos Lobo | University of Barcelona

Open Discussion

3MT - Results' Announcement

15:30

Mikael Lindeflt | Rector of Åbo Akademi University

3MT Jury spokesperson



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EXCURSION OPTIONS

THURSDAY | 01.06.2023

University of Cologne

- 15:30 | Historical Campus Tour I
- 15:30 | Guided Tour Barbarastollen I
- 17:00 | Historical Campus Tour II
- 17:00 | Guided Tour Barbarastollen II

City of Cologne

- 15:30 | 2x Old Town Walking Tour I
- 16:30 | 1x Old Town Walking Tour III

Cologne Cathedral

- 15:30 | Cologne Cathedral Exterior Tour I
- 16:00 | Rooftop Tour I
- 17:00 | 2x Rooftop Tour II
- 17:00 | Excavation Guided Tour II

KD Köln-Düsseldorfer

- 15:00 | Panoramic Boat Ride I
- 16:30 | Panoramic Boat Ride II

SATURDAY | 03.06.2023

Brühl

- 11:00 | Guided Tour Augustusburg Castle

ROOM OCCUPANCY

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Room (Capacity)	31.05.		01.06.
	10 - 12:30 h	14 -16 h	16-17:30 h
S30 (22)	Latin America	Latin America	
S31 (22)	Social Sciences & Humanities	Social Sciences & Humanities	
S32 (22)	Heritage	Heritage	
S33 (22)	STEM	STEM	
S34 (28)	Research Support Officers	Research Support Officers	
S35 (26)	Equality & Diversity	Equality & Diversity	
S36 (48)	Academic Exchange & Mobilty	Academic Exchange & Mobilty	
S37 (20)	Life Sciences	Life Sciences	
S38 (30)	Development Cooperation	Development Cooperation	
S39 (30)	Doctoral Studies	Doctoral Studies	
S40 (30)	Employabilty	Employabilty	ESN Meeting
2.101 (55)	Education Innovation	Inter-Working Group: Research Support Officers / Social Sciences & Humanities	
Service Point	Conference Center		
1.101	CATERING		
1.102			
1.103			
1.104			
1.105			
1.106			

ROOM OCCUPANCY

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KERPENER STR.

Kerpener Str. 15, 50937 Köln

	30.05.	31.05 (14-16 h)	01.06.	02.06.
Seminar Room	/	Inter-Working Group: Racism at CG Universities: Historical and Current perspectives	/	/

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Kringsweg 6, 50931 Köln

	30.05.	31.05 (14-16 h)	01.06.	02.06.
Seminar Room	/	Inter-Working Group: Universities in Multilingual Europe. Experiences in CG Universities	/	/

ROOM OCCUPANCY

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HAUPTGEBÄUDE / MAIN BUILDING

Albertus-Magnus-Platz, 50937 Köln

	30.05.	31.05	01.06.	02.06.
Aula / Auditorium	/	/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Africa meets Europe" Coimbra Group Public Conference • 3MT Live Final • Open Session on EU Alliances • 3MT Results' announcement 	General Assembly
Neuer Senatssaal	/	Joint Executive Board, Working Group Chairs and Coimbra Group Representatives	Closed Rector's Meeting	Executive Board Meeting
Alter Senatssaal	Executive Board Meeting	/	Closed Rector's Meeting	/

Hotels

- 1 Motel One Cologne-Neumarkt***
- 2 Motel One Cologne-Waidmarkt***
- 3 Dorint Hotel am Heumarkt***
- 4 Cityclass Hotel Europa am Dom****
- 5 Hotel zur Malzmühle***
- 6 Hotel Domsptitzen***
- 7 Eden Hotel Früh am Dom***
- 8 Rhein-Hotel St. Martin***
- 9 Cityclass Hotel Residence am Dom****
- 10 Hilton Köln*****
- 11 Hotel Flandrischer Hof***
- 12 Park Inn by Radisson Cologne City West****
- 13 Ibis Köln Centrum**
- 14 Hotel Esplanade***
- 15 Steigenberger Hotel Köln****
- 16 Mauritius Hotel & Therme****
- 17 Excelsior Hotel Ernst*****

Meeting Points Cultural programme

- 1 University of Cologne Campus Tour
- 2 Cologne Cathedral Tours
- 3 Walking Tours City of Cologne
- 4 Panorama Boat Trip Cologne

SSC

Lichtthof Spanischer Bau (Historisches Rathaus)

KölnSky (Triangle Tower)

