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SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Thursday 21 March from 15:00 to 17:00

Bachelet Hall (main building, 1st floor)

University of Trieste, Piazzale Europa Campus

Knowledge exchange and and collaboration between universities and society: an afterthought or the main event?

Fulvio Esposito, from the Equality and Diversity Forum

With the new evaluation process brought in by the Research and Quality Assessment (VQR) 2015-2019, the so-called 'third mission' activities of universities entered a new phase. The action points proposed by the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR) extend well beyond traditional technological transfer. This development is reflected in the five thematic areas identified for 'knowledge enhancement' in VQR 2020-2024. Another factor, which may have a significant impact on this context, is the ratification of the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment. These changes raise a number of questions: is the existing regulatory framework still fit for purpose? Should new assessment criteria be introduced for individuals and institutions alongside new and different financing mechanisms? Is it still appropriate to view these activities as distinct from teaching and research and to refer to them as a 'third mission'?

Fulvio Esposito

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