



acceleration
& metrics
in
academic
life

2th - 4th
DECEMBER
2015

Vila
LANNA
PRAGUE

F Institute of Philosophy
Filosofický ústav AV ČR

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Roger Burrows (Goldsmiths)
Philip Moriarty (Nottingham)
Susan Robertson (Bristol)
James Wilsdon (Sussex)
Oili-Helena Ylijoki (Tampere)

More information and registration
<http://accelerated.academy>

There is little doubt that science and knowledge production are presently undergoing dramatic and multi-layered transformations accompanied by new imperatives reflecting broader socio-economic and technological developments. The unprecedented proliferation of audit cultures preoccupied with digitally mediated measurement, quantification of scholarship and the consolidation of business-driven managerialism and governance modes are commonplace in the contemporary academy. Concurrently, the ever-increasing rate of institutional change, (the need for) intensification of scientific and scholarly production/communication and diverse academic processes seem to characterize the overall acceleration of academic life. Quantification and metrics have emerged not only as navigating instruments paradoxically exacerbating the general dynamization of academic life but also as barely questioned proxies for scientific quality, career progression and job prospects, and as parameters redrawing what it means to be/work as a scholar nowadays. Metrification now seems to be an important interface between labour and surveillance within academic life, with manifold affective implications.

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This three-day conference investigates the techniques of auditing and their attendant practices and effects and will also probe into scholars' complicity in reproduction of such practices. It will consider processes of social acceleration within the academy and their implications for the management of everyday activity by those working within it.

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Day One: December 2nd

programme

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| 8:30 - 9:00 | | <i>Registration</i> |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | <i>Introduction</i> | Filip Vostal (Czech Academy of Sciences) Mark Carrigan (University of Warwick) |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | <i>Scholarship and Temporality (Keynote)</i> | Susan Robertson (University of Bristol) Vertigo: Time and space in the contemporary university |
| 11:00 - 12:30 | <i>Scholarship and Temporality (Papers)</i> | Ruth Müller (TU Munich) Anticipatory acceleration and latent individualization: Interrogating temporal modes of being in the research and career practices of academic life scientists Marcela Linková (Czech Academy of Sciences) Keeping up, slowing down, falling behind: Gendered imaginaries of research careers in the dynamic lab Aldis Gedutis (Klaipeda University) Slow speed, no mooring: How to resist administrative control in academy |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | <i>Metrics and Measurements (Keynote)</i> | James Wilsdon (University of Sussex) In numbers we trust? Reflections on the UK's independent review of the role of metrics in research assessment |
| 15:30 - 17:00 | <i>Metrics and Measurements (Papers)</i> | Mitchell Young (Charles University), Mads P. Sørensen (Aarhus University) Carter Bloch (Aarhus University) & Lise Degn (Aarhus University) Breakthroughs and excellence: between science, politics and economy Toni Pustovrh, Franc Mali, Anuška Ferligoj (University of Ljubljana) Quantifying research excellence: What is it that we are actually promoting? Ingrid M. Hoofd (Utrecht University) The Tyranny of transparency: Academia's Auto-immunity |
| 17:30 - 18:30 | <i>Scholarship in the Accelerated Academy (Papers)</i> | Chris Elsdon, Sebastian Mellor and Rob Comber (Newcastle University) Designing and reflecting on ResViz: An interactive visualisation of academic collaboration and research grant income Simon Smith (Slovak Academy of Sciences) The hidden cost of disintermediation in science communication: a loss of asymmetry |
| 20:00 | | <i>Dinner</i> |

Day Two: December 3rd

9:30
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10:30
*Academic
Labour in the
Accelerated
Academy
(Keynote)*

Oili-Helena Ylijoki (University of Tampere)
'Projectification' and conflicting time orders in academic knowledge production

11:00
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12:30
*Academic
Labour in the
Accelerated
Academy
(Keynote)*

Kateřina Zábrodská, Jiří Mudrak & Kateřina Machovcova (Czech Academy of Sciences)
Need for speed in Czech academia: The relationship between work environment and productivity across scientific disciplines in the Czech Republic

Kate Williams (University of Cambridge)
Metrification and acceleration in international development research

Krystian Szadkowski (Adam Mickiewicz University)
Unearthing the roots of academic acceleration. Subsumption of academic labour under academic publishing capital during higher education reforms in Poland

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00
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15:00
*The Politics
of Evaluation
(Keynote)*

Roger Burrows (Goldsmiths, University of London)
Ancient cultures of conceit reloaded

15:30
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17:00
*The Politics of
Evaluation
(Papers)*

Fabian Cannizzo (Monash University)
Living with neoliberalism: Discussing the transformation of academic values in Australia

Liutauras Kraniauskas (Klapiea University)
Goodbye, SCI! Hail, database! Meeting administrative anxieties about research quality in social sciences and humanities in Lithuania

Alexander Mitterle, Roland Bloch & Carsten Wurmann (Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg)
Time to teach: Revisiting teaching time in German higher education

17:30
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18:30
*The Politics of
Evaluation
(Papers)*

Robert Frodeman (University of North Texas)
Measuring broader impacts: The state of the art

Jeffrey Alan Johnson (Utah Valley University)
Higher education data as an authoritative allocation of value among students, states, and universities

Day Three: December 4th

9:30 *The Practice of Evaluation*
- (Keynote)
10:30 **Philip Moriarty** (University of Nottingham)
The perils, pitfalls, and power of peer review in public

Alex Rushforth, Paul Wouters & Sarah de Rijcke
The impact of indicators: How evaluation shapes biomedical knowledge production

11:00 *The Practice of Evaluation*
- (Papers – organized by
13:00 EPIC, Leiden University)
Thomas Franssen & Sarah de Rijcke
Evaluation practices under 'excellent' conditions: Performance indicators, community and ambiguity in a social scientific research institute

Björn Hammarfelt & Sarah de Rijcke
From eminence to excellence: University rankings as calculative devices

Wolfgang Kaltenbrunner & Sarah de Rijcke
Defining standards of intellectual quality in Dutch legal scholarship

13:00 *Close*
- **Filip Vostal**
13:30 **Mark Carrigan**

information

Registration (for non-presenter only)

Through Eventbrite here:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/power-acceleration-and-metrics-in-academic-tickets-18688651259>

If you have any problems with registration, contact us.

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Venue

Vila Lanna

V Sadech 1

160 00, Prague 6

Czech Republic

(<http://www.vila-lanna.cz/index.html>)

Air: From Vaclav Havel Airport Prague take the bus no 119 to Nadrazi Veleslavin, then metro line A (green) and get off at Dejvicka. Vila Lanna is 5-6min walk.

Train: From Main Railway Station (Praha hlavni nadrazi, often abbreviated Praha hl. n.), take metro line C (red), change at Muzeum for line A (green) and get off at Dejvicka. Vila Lanna is 5-6min walk.

Hotels

Pension Marna (<http://www.penzion-marna.cz/index.html>)

Vila Lanna (<http://www.vila-lanna.cz/index.html>)

For hotels in the area please see: <http://www.booking.com/district/cz/prague/dejvice.cs.html>

For budget hotels in Prague please see:

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/HotelsList-Prague-Cheap-Hotels-zfp10501.html>

Publicity

We plan to record the sessions to be released as podcasts on the website. It's completely up to participants if they'd rather didn't record their talks but please let us know if this is the case. We encourage people to live tweet during the event using the hashtag **#fastuni**

The blog <http://accelerated.academy> is open for the use of participants. We hope this can be used to share material between participants and others before, during and after the event.

We have an innovative digital strategy to ensure the outputs of the conference are disseminated widely on social media. This will take two forms:

- 1) **The LSE Social Impact Blog**, published by the LSE's award winning Public Policy Group, will publish a special section in which contributors to the event will either summarise their own papers or explore issues that emerged during the event itself. The website has an extensive international readership that crosses disciplinary boundaries.
- 2) **The Sociological Review website**, attached to the UK's oldest Sociology journal, publishes multimedia material that supplements the core content of the journal. It has one of the highest profile social media presences of any sociological organisation in the world. We will record the keynotes from the conference and disseminate them via the Sociological Review, as well as inviting all contributors to the conference to record podcasts which can be distributed alongside the keynotes.

We are in negotiations with the journal **Theory of Science** about a special issue. Details will be specified at the conference.

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