

The University in the Digital Age – Challenges and Opportunities

Panel Discussion

Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 17:30-19:00

FernUniversität in Hagen, Universitätsstraße 33, KSW, section A, room 4/5

The Digitalization phenomenon that has impacted our daily lives has multiple challenges and opportunities for universities shaping their future in the digital age. This panel tries to frame central aspects of this discussion. Issues ahead are questions around the policy of access and digitalization for all, the ways how we re-define knowledge in the digital age and how we shape and organize our virtual networks. Researchers and analysts on digitalization from around the globe will discuss with Fern University's faculty and authorities current issues and future visions on digitalization. The panel discussion takes place in the framework of the 2nd meeting of the "University of the Future Network" happening at FernUniversität in Hagen from July 11 to July 13, 2017.

Panel Participants:

- Prof Mpine Makoe, Head of the Institute for Open Distance Learning, University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa
- Dr Martha Burkle, Director, Centre for Learning and Innovation Assiniboine, Community College, Brandon, Canada
- Prof Josep Duarte, Editor-in-Chief of the "International Journal of Educational Technology in Higher Education", Department of Education, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain
- Prof Ada Pellert, Rector at the FernUniversität in Hagen and spokeswoman of the cooperation platform „Digital University NRW (Nordrhein-Westfalen)“ for digitalization projects at higher education institutions
- Prof Theo Bastiaens, Vice-Rector for digitalization and internationalization with focus on digitalization of teaching at the FernUniversität and professor for media didactics at the Faculty for Humanities and Social Sciences
- Dr Annabell Preussler, Officer for digitalization and internationalization at FernUniversität

Moderation: Dr Eva Cendon, Department Lifelong Learning, FernUniversität in Hagen

Schedule (for internal use)

time	topic	Person(s)
17:30-17:40	Introductory words	Dr Eva Cendon
17:40-17:50	Statement 1: Towards a policy of Access: Digitalization for all	Prof Mpine Makoe
17:50-17:00	Statement 2: Redefining Knowledge in the Digital Age	Dr Martha Burkle
18:00-18:10	Statement 3: Virtual networks for the digital university	Prof Josep Duart
18:10-18:50	Panel discussion – starting with short comments from FernUniversität members to the three impulses	Prof Ada Pellert Prof Theo Bastiaens Dr Annabell Preussler Prof Mpine Makoe Dr Martha Burkle Prof Josep Duart
18:50-19:00	Short summary and concluding words	Dr Eva Cendon
19:00	Get together	