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CONFERENCE VENUE

Langenbeck-Virchow-Haus Luisenstr. 58/59 10117 Berlin (Mitte)

TRAVEL / ACCOMODATION

The Langenbeck-Virchow-Haus is located in the centre of Berlin and easy to reach from the airports and the main rail station. EMBAC2010 has secured hotel room contingents at special rates for the conference period at several hotels located within walking distance to the conference venue. Detailed information on travel and conference hotels will be provided upon registration.



PARTICIPATION

The conference is directed to international and German stakeholders and agents in higher education and higher education policy:

- members of higher education institutions,
- researchers in the field of higher education,
- national and international associations of higher education institutions,
- associations of employees and employers,
- members of higher education ministries,
- · organisations for student mobility,
- further interested persons from higher education and higher education research.

Conference on September 30, 2010

The conference is open to all interested persons and stakeholders.

Workshops on Oct. 1, 2010

The workshops are limited to a small number of participants to allow for intensive discussions. We cordially invite interested persons and stakeholders to participate in these intensive workshops.

Please tick this option upon registration you will be informed as soon as possible if places are still available.

COSTS

Conference fee: 80,00 Euro

Reduced conference fee for students: 40,00 Euro (upon request)

The conference fee includes

- participation in the conference on Sep. 30, 2010.
- participation in the workshops on Oct. 1, 2010 is free of charge.
- coffee breaks, lunch and conference dinner.

CHILD CARE

Children up to 12 years can be registered for on-site child care during the conference. Please indicate your child care requirements when you register. This offer is free of charge.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place online. Please visit www.embac2010.de





EMBAC 2010

EMPLOYABILITY AND MOBILITY OF BACHELOR GRADUATES IN EUROPE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CUM WORKSHOP BERLIN, SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 1, 2010



EMPLOYABILITY AND MOBILITY OF BACHELOR GRADUATES IN EUROPE

Increasing student mobility and improving employability of graduates are among the key objectives of the Bologna process. However, it is discussed very controversially whether these objectives are achieved.

A prevalent concern is that the Europe-wide introduction of undergraduate and graduate study programmes have reduced student mobility over the last years. Furthermore, the perception of bachelor graduates as adequate employees is discussed.

Up to now, there are only few reliable empirical findings on the capability of bachelor graduates to gain an adequate employment as well as on their international mobility. An increased work load and inflexible study structures are assumed to keep students from going abroad, but there is only little data to support this assumption.

With the implementation of periodic graduate surveys in many European countries, it has become possible to develop a comparative study on the basis of existing data from recent graduate surveys. Researchers from "Bologna countries" have therefore been asked by INCHER-Kassel to contribute to the Conference with country reports based on most recent bachelor graduate surveys. The reports will be presented on the Conference and will serve as input to discuss empirical research outcomes about employability and mobility of bachelor graduates in an international comparative framework for the first time.

The conference will be funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and supported by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK).



HRK German Rectors' Conference

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DAY ONE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Presentation of empirical findings on employability and mobility of bachelor graduates in Europe

The first conference day will focus on the presentation of country reports on employability and mobility of bachelor graduates and the discussion of the results including possible implications.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

10:00 Welcome addresses

Dr. Helge Reinhold Braun Parliamentary State Secretary German Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Prof. Dr. Wilfried Müller

German Rectors' Conference, President of the University of Bremen, Vice-President of the German Rectors' Conference for Teaching, Studies and Admission

Harald Schomburg

Project Director, International Centre for Higher Education Research (INCHER-Kassel)

10:30 Keynote address

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. UlrichTeichler, (INCHER-Kassel) "Bologna – motor or stumbling block for

mobility and employability of graduates?"

11:00 tea and coffee break

11:30 Synopsis of the book publication
Harald Schomburg,
(INCHER-Kassel)
"Employability and mobility of bachelor

"Employability and mobility of bachelor graduates in europe – key results of empirical research"

12:15 lunch break

13:30 Presentation of country reports in four parallel working groups

15:00 tea and coffee break

15:30 Presentation of country reports ctd.

16:30 tea and coffee break

17:00 Summary: Results of working groups and outlook

19:00 Conference dinner

DAY TWO: OCTOBER 1, 2010

Employability and mobility of bachelor graduates in Europe:

- Discussion of implications for higher education policy,
- identification of further research needs.
- establishing a graduate survey network at international level.

Participants of the second day will be the authors of the national reports, further invited experts and stakeholders and interested participants of the first conference day. To allow for intensive discussions, the workshops are limited to a small number of participants.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

9:00 Introduction to workshops9:30 Two parallel workshops

Workshop A "Research": State of the art of graduate surveys in Europe and future research co-operation

- 9:30 Country reports on strategy and methods of current graduate surveys
- 11:00 tea and coffee break
- 11:30 Discussion:
 - Further needs of detailed analysis of research results
 - Developing of questions and survey strategies
 - Establishing a task force to initiate a graduate survey network at international level

Chair: Harald Schomburg, INCHER-Kassel

Workshop B "Policy": Implications of research results for higher education policy

9:30 Discussion: Implications of research results on mobility of bachelor graduates

11:00 tea and coffee

11:30 Discussion: Implications of research results on employability and transition to work Chair: N.N.

13:00 Reports of workshops and closing

13:30 *lunch*

14:30 First meeting of the task force "Graduate Survey Network"