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UNIVERSITY CODE IN TIMES OF CHANGE: Governance. Sustainability. Digitalization.

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Moderated by Ansis Bogustovs

Looking at the University of Latvia in its second century, during the changes it is important to provide space for excellence and environment for development, keeping in mind the diversity of the university. How to keep the universal code of the university while keeping up with the times of change? How to bring excellence to life by thinking and acting sustainably? How to use digital solutions effectively without losing people behind them?

10:00 – 10:20

Opening of the conference

Prof. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia (1999-2007)

Prof. Indriķis Muižnieks, Rector of the University of Latvia

Prof. Andrejs Ērglis, Chairmen of the University of Latvia Strategic council

Prof. Ivars Kalviņš, President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

10:20 – 12:20

Session 1: Governance of university: experience, challenges and solutions

10:30 – 10:50 Thomas Esterman, Director for Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development, European University Association, *Higher education governance*

10:50 – 11:10 Prof. Juras Banys, President of the Lithuanian Academy of Science, *Transformation of Higher education: experience of Lithuania*

11:10 – 11:30 Prof. Richard Vileems, University of Tartu, Member of University Council, *Higher education governance: experience of the University of Tartu*

11:30 – 11:50 Dita Dzērviniece, Senior Associate at PwC Legal Latvia, *University governance reforms: Expectations and experiences*

11:50 – 12:10 Anda Ozola, University of Latvia, Rector's Advisor, *Doctrinal aspects of University governance reforms*

12:10 – 12:20 *Coffee break*

12:20 – 14:20

Session 2: How to be excellent? Development of studies

12:20 – 12:40 Prof. Ojārs Spārītis, Art Academy of Latvia, Professor, Director of the Study programme, *Aspects of the study development and quality**

12:40 – 13:00 Daiga Kalniņa, Assistant Professor, University of Latvia, Faculty of Education, Psychology and Art, *Digitalization in study process - a step towards digital transformation*

13:00 – 13:20 Dr.sc.admin. Anita Līce, Alumni Association of University of Latvia, *Innovations in Education: Prospects for the Development of Micro-Qualifications in Latvia*

13:20 – 13:40 Dr.paed. Sanita Baranova, Assistant Professor and Leading Researcher, University of Latvia, Faculty of Education, Psychology and Art, *Development Dynamics of Transversal Competences of Higher Education Students*

13:40 – 14:00 Olga Ošeniece, Student's Council of the University of Latvia, *Students – voices of change: University of Latvia's experience*

14:00 – 14:20 *Lunch break*

14:20 – 15:50

Session 3: How to grow sustainability? Environment. Human. Choices.

14:20 – 14:40 Baiba Moļņika, General Secretary of UNESCO National Commission of Latvia, *Handbook for education for sustainable development*

14:40 – 15:00 Meri Löyttyniemi, Vice-chair of Sustainability working group, Finnish Council of University Rectors UNIFI, *Sustainability theses of Finnish universities*

15:00 – 15:20 Dr. geogr. Gunta Kalvāne, Lead Researcher at University of Latvia, *Sustainability as superpower*

15:20 – 16:20

Session 4: Digital university. Relations in between human and technologies.

15:20 – 15:40 Assoc. Prof. Zane Bičevska, University of Latvia, Dean of Faculty of Computing,
University Nowadays: Atlantis or Phoenix?

15:40 – 16:00 Prof. Tatiana Kalaganova, Brunel University, *Digitalization of universities - future trends*

16:00 – 16:20 Aiva Staneviča, Student`s Council of the University of Latvia, Vice-Chair of the Board,
Stepping outside the box: how to integrate technology into any field of study

Closing remarks

**Topic of this presenter could be clarified.*

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