



GLOBAL FORUM 2017

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Big questions

- How to bring about change?
- How to better human condition?
- What matters?
- What is diversity?
- What is inclusion?

Roles of the University

- Resist populism and nationalism
- Act as hubs for critical thinking
- Promote and embrace diversity in the society
- Promote political change to advance democracy
- Develop inclusive identities

Concerns

Elitism

Democracy

Universities -
perpetuating
inequality internally

Anti- intellectualism

Colloquialized
content

Distrust towards
expertise / loss of
uni's authority

Universities as actors

Self-referential
institutions

With rigid hierarchy
and fixed curricula

Tensions

- Self-criticism vs perception of being the only capable agent of change (university as a sole source of knowledge)
- What matters at the system level – what is measured and counted for vs what matters to the university internally
- Maintaining integrity towards one's/institutional values in everyday work

Purpose of University

Knowledge and understanding

- Produce research
- Teach

Values

- Democracy
- Human rights
- Empathy and compassion
- Passion and Dedication

Action

- Be embedded in the community
- Work with the community
- Work for the community



- we did not see this coming -