

Workshop:

Internationalization, Globalization and the Governance of Academia

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The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Over 3 days of discussions, which were interlude by tours and walks of Jerusalem and of Mount Scopus campus, workshop participants came to discuss the many dimensions by which globalization and internationalization challenge the long-standing governance of academia. Globalization has led to an expansion of higher education worldwide and to the construction of global models of academic excellence, disciplinary formats, and pedagogy; internationalization is opening the boundaries of national higher education systems to accommodate the flows of students, faculty and funding from across the world. Under globalization and internationalization, extra-national arrangements often come into conflict with national and laws and local practices. Specifically, global academic practices (such as Bologna-driven arrangements regarding course credit or credit transfer) may conflict with local regulatory forces (accreditation agencies). These matters are further complicated in the multi-leveled federal states of Germany or Canada and in the European zone. Similarly, joint academic programs among universities from different countries challenge governmental funding schemes, co-patenting undermines institutional incentive policies, international excellence standards may clash with local criteria and with national agenda, and the expansion of English-language instruction disrupts local and institutional values regarding local languages. Providing empirical examples from Canada, Turkey, South Korea, Finland and Israel, as well as evidence of global and European patterns, workshop discussions reviewed the various policy and governance issues related to globalization and internationalization of academia. The workshop concluded with a group initiative to seek a venue for publication for the studies introduced and discussed at this forum.

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