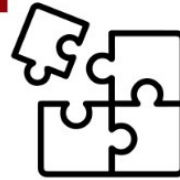


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Special Edition: Magna Charta Universitatum Anniversary 2023

Magna Charta Universitatum Anniversary

**Universities and Re-Construction
of Cities: the Role of Research
and Education**

**23-25.10.2023
University of Lodz, Poland**



The Magna Charta Universitatum (MCU) Anniversary 2023 is set to take place from October 23rd to 25th at the University of Lodz, Poland. This year's theme, "Universities and Re-Construction of Cities: the Role of Research and Education," explores the crucial role played by Higher Education Institutions in transforming cities under various circumstances, from post-war re-construction, as seen in Ukraine and many other countries, to adapting to the changing tides of industry, climate, and society.

International speakers, specialists in the field, will explore the invaluable contributions of research and education in the re-construction of cities, offering a unique opportunity for the participants to gain insights, discuss such important topics, and expand your network. We hope to inspire new research in the area and increase awareness regarding the role and importance of universities in this realm. The event culminates in the ceremony for the signing of the Magna Charta Universitatum MCU 2020.

Join Magna Charta Observatory in Lodz for such an insightful event!

[Register for the event here](#)

A little preview of the event...

Programme

The MCU Anniversary 2023 program is filled with insightful sessions and events that encompass three eventful days. Some highlights of the MCU Anniversary 2023 programme include:

- A plenary session discussing the Higher Education landscape and current issues in Poland and Ukraine with the participation of civic and ministry speakers from Poland and Ukraine
- A panel session featuring various case studies of universities that have actively contributed to reconstruction in different situations and locations, including natural disasters and pandemics.
- Keynote presentations that delve into the pivotal role of research and education in city reconstruction.
- World Café Sessions
- The academic ceremony for the signature of the Magna Charta Universitatum (MCU 2020).
- A gala dinner

And much more...

Check out the full programme on the link below or on our social media accounts!

[More about the programme](#)

The World Café Sessions

The World Café Session is a special event during the MCU Anniversary celebration.

With 12 tables, accommodating up to 10 participants each, this session fosters dynamic discussions on various current topics related to the conference theme.

This setup encourages intimate and participatory discussions between the table host (speaker) and participants. Each participant is invited to take part in up to 3 sessions, each lasting 50 minutes.

Some of this year's tables are:

- Building back sustainably: University engagement with the Sustainable Development Goals for research and teaching for reconstruction
- Building Equity and Fairness into reconstruction activities (with special reference to Gender)
- The role of digitally enhanced education in enhancing the resilience of a HEI and a university community
- Improving the research environment in Africa and fostering the connection between African universities.

To check the full list click below

[More about the 12 World Café Sessions](#)

A preview of the speakers

Ed Brinksma

President of the Executive Board of the Erasmus University of Rotterdam and President of the UNIC European University of Post-industrial cities.

Prof. Brinksma is one of the participants of the Keynotes session "Universities and Re-Construction of Cities: the Role of Research and Education". There he will discuss the importance of the university research in the process of re-construction of cities.

Gian Luca Morini

Professor at the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Bologna

Prof. Morini will be one of the participants of the Panel Session "Case studies of universities which have actually contributed to reconstruction in different situations/locations including natural disasters, pandemics, etc" and he will discuss the role of the university on post-floods reconstruction in the region of Emilia-Romagna, Italy.

To check all the speakers that will be attending the anniversary and their bios, click below

[More about the speakers](#)

Essay Competition

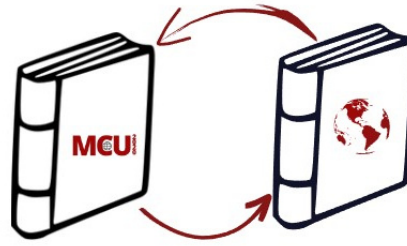


The results of the first Magna Charta Observatory Students' Essay Competition are now available!

Ninety-seven students from around the world shared their unique perspectives on the topic: "How can students exercise greater influence in facilitating their universities to make a more effective contribution to society?"

The five winners will have the opportunity to participate in the MCU Anniversary 2023 and will receive certificates during the event.

[More about the results of the essay competition](#)



Sign the MCU 2020

More than 950 Universities in 94 different countries have already publicly embraced the fundamental principles and values set out in the Magna Charta Universitatum, which include the autonomy of academic institutions, the central importance of academic freedom and the responsibilities of universities to serve society.

If your university embraces these principles and values and is not yet a signatory, why not join this worldwide community to participate in our activities and share with and enable universities around the world?

Becoming a signatory is free of charge and there is no annual subscription to remain so.

We are looking forward to your application!

[Apply here](#)

Call for Translation

The MCO's Living Values project is being used by an increasing number of universities around the world. To enable more universities to learn about it and make it easier for universities to use it, help is required to translate the prospectus for the project into Arabic, French, Mandarin and Spanish.

The document is not a long one and can be found here in the link below.

The work of the translators and their university will be fully acknowledged and will enable many more universities to benefit from this project.

If you are able to do this please email the Secretary General on: davidjohn.lock@unibo.it

[More about the Living Values project and link to the text](#)

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