

Wulkow X

Language Teaching in Higher Education in Dangerous Times: The Role of the Wulkow Network

The 10th Wulkow Meeting of Directors of Language Centres in Higher Education in Europe

Dates: 18/01/18 – 21/01/18
Venues: viadrina sprachen Frankfurt (Oder) (Germany)
Parkhotel Schloss Wulkow (Brandenburg/ Germany)

Aims of the meeting:

Our anniversary meeting will be dedicated to the interaction between language learning and teaching, multilingualism and multiculturalism in higher education and in our societies against the backdrop of the current political situation in Europe and beyond. With Brexit, the rise of populist right-wing parties in all parts of Europe and Trumpism in the US, we are witnessing a political trend, which goes against the fundamental values of those engaged in language teaching in higher education. The major objective of our language centres has always been to equip our students with the knowledge and skills which they need for communicating openly and freely across borders and boundaries.

During our meeting, we will look at the political role of language centres in society at large. We will try to develop ideas for strategies to counter the current political trend of wall-building. In this context, we will cover the following themes:

Themes:

- Language centres as laboratories for international cooperation
- Language centres and language policies in society at large
- Multilingualism and public opinion
- Language centres and the public debate on culture(s)
- Integration and the multilingual workforce
- The role of multilingual academics in society

Participants are welcome to add addition themes and/or to provide input on any of the themes above.

There will also be room for talks and discussions about any pertinent issue where participants would like collegial support.



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The format:

- Plenary presentations
- Parallel presentation and discussion sessions
- Plenary discussions
- Panel discussions

Fee: Euro 495 (including accommodation with full board and social programme)

Deadline for registration: 19/11/2017

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