



Panel discussion “Fast science or slow science - Quo vadis, academia?”: Concept note

The planned panel discussion, organized by members of the [CareerElixier network at the University of Zurich](#), aims to raise questions around the core issue of increasing speed in science and to discuss different points of view and possible solutions. We would like to invite our panelists to share their expertise and views on the increasing speed in science, and to reflect on how this may conflict with academic values and progress, and how to deal with the situation. In addition, we would like to critically illuminate the drivers of this development and the incentives behind it.

Examples of issues that will be addressed include:

- Publish or perish – does this advance science? Or does this primarily make scientists sick?
- What are the drivers and consequences of increasing speed in academia?
- How can the disadvantages of speed in science be dealt with in the short and long term?
What can individual scientists do, what should be done structurally?
- Is slow science the solution?

The panelists are:

- Prof. Dr. Ulrike Felt, Head of the Research Platform Research and Innovation in Academic Practice, University of Vienna
- Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Margit Osterloh, University of Basle, University of Zurich, Center for Research in Economics, Management and the Arts (CREMA)
- Hannah Schoch, PhD candidate and Co-President Association of Junior Researchers of the University of Zurich
- Prof. Dr. Isabelle Stengers, Philosopher of science, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

Our discussion will be moderated by Dr. Lucas Müller, Chemist & Historian of Science, University of Geneva, and Spokesperson of Junge Akademie Schweiz.

Date & Time: 23rd November 2022, 18.00 – max 19:30 CEST

Location & Language: Online (on zoom, link:
<https://uzh.zoom.us/j/6233348822?pwd=T1FOOTBRaURLbitTZ1kwcEk5UnJVQT09#success>, Meeting ID: 623 3348 8822, Password: 654455), English

Organizers: The interdisciplinary University of Zurich women's peer mentoring group CareerElixier was founded by fourteen female doctoral students and post-docs of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics with the aim of motivating participants to pursue careers in academia and to provide mutual support in developing expertise within and beyond their fields of study.