
This conference, the first of its kind to be held in Italy, aims to discuss the evaluation of research in the field of the human sciences. This topic is at the centre of attention not only in the United States but also in Europe, while in Italy there is currently a lively debate on the forms evaluation should assume in the humanities. The University of Bologna, through this event, intends to contribute to a discussion that is of vital importance to present and future generations of researchers. The meeting will offer the opportunity to reflect on the aims and methods of evaluation of research, of publications, of journals, of departmental structures and of centres of research. In particular, the field of the human sciences is especially problematic with regard to evaluative methodologies, especially since methods borrowed from other areas, such as the natural sciences, have often proved inappropriate. Conference speakers will compare the approaches and goals of evaluation in the human sciences in other European countries, especially those with a consolidated tradition of evaluative practice, in the hope of providing proposals for shared principles and procedures. The conference is divided into three thematic moments. In the first of these (the morning of Friday December 12), leading experts from a number of important European countries (France, Spain, Germany, Holland, Great Britain) will illustrate and comment on evaluation in their own university and research systems. The second (the afternoon of Friday December 12) will concern the policies and philosophies of evaluation of research, of publications and of journals in Europe and the United States, addressing such issues as peer reviews, impact factor, metrics and the classification of journals and Universities. The third and last thematic moment (the morning of Saturday December 13) will be dedicated to a debate on prospects for a common European policy on evaluation in the Human sciences.

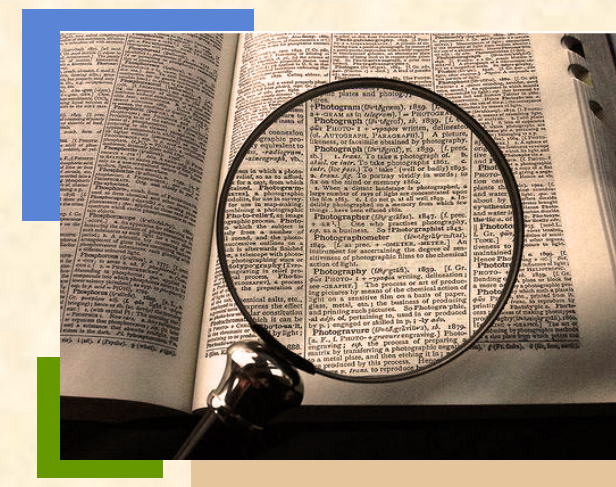
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Friday December 12

- 9.15 **Welcome:**
Prof. Roberto Grandi, Pro-Rettore alle
Relazioni Internazionali
Prof. Keir Elam (Direttore, Dipartimento di
Lingue e Letterature Straniere Moderne)
Prof.ssa Daniela Galligani (Preside, Facoltà di
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Prof.ssa Carla Giovannini (Preside, Facoltà di
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Session I: Evaluation Systems in Europe (1)

Chair: Lilla Maria Crisafulli

- 9.30 **Nigel Vincent (RAE, Gran Bretagna)**
Evaluation in Great Britain
- 10.00 **Joachim Küpper (Freie Universität Berlin)**
Evaluation in Germany
- 10.30 **Elea Giménez Toledo (Consejo Superior de
Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid)**
Evaluation in Spain
- 11.00 Coffee break

Session II: Evaluation Systems in Europe (2)

- 11.30 **Patrice Bourdelais (École des Hautes
Études en Sciences Sociales)**
Evaluation in France
- 12.00 **Rafaella Simili (University of Bologna)**
Evaluation in Italy
- 12.30 **Lorenzo Bianconi (University of Bologna)**
The Bologna Experience

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Session III: Evaluation of Products and Structures (1)

Chair: Giovanni Romeo

- 15.00 **Nikolaos Kastrinos (European Commission)**
*Evaluation Concerns in European Research
Programmes in the Social Sciences and Humanities*
- 15.30 **Henk F. Moed (CWTS, Leiden)**
*Research Assessment in Social Sciences and
Humanities*
- 16.00 Coffee break
- ### Session IV: Evaluation of Products and Structures (2)
- 16.30 **Henk C. van Riemsdijk (Tilburg University)**
*The Ranking of Journals: European Efforts
(Publications and Impact Factor)*
- 17.00 **Brian D. Joseph (The Ohio State University)**
Evaluation of Journals: An Editor's Perspective
- 17.30 **Sergio Scalise (University of Bologna)**
A Proposal for a Common European Bibliographical Source
- 18.00 Discussion

Saturday December 13

Session V: Towards a Common European Policy

Chair: Henk F. Moed

- 9.30 **Henk C. van Riemsdijk (Tilburg University)**
*Introductory remarks: Some Theses about Future
Policies in Europe*
- 10.00 Round table
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 12.00 Discussion
- 12.30 **Keir Elam** *Concluding Remarks*