



GUNi presents

Towards Socially Responsible Universities: Balancing the Global with the Local

6th HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE WORLD REPORT

Date: 10th March 2017

Time: 11:45 to 13:30 hours

Venue: La Pedrera (Provença, 261-265. Barcelona) - [map](#)

Presentation

Higher Education in the World (HEIW) is a collective work published as part of the GUNi Series on the social commitment of universities. “Towards a Socially Responsible Higher Education Institution: Balancing the Global with the Local” **aims to analyse the dual responsibilities of universities at local and global scale**, exploring the potential conflict, or intrinsic difficulties, in addressing both local demands of society based on the race for global competitiveness and local and global demands to contribute to a more equitable and sustainable society (at local and global scales).

More than 30 international experts have contributed to a dissection of the topic and the identification of good practices that can help academic leaders and policy-makers to realize the highest purposes of education and research.

The Global University Network for Innovation is an International network created in 1999 and supported by the UNESCO, the United Nations University (UNU) and the Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP), which hosts its secretariat and presidency. GUNi is a network currently composed of 210 members from 78 countries, which includes the UNESCO Chairs in Higher Education, higher education institutions, research centres and networks related to innovation and the social commitment of higher education. Since its creation, GUNI's mission has been to strengthen the role of higher education in society contributing to the renewal of the visions and policies of higher education across the world under a vision of public service, relevance and social responsibility.

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Programme

11.45 - Welcome words

- **Jaume Casals** (GUNi and ACUP President)
- **Manuel Manonelles** (Director General for Multilateral and European Affairs, Government of Catalonia)
- **Arcadi Navarro** (Secretary of Universities and Research, Government of Catalonia)

12.00 - Presentation of the 6th HEIW Report: Towards Socially Responsible Universities; Balancing the Global with the Local

- **Francesc Xavier Grau** (Non-Executive Director of GUNi 2014-2016)

12.15 - Debate "Socially Responsible Universities: Balancing the Global with the Local"

- **Francesc Xavier Grau** (Non-Executive Director of GUNi 2014-2016)
- **Federico Mayor Zaragoza** (President of the Fundación Cultura de Paz)
- **John Goddard** (Emeritus Professor of Regional Development Studies, Newcastle University, UK)
- **Budd Hall** (UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, Professor of Community Development, University of Victoria, Canada)

13.15 - Closing remarks

- **Albert Pérez** (Secretary of the Barcelona Municipal School Council)
- **Jaume Casals** (GUNi and ACUP President)

13.30 - Refreshment

At the end of the presentation, a glass of cava will be offered and a copy of the report will be given to each attendee.

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