

Invitation

## Presentation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Higher Education in the World Report

### “Humanities and Higher Education: Synergies between Science, Technology and Humanities”

10th December 2019 · 10.30h

Venue: CaixaForum Barcelona

Address: Av. Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 6-8, Barcelona

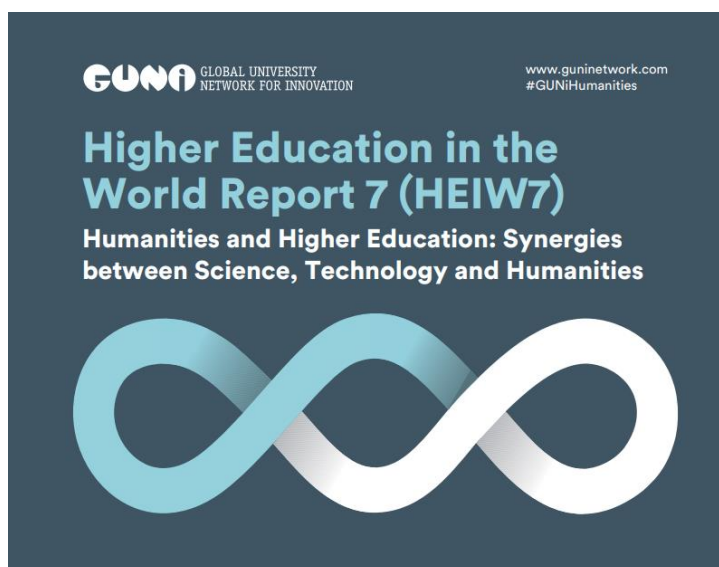
Registration is now open!

Under the title 'Humanities and Higher Education: Synergies between Science, Technology and Humanities', the 7th edition of the HEIW Report focuses on the future of the humanities and the relations between science, technology and humanities at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The presentation will count on the keynote speech "How to

Humanize Humans in an Inhuman Age?" given by **Rob Riemen**, Writer and Founder of the Nexus Institute; and on the debate facilitated by the Editorial Team of the Report composed by **Marina Garcés** (UOC - Universitat Oberta de Catalunya), **David Bueno** (UB - Universitat de Barcelona) and **Josep Casanovas** (UPC Barcelona-Tech and BSC - Barcelona Supercomputing Center).

**Josep M. Vilalta**, GUNi Director, will present the Report, wherein around one hundred of international authors 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.



Free entrance. Limited places. Registration is now open and free of charge. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis through the registration form below.

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### **PROGRAMME**

#### **10:30h - Welcome words**

Joan Elías - GUNi and ACUP President, Rector of Universitat de Barcelona (UB)

Àngel Font - Corporate Director of Research & Strategy, "La Caixa"

Francesc Pedró - Director of IESALC-UNESCO

#### **10:50h - "How to Humanize Humans in an Inhuman Age?"**

Rob Riemen - Writer and Founder of the Nexus Institute

#### **11:40h - Presentation of the HEIW7 Report**

Josep M. Vilalta - GUNi Director and ACUP Executive Secretary

#### **12:20h – Generating synergies between Science, Technology and Humanities: moving from reflection to action. Open debate with the Editorial Team**

Marina Garcés - Philosopher and Prof. at Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)

David Bueno - Prof. at Universitat de Barcelona (UB) and Chair of UB-EDU1ST Neuroeducation

Josep Casanovas - Prof. at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya-BarcelonaTech (UPC) and researcher at Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC)

#### **13:30h - Closing remarks**

Francesc Xavier Grau - Secretary of Universities and Research, Government of Catalonia

José Manuel Pingarrón (TBC) - Secretary General for Universities, Spanish Government

Joan Subirats (TBC) - Sixth Deputy Major at the Area of Culture, Education and Science, Barcelona City Council

#### **13:45h – Refreshment**

A reduced version of the HEIW7 report will be available for attendees, as well as a complementary glass of cava, at the end of the presentation.

Presentations will be held in English and Catalan. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

**SPEAKERS**



**Rob Riemen**

*Writer and Founder of the Nexus Institute*

Rob Riemen is a writer and the founder of the Nexus Institute. He studied Theology at Tilburg University and remembers this time as his magic mountain-era, after Thomas Mann’s masterpiece ‘The

Magic Mountain’. Questions that occupied his mind were: What does humanity mean and what is life? How come European humanism has vanished to exist as an ideal of civilization? What is the value of art, and of culture?



**Marina Garcés**

*Philosopher and Professor at Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)*

Marina Garcés is a philosopher and full university professor. After fifteen years at the University of Zaragoza, she is currently an associate professor at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, where she manages the Masters in Philosophy for contemporary challenges. Her latest books are *Un mundo común* (Bellaterra, 2012), *Filosofía inacabada* (Galaxia

Gutenberg, 2015), *Fuera de clase* (Galaxia Gutenberg, 2016), *Nueva ilustración radical* (Anagrama, 2017, Ciutat de Barcelona Essay Award 2017) and *Ciudad princesa* (Galaxia Gutenberg, 2018). Since 2002, she has also been working on the collective thinking programme titled Espai en Blanc. She believes in the statement of commitment to life as a shared problem and her philosophy involves widespread experimentation with ideas, learning and ways of intervening in our modern world.



**David Bueno**

*Professor at Universitat de Barcelona (UB) and Chair of UB-EDU1ST Neuroeducation*

David Bueno is a professor and researcher in the Biomedical Genetics, Evolution and Development Section at the Universitat de Barcelona, and is the Chair of UB-EDU1ST Neuroeducation. Specialising in genetics, neuroscience and developmental biology, his research is focused on the correlation between brain training and functioning, and behaviour, especially in learning processes. He teaches in the field of genetics, teacher training, dissemination and neuro-education. He has published more than 60 specialised scientific papers, 19 textbooks and essays and more than 600 scientific dissemination articles in different media. He has participated in the compilation of several encyclopaedic works, and has been the director of the "Ecosistemes dels Països Catalans" atlas. In 2010 he won the European Award for Scientific Dissemination. In 2018 he received the Magisterium Prize for his efforts to bring neuroscience closer to education, and in 2019 the *Claustre de Doctors* at the University of Barcelona awarded him a distinction for his dissemination work. He is a member of various think tanks on educational change promoted by the Government of Catalonia.



**Josep Casanovas**

*Professor at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) and researcher at Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC)*

Josep Casanovas is Professor in the Statistics and Operations Research Department at the UPC, specializing in High Performance Computing (HPC) and Simulation. Director of inLab FIB at Barcelona School of Informatics, UPC-BarcelonaTech, an innovation lab mainly focused on data science, smart mobility and cybersecurity. His main research areas are Modeling and Simulation, Agent Based Modeling (ABM) and HPC. Author of research articles in the fields of ABM and HPC and Simulation, he has collaborated with many research and development projects for the EU and different companies and institutions. Director of the Center for Cooperation to Development (CCD) at the UPC (1993-2006 and 2012-2017).

Coordinator of the Severo Ochoa Research Excellence Program in the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC-CNS) (2012-2017). At present, he is leading the HPC Modelling and Simulation for Societal Challenges (HPC4SC) Research Group in the Computer Science Department at the BSC. This research group is mainly engaged in setting up multidisciplinary teams in an emerging area seeking to link Exascale computing and modelling and simulation applied to Social Sciences and Humanities.



**Josep M. Vilalta**

*GUNi Director and Secretary Executive at ACUP*

Josep M. Vilalta (Barcelona, 1965) is Director of the Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI) and Executive Secretary of the Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP). Specialist in public management and public policies and in higher education and research management. He holds an experience of thirty years on different leading positions on public sector organizations as well as on different higher education institutions.

He has promoted and participated in various projects and groups of experts of the Government of Catalonia and the Government of Spain, the European Commission, the OECD, UNESCO, and several countries in education and universities, political science and public policy management.

He has published nearly a hundred papers for journals and publications, book chapters and books on public administration, public policy, education, universities and scientific research policy. He is member of the group of experts of the Spanish university policy think tank Studia XXI, member of the Advisory Boards of Fundació iSocial and 'El Diari de l'Educació'. He is a regular contributor to different national and international publications and to the newspapers ARA, NacióDigital and La Vanguardia. He holds a Degree in Geography and History (UB), a Master in Public Management (UAB), a Master in Political and Social Theory (UPF) and a Postgraduate in Management of Higher Education (Open University/Universiteit Twente). He has been promoter and director of the Master of Management and University Policy at UPC and visiting professor in different institutions. Personal web: [www.josepmvilalta.com](http://www.josepmvilalta.com)

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