

Confirmed keynote speakers



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Call for papers: ECHIC International Conference

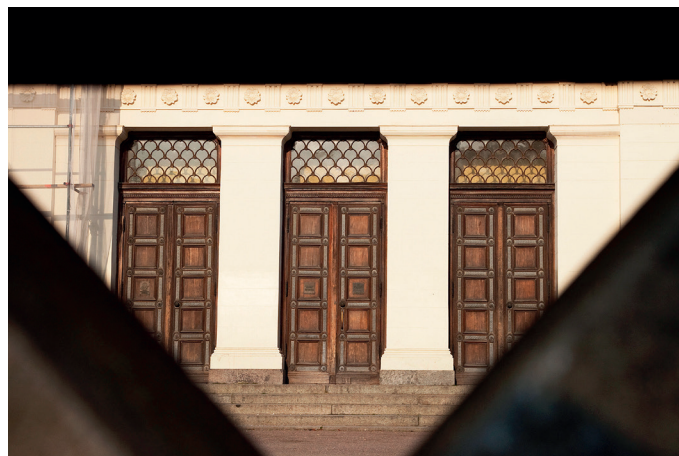
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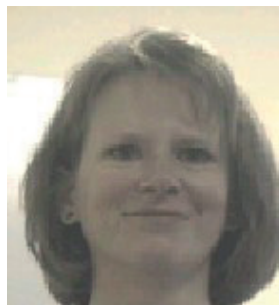


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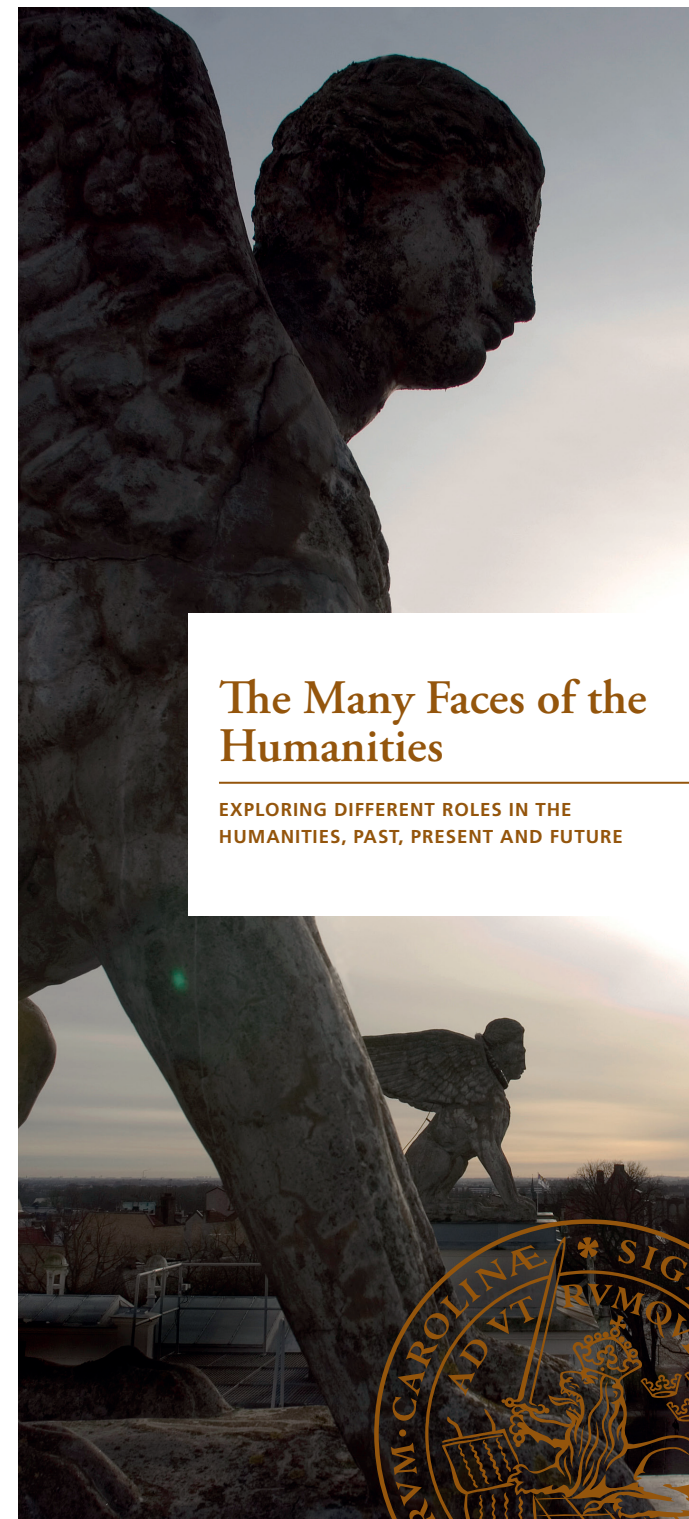


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The Many Faces of the Humanities

EXPLORING DIFFERENT ROLES IN THE
HUMANITIES, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



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In April 2020, the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology at Lund University will be hosting the 10th annual conference of the European Consortium of Humanities Institutes and Centres, ECHIC.

The purpose of the annual ECHIC conference is to analyse the issues facing the humanities today, as academic disciplines and interdisciplinary fields. In 2020, the conference will tackle the issue of the many divergent and sometimes contradictory roles existing in the humanities. It is clear that the humanities perform a number of important functions in society, some prominent and time-honoured, others invisible or novel. But how do these roles relate to each other and to larger developments in academia and society? Can they all co-exist or are they in conflict with each other?

The plurality of endeavours within the humanities raises a number of important questions. Is there a singular trajectory for the humanities vis-a-vis other academic fields? Should the humanities be viewed primarily as a scientific enterprise, playing by the same rules as STEM or the social sciences, or are there specific responsibilities and tasks for the humanities to perform? Does an education in the humanities offer individual progression or does it prepare for the job market? Is the outreaching scholar from the humanities a public intellectual or a policy expert?

In order to fully understand how different roles interact and challenge each other we believe that a temporal perspective might prove particularly illuminating. Are new roles emerging and old ones disappearing? What contemporary roles can be seen as vestiges from the past? Are expectations changing and must the roles adapt in order to meet future demands?



Papers and panels will focus on these and similar questions regarding the place of the humanities in different arenas of society; academic, educational, political and public.

We invite proposals that address the following, or adjacent topics:

- The value and challenges of collaboration, outreach and impact
- The part played by the humanities in addressing societal challenges and change
- Present challenges and future opportunities for education in the humanities
- The significance of humanities infrastructures, present and future
- Digital and/or analogue patterns of research in the humanities
- The role of cultural heritage and the arts for the humanities
- National and European research policies and their consequences
- Inter- and transdisciplinary platforms and projects
- The political role of the humanities today and tomorrow

Proposals can be for either 20-minute academic papers or 10-minute project presentations and demonstrations within the themes and topics broadly outlined above. The conference is open to all those who engage with the humanities as academic practices, directly or indirectly, at whatever stage of their career. Early career researchers are particularly encouraged to submit. We also welcome proposals for panels.

Please submit an abstract for an individual presentation (250 words) or proposed panel (500 words) together with a short biographical note (150 words) to the following addresses:

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