

Gender and Excellence: Challenges in Research Funding II

International conference

21 June 2016 | 09:30 – 16:15

Followed by the Marie Heim-Vögtlin Prize award ceremony

Swiss National Science Foundation

Wildhainweg 21, plenary hall 21, Bern (Switzerland)

Much has been done to improve the gender balance in science – but the challenges remain formidable. Men continue to hold a disproportionately high proportion of decision-making positions in science. Women have fewer options to influence the research agenda. The reasons for this continued imbalance are numerous, as a large number of studies have shown.

This conference will focus on gendered dimensions in the perception and evaluation of excellence as well as on the gender perspective in research. We will discuss the results of new studies on gender bias and the need to take into account potential sex and gender differences with respect to the way research is carried out.

Programme

09:00 – 09:30 Registration / Coffee

Chair: Maya Widmer, SNSF

09:30 – 09:35 Welcome

Martin Vetterli, president of the SNSF Research Council

09:35 – 09:45 Goal of the day

Susan M. Gasser, FMI & University of Basel and president of the SNSF Gender Equality Commission

09:45 – 10:00 Introduction

Anna Wahl, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology), Stockholm, and member of the SNSF Gender Equality Commission

10:00 – 12:30 Panel 1: Gender bias in the perception of excellence

Chair: Thomas Hinz, University of Konstanz and member of the SNSF Gender Equality Commission

When scientific excellence meets gender: An analysis of discursive interplays

Julia Nentwich, University of St. Gallen

"It's the elephant in the room!" – (gender) bias in ERC grant selection

Helene Schiffbänker, Joanneum Research Vienna

Gender differences in grant applications and awards, some evidence from the UK

Paul Boyle, University of Leicester

Roundtable

Participants:

Julia Nentwich, University of St. Gallen

Helene Schiffbänker, Joanneum Research Vienna

Paul Boyle, University of Leicester

Angelika Kalt, SNSF

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 16:00 Panel 2: Gender perspectives in research

Chair: Nicky Le Feuvre, University of Lausanne and member of the SNSF Gender Equality Commission

Gender equality and gender dimension in academic research
Vera Regitz-Zagrosek, Charité, Berlin

Gender research in STEM fields: Change of perspective and/or diversity of perspectives?
Carmen Leicht-Scholten, RWTH Aachen

GRI or the gender dimension in research: Recommendations from and for universities, to funders and others
Katrien Maes, LERU, Leuven

Roundtable

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Vera Regitz-Zagrosek, Charité, Berlin
Carmen Leicht-Scholten, RWTH Aachen
Katrien Maes, LERU, Leuven

16:00 – 16.15 Closing address

Gary Loke, Equality Challenge Unit, London, and member of the SNSF Gender Equality Commission

16:15 – 17:00 Networking break with refreshments

17:00 – 17:40 Marie Heim-Vögtlin Prize 2016 award ceremony

17:40 – 18:30 Reception

General Information

Location

The conference will take place at:

Swiss National Science Foundation
Wildhainweg 21, plenary hall 21
CH-3001 Bern, Switzerland

How to reach us:

By train: Leave Bern train station via the “Welle” pedestrian overpass above Platforms 1-13. As soon as you have negotiated the two flights of stairs, turn left and follow the train tracks along Stadtbachstrasse. After about 300m, Wildhainweg branches off to the right. Walking time: 5-7 minutes.

For further details see:

<http://www.snf.ch/en/theSNSF/contact/Pages/default.aspx>

Language

Conference language will be English.

Registration

Places are limited. There is no conference fee. Should you need to cancel your registration, please let us know at equality@snf.ch

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