

Connecting worlds of knowledge
German Foreign Policy for more Education, Science and Research

*Conference to launch the Federal Foreign Office's Research and Academic Relations Initiative,
 Federal Foreign Office, Berlin,
 19 and 20 January 2009*

(preliminary draft, subject to alterations)

19 January 2009

15.00 – 16.30

Opening Event

Speech by Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier
 Panel Debate: Research and Academic Relations in the Context of Globalization

17.00 – 18.30

"Facets and Impressions of Foreign Education, Science and Research Policy"

Three thematic groups of interviews with German and international academics and politicians:

- 1) Research and Academic Relations and Foreign Policy: Addressing Global Challenges and Preventing Conflicts
- 2) Research and Academic Relations and Industry: Forms of Interaction and Organization
- 3) Attractiveness and Competitiveness of Germany as a Location for Education and Research

20.00

Reception hosted by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

20 January 2009

9.00 – 11.00

Parallel Working Groups

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| WG 1 | Research and Academic Relations as a Means of Marketing Excellence in Germany as a Study Location: Stocktaking, Strategies and International Comparison |
| WG 2 | Research and Academic Relations as a Means of Marketing Innovation in Germany as a Research Location: Stocktaking, Strategies and International Comparison |
| WG 3 | Research for Industry in an International Context |
| WG 4 | Research and Academic Relations as a Modern Security Policy |
| WG 5 | Research and Academic Relations as Cross-Border Communication – Language and Cultural Enrichment |
| WG 6 | Research and Academic Relations as a Response to International Challenges |

11.30 – 13.00

Final Debate: Discussion of the Results from the Working Groups

Closing Remarks: State Secretary Peter Ammon