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Becoming a Researcher

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The last decade witnessed a rethinking of doctoral education. Whereas previously the focus of doctoral education was on the written dissertation, today it is the young researcher, having acquired a number of skills and competences, which is considered as the major outcome of a doctorate.

This 4th Annual Conference will discuss different aspects of the process of becoming a researcher, starting with a reflection on the famous lecture of Max Weber "Science as a vocation". Weber addresses the commitment to research as an essential part of scientific vocation arguing that a researcher must have a certain personality that allows her or him to be wholly devoted to the work which makes research more than just a profession.

Nowadays, almost hundred years later, Weber's text is often still quoted, despite the fact that the academic environment and career paths of doctorate holders have changed dramatically. Performance driven production of knowledge has become predominant in academia and fostering the development of young scholars as individuals receives less attention.

A recent study undertaken by the Carnegie Foundation promotes the idea of doctoral students as "stewards", conveying a role that is much more than "accomplishments" and "skills". A steward of the discipline is not simply the manager of one's own career: it means accepting responsibility for the care of the entire discipline as well as intellectual neighbours.

The growth of an individual researcher to become a steward of the discipline is the key topic of the conference, where different means of how to support the evolution of the next generation of researchers will be discussed.

After the conference we cordially invite all participants to our summer party! As a special highlight, Franz Kerschbaum will offer guided tours to show participants the Big Refractor, Austria's largest lens telescope.

Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik
Vice Rector for Research and Career Development

Lucas Zinner
Research Services and Career Development

PROGRAMME, 27 JUNE 2013

10.30–11.00 Uhr	Registration
11.00–11.15 Uhr	Welcome João Alves, <i>Department of Astrophysics</i> Lucas Zinner, <i>Research Services and Career Development</i>
11.15–12.45 Uhr	Keynote Science as a vocation: How fashionable is Max Weber in the 21st century? Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, <i>Vice Rector for Research and Career Development</i> Wolfgang Schluchter, <i>University Heidelberg</i>
12.45–13.30 Uhr	Lunch
13.30–15.00 Uhr	Being a steward of the discipline A combination of craft and creativity as prerequisite Pavel Kovarik, <i>Department of Microbiology, Immunobiology and Genetics</i> Passion and frustration: How much persistence is required? Eva Horn, <i>Department of German Studies</i> The doctoral candidate as risk-taking innovator? Markus Aspelmeyer, <i>Quantum Optics, Quantum Nanophysics and Quantum Information</i>
15.00–15.30 Uhr	Coffee break
15.30–17.00 Uhr	Growing within a community Building a community: Doctoral colleges as an example Martin Gaenzle, <i>Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies</i> Increasing PhD awareness: Personal and Professional Development and mentoring of PhD careers Kenneth Wann, <i>Cardiff University</i> Vienna Doctoral Academies: Looking backward - looking forward Lucas Zinner, <i>Research Services and Career Development</i>
17.00–18.00 Uhr	Panel Discussion Moderation: Alexandra Bitušíková, EUA-CDE Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, Wolfgang Schluchter, Kenneth Wann, João Alves, Ulrike Felt (<i>Department of Science and Technology Studies</i>)