

Models of Postgraduate Education: International Insights and Experiences

2. AGERG Symposium at the Universität der Bundeswehr München

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Call for Papers

The second AGERG symposium at the Universität der Bundeswehr München explores the field of postgraduate education. While using a broad approach, the goal of this symposium is to address the following research questions: How do various models understand academic education and how do they contribute to it? How does the idea of scientific education, being the underlying principle behind postgraduate education, ensure research quality?

Currently, there is a heightened political interest in postgraduate education: Individual countries aim for high numbers of successful graduates; the EU is interested in “harmonizing” higher education; regular universities attempt to keep the privilege of postgraduate education limited, while universities for applied sciences strive to gain this right. Science, in general, is interested in promoting good researchers.

These different interests all grapple with the same issue, namely how to structure postgraduate education. At the time being, the models differ greatly on the national and international level. There are special regulations concerning both preconditions *and* programs for postgraduate studies. Lately, there is a trend towards organizing this field. Yet, while joint structures have a harmonizing effect, the profit from this homogenization differs for the individual scientific cultures.

This conference aims to give insights into individual models and ways of structuring postgraduate education, as well as to create a common space for discussing different experiences with these models. While the focus is on the United Kingdom and Germany, contributions about other countries are welcome. The intended outcome is to publish a collection of contributions in the peer-reviewed journal *Research in Comparative and International Education*.

Please send abstracts of about 150 words to Manuela Pietraß (manuela.pietrass@unibw.de).

Abstracts are due October 14, 2020