

Seminar Series

The University of Melbourne

Comprehensive evaluations of research institutes and clinical departments at the University of Zurich

Presenter: Prof. Hans-Dieter Daniel

Monday 20th November 11.30am-12.30pm

Room 410, Level 4, 207 Bouverie Street

The Evaluation Office of the University of Zurich (UZH) is mandated to organise evaluations for all parts of the university at all levels. The evaluation of academic units comprises the fields of research, teaching, promotion of the next generation of academics, services, leadership, and administration as well as organisational structures. With medical units, the fields of clinic and care are usually not evaluated by the Evaluation Office, as these fields are part of the responsibility of the University Hospital. However, the usefulness of all services for the unit's academic activities shall be evaluated.

At the UZH, a multi-level evaluation procedure (informed peer review) is applied, which consists of self-evaluation, academic and non-academic staff surveys, bibliometric analyses, external peer evaluation, reporting, follow-up, and monitoring. The Executive Board of the UZH discusses the results of the evaluation together with the Dean and, where appropriate, with the University Hospital Management during a follow-up meeting with the unit under evaluation. After the follow-up meeting, the President of the UZH and the management of the unit under evaluation sign an improvement plan.

The presentation will describe the evaluation process in more detail and report on experiences with institutional evaluations from 16 years.



Prof Hans-Dieter Daniel is visiting the Centre for Health Policy until the 21st of November and will be speaking at the forum on Peer review. In addition to working on research into peer review and aspects of research funding he runs an Evaluation office at University of Zurich which evaluates Departments across the University.

Hans-Dieter Daniel holds a dual professorship at ETH Zurich and at the University of Zurich. Since 2001, he is Director of the Evaluation Office of the University of Zurich and since 2002, Professor for Social Psychology and Research on Higher Education at ETH Zurich. Dr. Daniel is a psychologist by training and a graduate of the University of Konstanz (Germany). He was a professor of social science research methods at the Department of Social Sciences of the University of Kassel and director of the International Centre for Higher Education Research Kassel (formerly: Centre for Research on Higher Education and Work).