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Universities and higher education institutions are rooted in their traditions and a network of values. Autonomy is one of the most crucial of these traditions and values, and is frequently considered as a necessary for higher education to fulfil its vocation. Academic autonomy has many different dimensions, including:

- doing scientific research,
- organisation and practice of teaching,
- organisational aspects of academy,
- financial management,
- employment policy,
- studying.

The question of autonomy has always been problematic for the academy, and has long been of interest. From a historical point of view, there are two opposite attitudes: unconditional commitment to autonomy on one side, and rejection of any autonomy on the other. To our anxiety, there are several processes that severely threaten the autonomy of the academy. Traditional values – the foundations of academic culture – have been colonised by administrative-bureaucratic, political, corporate or business cultures. The cultures are built on ideas of efficiency, competitiveness, liberalisation, measurability, employability, mobility, and globalisation. They form a network of values, underpinning debates about universities and higher education institutions, and thereby reshape the higher education system.

Taking into account the significance of the issues noted above, and being convinced that science and academic education are too important to be left only in hands of politicians, bureaucrats, economists and business people, we invite you to reflect together on the following questions:

What does autonomy mean, today, to higher education? What are its dimensions? How can autonomy be expressed? What is its importance? What are the chances for its maintenance and development? What is the appropriate range and limits of autonomy? What threatens autonomy? How can we reduce these threats?

These are very broad issues and questions, so that our debate could be wide, open and transdisciplinary, covering the complexities of the issues without being tempted to narrowness or exclusiveness.

The conference is a part of celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Szczecin University Faculty of Humanities.

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ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

1. PARTICIPATION DATES

Registration for the conference should be done by sending application with a title / abstract of speech no later than **30th of July 2018**. The application form is available at <http://.autonomy.whus.pl>.

Deadline for payment of conference fee is **30th of July 2018**.

2. ORGANISATION OF THE CONFERENCE

PLACE OF SEMINAR: building of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Szczecin (Krakowska st. 71-79).

Presented papers will be published in next issues of periodical (six-monthly) magazine „Pedagogika Szkoły Wyższej” („Pedagogy of Higher Education”) provided receiving positive reviews.

LANGUAGE OF SEMINAR: Polish and English

3. FEES

PARTICIPATION FEE – 480, 00 Zł includes:

– alimention costs (14.09.2018 – lunch, coffee buffet, side event; 15.09.2016 - lunch, coffee buffet)

- seminar materials

- translations

Participation fee should be paid to the following account:

ING BANK ŚLĄSKI 46 1050 1559 1000 0022 8790 4474. Please include the following title: subkonto 0082 + your name and surname.

4. ACCOMODATION

The participation fee does not include accomodation.

Suggested hotels (discount offer for our Guests with a password: UNIWERSYTET-AUTONOMIA):

IBIS BUDGET SZCZECIN: <http://www.ibis.com/pl/hotel-3428-ibis-budget-szczecin/index.shtml#overview>

SILVER: <http://www.silverhotel.pl/en/core/generic.php? PageID=45909>

HOTEL FOKUS: http://www.focushotels.pl/szczecin,2.html?lang=en&_ga=2.230513301.821702555.1524140807-1422864166.1523357670

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