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Session I – 3:30 pm CET

Improving the Quality of Selecting Applicants for University Student Programs

Workshop Organizers

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Description

While Universities in Scotland already have implemented special programs for selecting student applicants, Universities in Lower Saxony are just starting to do so (based on a ruling of the Federal Constitutional Court of December 2017). However, universities conducting those selecting procedures both in Scotland as well as in Lower Saxony face at least with two special problems: Firstly, selection procedures are challenging in terms of organization and implementation. Secondly, there is quite often a lack of empirical evidence concerning the effect of these procedures on applicants' acceptance rate of study places as well as on predictive validity (with respect to students' professional success). Based on these considerations, the workshop aims at establishing a deeper cooperation (both on an organizational as well as on a scientific level) of the Universities in Scotland and Lower Saxony for improving the quality of the existing selection procedures by (a) evaluating the operational implementation on an organizational level and by (b) working together scientifically to generate empirical evidence concerning the effects of the existing selection procedures.

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After a short introductory welcome, we will first present a few central theoretical considerations and empirical results of the selection process at the Leuphana University of Lüneburg using the example of teacher training. This will be followed by an open discussion on open questions, suggestions and possible cooperation ideas in the context of the thematic focus. Everyone who is interested in the topic is welcome to take part in this workshop.

Programme

(The times of the programme items are indicated in CET.)

03:30 pm Welcoming Addresses

Michael Besser, *Chair of the Selecting Committee of the Study Program Teaching and Learning at the Leuphana University Lüneburg*

03:40 pm Input

Robin Göller, *Scientific Member of the Selecting Committee of the Study Program Teaching and Learning at the Leuphana University Lüneburg*

04:10 pm Coffee Break

04:20 pm Discussion

- Organisational and scientific questions concerning the theoretical conceptualization and practical implementation of selection processes
- Possible cooperation of Universities in Scotland and Lower Saxony – both on an organisational and scientific level

04:55 am Closing

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