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TRANSFORMATION – VISIONS FOR A EUROPEAN FUTURE

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Call for Papers

Transformation is a key concept of paramount importance within a European framework. As a process which should bring about long-term change in norms and relationships of social structure, it is significant on many levels: individual mindsets, collective endeavors and efforts, educational institutions such as universities, specific regions, and on a macro-European level processes which affect geographic, social and political space. Social transformation is conceived as a huge potential for improvement and innovative solutions, especially if it concerns universities where people of different generations from all over Europe meet to collaborate, where education is as close to research as anywhere else, and where the model of our future society is built. The concept of transformation can be approached and discussed from different perspectives – as a concept valid for the present, traceable in the past, and a factor and motor that shapes future societies.

This special issue is to address challenges for transnational cooperation in education and research, and the political, economic, and social transformation needed for a truly European path and a sustainable concept of European universities. This issue invites perspectives from the fields of philosophy, history, sociology, economy, political and educational sciences, culture, and arts on transformative processes and practices in the past and present that can inform a European future.

The issue will consist of two parts: research papers related to the topic of the issue and *Varia*. The latter can include other genres of papers if they contribute to the theme, including review articles, position papers, overviews, interviews, round table discussions, memoirs, short polemic, and essay-types of papers within the area of the Social Sciences and Humanities.

Papers may engage with, but are not limited to the following issues and questions:

- Major trends and concepts in digital societal transformations; Transformation management in the digital age; Digital creativity and the transformation of space; digital transformation and smart regions
- Cultural and medial representation of (social) transformation
- Transformation of linguistic and cultural diversity; transformation of European identities
- Benefits and challenges of European educational transformation (within the T4EU project); transformation and collaboration in European research; systematic reviews on different European educational systems and study programs

- Environmental transformation and sustainability
- Societal transformation and questions of inclusion
- Identities and identifications in intercultural communication
- Perceptions and attitudes to 'foreign' people and countries
- Democratic citizenship and human rights issues

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