

Academic Freedom Index: An Innovative Resource for Research and for Protecting Freedom in the Academic Sector

Initiative: Hochschule der Zukunft

Bewilligung: 14.07.2021

Laufzeit: 5 Jahre

Projekt-Website: <https://www.pol.phil.fau.eu/institute/international-politics-of-human-rights/>

[forschungsprojekte/#collapse_3](#)

The Academic Freedom Index provides a solid empirical foundation for better understanding and protecting academic freedom. The index was piloted in a German-Swedish cooperation and will continue to be carried out in close cooperation by the Institute of Political Science at FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg and the V-Dem Institute at the University of Gothenburg. The underlying conception of the Academic Freedom Index is based on legally binding commitments made by 171 states through their ratification of the UN Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. It relies on a sophisticated methodology, which is informed by item response theory, and will generate comprehensive expert-coded data on the de facto realisation of academic freedom worldwide. Annual updates will open up a wide range of possible applications in science promotion, management and policy.

Projektbeteiligte

Prof. Dr. Katrin Kinzelbach

Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
Philosophische Fakultät
Institut für Politische Wissenschaft
Erlangen

Prof. Dr. Staffan Lindberg

University of Gothenburg
Department of Political Science
V-Dem Institute
Göteborg
Schweden

Open Access-Publikationen

[The Academic Freedom Index and its indicators: Introduction to new global time-series V-Dem data](#)
[Global data on the freedom indispensable for scientific research: towards a reconciliation of academic reputation and academic freedom](#)
[Academic Freedom Index 2023 Update](#)

