Giving Meaning to Interdisciplinarity in the Organization of Universities
A Symposium on the Occasion of Helmut Schelsky’s 100th Birthday

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Convenors:

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This conference will be organized on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Helmut Schelsky, the sociologist and ‘planner’ of Bielefeld University at the end of the 1960s who conceived the particular structure of the university as a combination of interdisciplinary centers and disciplinary departments. The top of the former was supposed to be the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) fashioned after the Princeton Institute of Advanced Study and designed to develop innovative ideas that were to diffuse into the university. Celebrating Schelsky’s birthday the occasion should be used to take a fresh look at the options a university like Bielefeld has, once considered a very modern ‘reform university’, now situated in a completely different landscape of higher education institutions. Therefore the conference will focus on interdisciplinary structures in universities and interdisciplinarity as a guiding theme for entire universities.

Programme:

Thursday, 2012-04-12

13.00 – 13.30 Snack

13.30 - 14.00 Welcome by Gerhard Sagerer, Rector of Bielefeld University
Opening by Peter Weingart

14.00 – 15.00 Michael M. Crow (President of the Arizona State University):
The new university and its local and global challenges
Discussion

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 18.00

Interdisciplinary structures in research and education
Sascha Spoun (President of Leuphana University Lüneburg)
Harm Hospers (Liberal Art and Sciences Program Maastricht)
Detlef Löhe (Vice Rector of Karlsruhe Institute for Technology)
Discussion

18.00 Dinner at ZiF
Welcome by Philippe Blanchard (ZiF Director)

20.00 Abendvortrag
Hermann Lübbe (University of Zurich):
Zeitdruck, Disziplinierungsschäden und Erfahrungsverluste. Helmut Schelsky als Soziologe universitärer Forschung
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<td>Wolfgang Marquardt (Chair of the German Council of Science and Humanities Köln): &quot;Cross the border, close the gap!&quot; - Reinventing the university as an interdisciplinary enterprise</td>
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