

What happened to the Soviet University?

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01:03:48 Pete Leihy: There's a new report (<https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2022/10/26/the-eu-is-strengthening-democracy-in-eastern-europe>) that says Rule of Law is getting decidedly stronger in a number of former Soviet republics, but not Russia; the report suggests that EU efforts to promote Rule of Law are part of this. Do you see Bologna-style norms reflected in trends in academic governance in some post-Soviet countries?

01:06:49 Simon Marginson: Colleagues in the webinar - it's time for you to bring forward into the CHAT your questions, statements and ideas. Join the Q&A!

01:07:15 Simon Marginson: We have one question already, from Pete Leihy

01:10:29 Lali Giorgidze: ESG-2015 which forms a framework for quality assurance of higher education in EHEA highlights that internal quality assurance policies should be supporting academic integrity and freedom; could you please elaborate a bit more on examples when QA inhibits the academic freedom? Could not find Q&A section, so texting the question here :)

01:11:24 Glen CHATELIER: We recently signed an MOU with a prestigious University in St. Petersburg. The momentum towards the MOU signing was impressively rapid. Since the MOU signing this institution has fallen incomprehensibly silent. Do we close dossier on this institution, or do we wait for them to get back to us someday, at their volition? How do we interpret their stance towards us as a university from South East Asia?

01:14:45 Simon Marginson: we have three questions but want more for the Q&A - put your question/statement in the Chat!

01:15:34 Yusuf Oldac: I have read a paper discussing how Chinese higher education was earlier inspired by the Soviet higher education system. What similarities and differences can be discussed between the Soviet university and the Chinese university? This is a comparative question and sorry if you are not familiar with the Chinese context.

01:17:08 Hubertus Jahn: Hi Maia, Thank you for this great talk. Could you please say something about the political role of universities today. They used to be hotbeds of revolutionary ideas in the late 19th c.. Do you see something of this political consciousness back in the post Soviet unis?

01:17:47 Liz Shchepetylnykova: Thank you for the presentation, you have spoken much about institutional context and I am curious if you could elaborate how this strong institutional agency influences individual agency. As you mention those opposing Soviet legacy among faculty are not in majority, so what did you see encouraging individual agency

to become leaders of change? What is the role of students and their organizations that emerged after 1991 in transformation of higher education institutions?

01:18:01 Giorgi Tavadze: In Kalven Committee report (1967) we find following interesting statement: "In brief, a good university, like Socrates, will be upsetting". What do you think, what might be done by academic community (say, in Georgia) to move in that direction?

01:19:30 Trif Victorița: The relationship between despotic regimes that constrain freedom, the self-censorship and the need of authentic academic freedom in former Soviet countries is sophisticated. Congratulations!

01:26:56 Anastasia Lavrenyuk: Russia declared that it stopped being part of the Bologna system after the war started; it's probably too early to say if it changed anything in Russian higher education though

01:30:28 CGHE Webinars: Thank you for joining us today. A recording of this session will be posted on the CGHE site: <https://www.researchcghe.org/events/cghe-seminar/what-happened-to-the-soviet-university/>

01:30:51 CGHE Webinars: Our next webinar, "Is the idea wrong or is the flaw in reality? On the definition of 'internationalisation' of higher education", will take place on Thursday from 2pm (UK). You can register here: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJluc--orT0qE9xOotuAZCoyetvkQx21AaXa>

01:34:59 Trif Victorița: Thank you!

01:36:55 Marine Chitashvili: Thank you, Maia, for very interesting presentation. Looking forward reading this book.

01:38:48 Anastasia Lavrenyuk: Thank you so much for this incredible talk!

01:39:01 Nadia Manzoni: Many thanks for this very interesting talk!

01:40:01 Eliza Kintsurashvili: Thank you so much. I am glad I could hear you, it was really interesting for me <3

01:40:13 Glen CHATELIER: An Engaging presentation. Thanks Maia

01:40:42 Jared Beitman: Thank you for an excellent, informative talk and discussion.

01:41:05 Pola Lem: Thanks Maia!

01:41:08 Georgiana Mihut: Thank you for the book and the talk.

01:41:19 Abbas Abbasov: Thank you so much for such an insightful talk!

01:41:56 Maia Chankseliani: Thank you everyone for joining!