

Recent Developments of Doctoral Studies and Programmes in Europe and Austria



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Structure of my talk

1. The Doctorate on the European level
2. What is a Doctorate or PhD?
3. Some Ingredients of a Doctorate or PhD
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1. The Doctorate on the European Level

1.1. Bologna Process:

- Berlin Communiqué (2003)
- Bergen Communiqué (2005)
- London Communiqué (2007)
- Leuven Communiqué (2009)

1.2. Lisbon Strategy (2000)

1.3. European Charter for Researchers. Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (2005)

1. The Doctorate on the European Level

1.4. Activities of the European University Association:

- EUA Graz Convention (2003)
- First series of workshops and other activities:
10 Salzburg Basic Principles (2005)
Publication: Doctoral Programmes for the European Knowledge Society. Report on the EUA Doctoral Programmes Project 2004-2005
- Second series of workshops and activities:
Conference in Nice (2006)
Conclusions of the EUA Report on Doctoral Programmes (2007)
- Doc Careers Project (Rennes, 2008)

1. The Doctorate on the European Level

- EUA Council for Doctoral Education

1.5. Further contributions

- Conferences (institutional, national, international levels)
- European universities
- ESU
- Organisations with a focus on doctoral education:
EURODOC, UK Council of Doctoral Education, Vitae

2. What is a Doctorate or PhD?

International agreements / national context

2.1. Definition of a Doctorate

„Each doctorate is an original piece of research work (doctoral thesis), which proves the student's ability to work independently and to use the scientific methods of the field in question. ... The differences between the different kinds of doctorates are more likely to be found among the students' motivations, within the fields or the institutions. As already stressed in the mutual statement of the three German speaking Rectors' Conferences ..., the doctorate is the distinctive element of universities“

Quote: Statement of the Austrian Rectors' Conference on the international discussion about different kinds of doctorates (Vienna, November 2006).

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2. What is a Doctorate or PhD?

2.2. Different Kinds of Doctorates in Europe

- Research PhD
- New root PhD or integrated PhD
- Doctorate by published work
- Professional doctorates

3. Some Ingredients of a Doctorate

- 3.1. Code of practice
- 3.2. Organisation and structure
- 3.3. Supervision
- 3.4. Doctoral thesis agreement
- 3.5. PDP
- 3.6. Doctoral thesis / Topic
- 3.7. Research skills training
- 3.8. Generic skills training
- 3.9. Progress of the doctoral training
- 3.10. Assessment and examination
- 3.11. Career development
- 3.12. Publications

4. Developments in Austria

4.1. On the National Level

- 4.1.1. The Doctorate in Austria. National Positioning in the Context of European Developments - position paper by the ministry and Universities Austria (2005)
- 4.1.2. Amendment Act of the University Act 2002 (2006)
- 4.1.3. Establishment of a joint working group within Universities Austria
- 4.1.4. Recommendations by Universities Austria on New-Style Doctoral Studies (2008)
- 4.1.5. Workshop on the new-style doctoral studies and programmes in Europe and Austria (2008-2009)
- 4.1.6. Co-operations and workshops of universities

4. Developments in Austria

4.2. On the Institutional Level

Trend towards structured doctoral programmes -
depending on the discipline

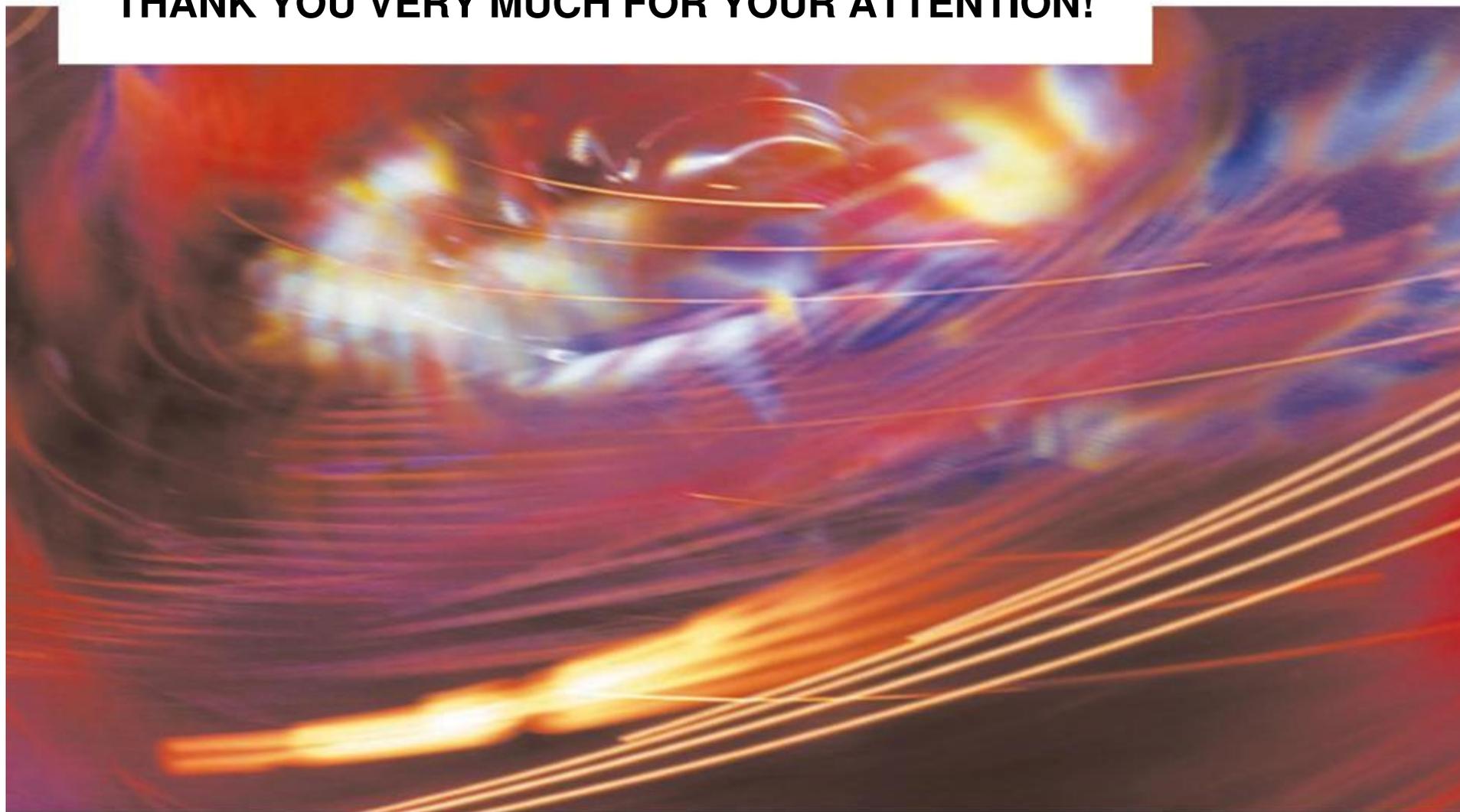
Some examples:

- University of Vienna - *Initiativkollegs*
- Vienna Graduate School of Finance - joint initiative
- University of Graz - first *Doktoratskolleg* in the Humanities and the Arts in the field of Cultural Studies
- Graz University of Technology - 10-13 Doctoral Schools
- University of Music and Dramatic Arts Graz - Doctor Artium

5. Some Publications

- EUA Bologna Handbook
- EUA Trends Reports, Publications
- Irish Universities Quality Board (e.g. PhD programmes)
- Recommendation by Universities Austria
- UK Council of Graduate Education (e.g. professional doctorates)
- UK Grad Programme (e.g. What do PhDs do?)
- Check web-pages of other universities!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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