

Announcement

# The Impact of Social Sciences & Humanities on Society

*A 2-day conference on optimising and assessing societal impact of social sciences and humanities by engaging with government, industry and the public as a whole*

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After the fruitful editions in Cardiff and Copenhagen, AESIS is proud to announce its next edition on ‘**The Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities on Society**’. Motivated by science policy developments of recent years, the AESIS Network started in 2017 to organize the first international conference on Societal Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), and the signing of the [Cardiff Statement](#) on optimising this impact. Building further on the positive outcome of the SSH 2018 conference in Copenhagen in mind, continuation of the event was decided for the following purposes: to restate and champion the fundamental role that the social sciences and humanities play in society, and to call for an expanded role for the social sciences and humanities in tackling societal and cultural problems through academic research. **Alan Leshner** (CEO, Emeritus of the American Association of the Advancement of Sciences) will be chairing the conference. This event will bring together the SSH research community and its stakeholders in society to discuss:

- ◆ **Optimising the impact of social sciences & humanities on society**
  - \* What does societal impact entail and how can such impact be achieved effectively?
  - \* What are best practises for researchers to engage with the public?
  - \* What can we learn from worldwide policies to optimise societal impact?
  - \* Better access to public data for better research
- ◆ **How can societal impact be measured and assessed?**
  - \* Demonstrating impact through metrics and narratives
  - \* How is societal impact integrated in the internal & external university assessment system
  - \* Demonstrating ground-breaking examples of academic entrepreneurship in SSH disciplines
  - \* Contribution of university management
- ◆ **Fostering alliances between government, cultural institutes, industries and academia**
  - \* Working with local and regional communities to create impact with SSH research
  - \* Creating more impact through cooperation between SSH & the STEM disciplines
  - \* Creating synergy with business, industry and intermediary institutions
  - \* Long term & ad hoc alliances

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