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The Impact Agenda for Social Sciences & Humanities

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Lumbye Hall, 13.45-15.45

Plenary Closing: Structural Approaches to Optimise Impact of SSH

Outcomes Parallel Sessions & Roundtables
Ranking the Recommendations



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Yesterday's recommendations

Science for Policy

Researchers should abandon the linear model of evidence for policy in favour of co-creation of policy questions and research answers with policy makers and seek to understand the needs of decision makers

Stakeholder Co-creation

Co-creation works – but needs support, fostering and equality

Regional Research Infrastructures

People Places Partnerships Passions - Identifying opportunities – and this emphasizes the role of government agencies and funding. And actually engaging with our public

Interdisciplinary research

Raise awareness of differences between disciplines and create (economic & temporal & normative) room for the development of sound collaborative approaches



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Yesterday's recommendations

Indicators of SSH Impact

The impact of the SSH is intrinsically domain specific and diverse and cannot be captured in one indicator nor in a small consistent set of indicators. Systematic evidence is possible combining case descriptions and value indicators, if three principles are upheld: reflexivity, diversity and participation

Institutional Assessment

Institutional incentivization of impact can lead to perverse incentives, so we need the right metrics

Measurement Tools

How can we supplement impact case studies with meaningful statistics and data to create the right incentives for researchers and funders to evaluate and communicate impact of research, especially beyond publications?

Public Engagement

Public engagement messes up traditional ideas of science and that is a good thing

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Strategic role of research foundations

David Sweeney & Tim Wilson

Foundations offer possibilities that you can't get with government funding agencies; however, researchers need to know what the Foundations want and if working with multiple foundations need to ensure their interests align.



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Training and skills for impact

Jonas Stier & Andreas Brøgger Jensen

Concretize skills specification and skill training



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Evidence-informed policy

David Budtz Pedersen & Thomas Alslev Christensen

Speak of knowledge informed policy rather than evidence based policy to make room for SSH based solutions. Acknowledge that there are different kinds of answers for different kinds of questions



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Creative entrepreneurship

Jeff Skinner & Michael Shanks

Conversation and Collegiality

Institutions and leadership

Martin Kitchener & Wendy Naus

- 1) *Where should the infrastructure exist for moving research to impact – at what level?*
- 2) *“Impact” is a double-edge sword; research is a long-term endeavor*



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Entrepreneurship

Chair: Jeff Skinner

*Executive Director Deloitte Institute of Innovation and
Entrepreneurship, London Business School, UK*

*Training and development of the skills needed to create SSH impact require
organizational and managerial support and allocation of resources and time*



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(National) Science Policy

Chair: David Sweeney

Executive Chair, Research England

‘Impact’ should be viewed in its entirety and this concept should be equally spread throughout the EU



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Intermediary institutions

Chair: Lars Klüver

Director Danish Board of Technology Foundation, Denmark

The next generation of intermediary institutions needs to come FROM the impact agenda rather than before it



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Plenary debate

Most valuable recommendation of SSH18

The results

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Plenary debate

After 1,5 days...

Remaining questions???

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Plenary Closing

Panel

David Budtz Pedersen (moderator)

David Skorton

Mihiri Seneviratne

Paul Wouters

Tim Wilson



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Next up:

15.45

Reception

*Thank you all for joining the AESIS
Conference on the “Impact of Social
Sciences & Humanities” 2018!*



Coming up

In 2018 and 2019

AESIS Calendar

28-30 November	Integrating Societal Impact in a Research Strategy	Leuven, Belgium
3-5 April 2019	Implementing a National Impact Strategy	Bilbao, Spain
6-7 June 2019	Impact of Science	Berlin, Germany
Autumn 2019	Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities	???