

KIT President Hanselka: Sending Clear Signals for Open-mindedness

KIT Supports Action against Xenophobia – Hanselka: Science Lives on Cross-border Thinking between Cultures

Open-mindedness, tolerance, and diversity of opinions are high goods of our society, which have to be preserved and defended. Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) supports the action of the German Rectors' Conference "Weltoffene Hochschulen – Gegen Fremdenfeindlichkeit" (against xenophobia - universities for a global community) launched today.

The President of KIT, Professor Holger Hanselka, says:

"With 4500 foreign students and 100 international scientists, KIT clearly stands for a global community and tolerance. Science lives on cross-border thinking and open exchange of ideas and opinions between cultures – it is international! Global challenges can only be mastered in a transnational manner. The same holds for the generation of scientific knowledge. Work of our scientists has long ceased to stop on nations' borders. For this reason, we clearly reject any xenophobic attitudes in our country. Science in the service of mankind means enlightened thinking – universities and research institutions live on a global community!"

More information:

Link to the HRK webpage „Weltoffene Hochschulen – Gegen Fremdenfeindlichkeit“: <http://www.hrk.de/home/>

Link to the press release of the LRK BW (State Rectors' Conference of Baden-Württemberg) (in German only):

<http://www.lrk-bw.de/index.php/pressemitteilungen>

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