

# Balancing Gravitas and Special Topics: Reaching out to Society through Novel Means



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## **Overview**

- Graduate Campus: Brief overview of its activities
- Gap between university and broad public can translate into political pressure
- What does the University of Zurich do to reach out to the public?
- What does Graduate Campus do?
- Examples of activities by Graduate Campus and its results
- Additional benefits to doctoral candidates, to the university and to society
- Create greater understanding for value of doctoral education



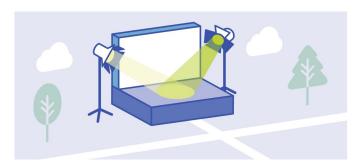
## **Graduate Campus – Overview of its activities**

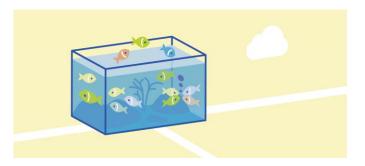


## **Graduate Campus and its Activities**









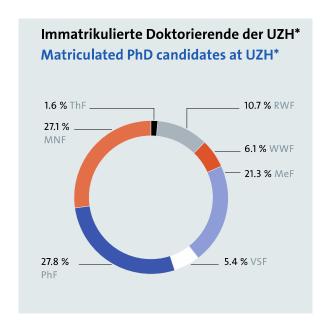






## Our target groups

5'084 doctoral candidates



- 1'000 1'500 postdocs
- Broad public



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Bridging the gap between society and university



## **Political Pressure**

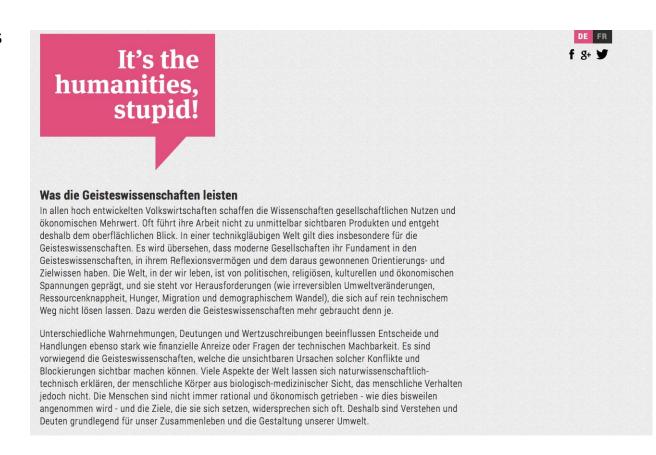
- Interpellation in 2015 by a member of the Swiss People's Party
- Small survey on 20min.ch: Are humanities scholars and students useless for the job market?
- Numerus Clausus for humanities and more students for subjects like mathematics, engineering and computer science
- Federal Office of Statistics: 5 years after receiving Master's degree, 2.8% with a humanities degree are not employed versus 3.8% with a science degree





## What is being done to counter this pressure?

 Website with FAQs by Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences





How does the University of Zurich reach out to society at large?



## How does UZH reach out to society at large?

- University of Zurich promotes:
  - Public lectures and events
  - Museums and libraries
  - Continuing education
  - Hospitals





→ Main Library UZH (HBZ) → Libraries at the Institutes and

Faculties → Zentralbibliothek Zürich (ZB)

#### Continuing Education →

The University of Zurich offers a wide range of continuing education courses.

- → Continuing Education Courses
- → Center for Continuing Education

#### Hospitals →

The University's many hospitals and clinics contribute considerably to the excellent health care system in

- University Hospital Zurich
- → Balgrist University Hospital
- → Psychiatric University Hospital Zurich
- → University Children's Hospital Zurich
- → Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Service (in German)
- → Travel Medicine Clinic
- → Center for Dental Medicine
- → Veterinary Teaching Hospital



#### Transactions - Money, Happiness, Health, Fairness

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An exhibition with works of art and 11 June - 10 July 2016 University of Zurich, main building

→ Program

#### **Public Events**

- → 7.6.2016, 17:00: Einführung in die Benutzung der HBZ - Medizin
- → 8.6.2016, 08:30: StudyManagement - Alles unter einen Hut bringen
- → 8.6.2016, 09:30: 4. Jahrestagung des UFSP Finanzmarktregulierung
- → 8.6.2016, 09:30: Fachtagung Dialog Grün 2016: Neue Technologien in der Pflanzenforschung - eine Alternative zu Pflanzenschutzmitteln?



#### **Public Lectures and** Events →

The University of Zurich welcomes everybody eager to learn.

- → Ringvorlesungen
- → Inaugural Lectures
- → Scientifica
- → Senior Citizen's University

- → Children's University
- → ... and other activities
- → Life Science Zurich Learning Center

#### Museums and Collections →

The University of Zurich's museums house valuable cultural and natural artefacts - and showcase findings from research conducted at UZH.

- → Anthropological Museum
- → Archeological Collection
- → Botanical Garden
- → Museum of Medical History
- → Ethnographic Museum → Zoological Museum
- → ... and other museums

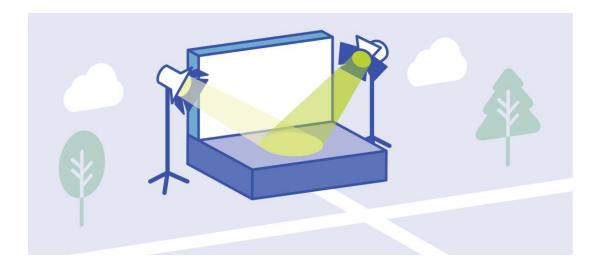


How does Graduate Campus reach out?



## **How does Graduate Campus reach out?**

- Graduate Campus focuses on making visible the work of junior researchers
  - Movies
  - Exhibits
  - Audio installations

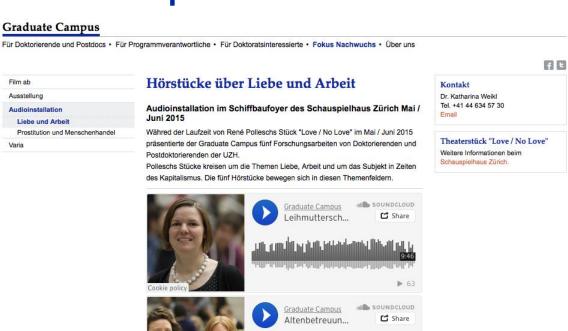






## **Examples from Graduate Campus**

- Audio installation presented at the local playhouse
- Research projects of PhD candidates and postdocs as podcasts



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## **Examples from Graduate Campus - Outcome**

- Additional Benefit for PhD candidates and postdocs
  - Becoming more media-savvy
  - Knowledge transfer and science communication

- Benefit for the University of Zurich
  - Reaching out to society
  - Relevance of research





## **Examples from Graduate Campus: Transactions**

- Parallel Event at art biennial (Manifesta 11, currently taking place in Zurich)
- "What people do for money" topic of Manifesta 11
- "Transactions": Juxtaposition of art and science in the main building of UZH
- Exhibition accompanied by performances, screenings, concerts, and talks





## **Examples from Graduate Campus: Transactions**







What is the value of this outreach for doctoral education?



# **Greater understanding for value of doctoral education?**

- University of Zurich as an open and innovative institution
- Highlight the societal relevance and diversity of the University of Zurich
- Junior researchers communicate to society at large
- Society can see how all kinds of disciplines conduct research on relevant topics
- A different kind of audience is reached by collaborating with institutions of arts and culture



## **Summary**

- Political Context in Switzerland
- Outreach activities of the University of Zurich and of Graduate
  Campus
- Several examples, of which Transactions has the largest range of influence
- www.grc.uzh.chwww.manifesta11.uzh.ch



