
Book Review

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The Polish Humboldtian University in the Face of Paradigmatic Change
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Nowadays, the Humboldtian University in the face of paradigmatic change is a very important subject. According to the author, “*in the Humboldt paradigm, the professor is a god in the university, deciding what is right and proper, propounding his opinions and reviewing the work of others. In the Bologna model, the professor is the most important person in discussions-primer inter pares-but not the only oracle of the truth*”.

The present book describes the Polish Humboldtian University in the face of paradigmatic change with quality and innovation in six chapters. After the introduction, the university at the crossroads, chapter 1 provides information about the culture of the new media. Chapter 2 clarifies the status of science and knowledge at the beginning of the 21st century. Chapter 3 discusses the crisis in the university. Chapter 4 deals with university education (paradoxes and uncertainties). Chapter 5 describes opinions on the subject of the effectiveness of university education in the light of press polemic and personal research. Finally, chapter 6 is dedicated to the future of the university in the fourth wave society.

This book can be used as a useful reference for a diversity of professionals, with a special emphasis to academics, researchers, politicians, administrators, managers that are working in the field of higher education.