**REGISTRATION ASEM & EHEA Education process, 26-27th October 2017, Ghent, Belgium**

**Policy Seminar on the impact of changes and challenges on Academic Work**

Higher education has undergone and still undergoes a number of major structural changes and reforms that affect the academic profession and the academic work. The emergence of the knowledge society projects academics into the front line of socio-economic development and innovation as being a ‘key profession’. For a long period, both in the EHEA context and the ASEM context, we have addressed many issues of higher education but with little attention paid to the academic profession and to the human side of higher education and research. The past 7 to 8 years a substantial number of studies on the changing face of academic work and the academic profession in a comparative perspective have been conducted. Now it is time to bring some of those studies to the attention of the broader academic community and policy makers.

Therefore we would like to invite you to a Policy Seminar on the impact of recent changes and challenges in higher education on academic work. The seminar will be organized in the framework of both the EHEA and ASEM-process.

We aim to host a mix of participants (from governmental and institutional level) from European and Asian countries, combined with members of international organisations and researchers on the topic.

The seminar will take place in Ghent (Belgium) on 26th and 27th October 2017.

In attachment you can find a background document explaining more in detail the aim of the seminar and the draft programme.

The Flemish Government will be happy to cover the accommodation costs for up to two persons per country. Travel costs are at own expenses.

Please register through following website: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1pwyG3rK247S3U8EoeagCerGlj4CKdIB6he9pl3MJIUX6Eg/viewform>.

As places are limited you will receive a confirmation e-mail from the Flemish Government to guarantee your place during the seminar. The confirmation will be sent out a few days after registration.

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