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Abstract

Universities are occupied by management, a regime obsessed with ?accountability? through measurement, increased competition, efficiency, ?excellence?, and misconceived economic salvation. Given the occupation?s absurd side-effects, we ask ourselves how management has succeeded in taking over our precious universities. An alternative vision for the academic future consists of a public university, more akin to a socially engaged knowledge commons than to a corporation. We suggest some provocative measures to bring about such a university. However, as management seems impervious to cogent arguments, such changes can only happen if academics take action. Hence, we explore several strategies for a renewed university politics. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)