

## Conference Announcement

### Professionalization of Services Conveying Key Skills/Competencies: Why We Know What We Are Doing?

Conference date: October 5 and 6, 2017

Venue: House of Competence (HoC), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

Justification for courses conveying key skills at German universities is no longer questioned. Following the Bologna process, acquisition of key skills during university studies largely has become an integral component of the programs offered by German universities. However, the conflict between scientific orientation and service orientation increasingly appears to be a highly controversial issue. Location-specific decisions are needed as to how centers conveying key skills can further professionalize their services in terms of contents and how these courses can be made an accepted part of institutionalized academic education. This gives rise to the question as to whether own research into key skills by competence centers is the prerequisite for offering education. Our conference in Karlsruhe will cover the opportunities and risks of science-oriented competence centers. How can research into key skills be conceived to directly result in the preparation of teaching materials? The question as to whether research-oriented teaching is necessary to achieve professionalism will be discussed on the basis of practical examples. The methodical setting and scientific positioning of such research activities will be of particular interest: Which role do the scientific realms of the different actors play? Moreover, the resulting consequences have to be considered: Should the centers conveying key skills focus on the didactical qualification of university teachers or is it more important to support students?

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