Rethinking Internationalization of Research in an Increasingly Complex World

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Changes in the global research landscape

• Globalization, changing power structures, populism and nationalism
• At the same time, global challenges are growing increasingly larger and collaboration across border even more important
• A clear trend is that countries that traditionally have not been known for high quality research are advancing
• Swedish HEIs collaborating with a larger number of countries
• Today we need to relate to larger portfolio of goals and conditions
Working with guidelines for responsible internationalization

• Broader and more complex goal portfolio to consider
  • Global challenges that require international collaboration
  • Increased friction in the world
• Work across sectors and border essential to improve conditions conducive to solve problems
• Build networks and shared understanding around certain issues pertinent to collaboration
  • Knowledge
  • Leadership
The process

- Research based
- Questions:
  - What are the needs of the HEIs?
  - How do past/present collaborations look like?
  - How can the HEIs work meaningfully work with internationalization in the future?
- Over 200 interviews, reference groups
- Bibliometrics and the follow-up of the STINT’s mobility programs
- Close collaboration with HEIs, funding organizations and, government agencies
Relationships

Thematic areas

- Research ethics
- Data management
- Intellectual property rights
- Export control
- National Security
- Human rights
- Political ideology
- ...
Considerations

- Breaking against laws, sanctions
- Actual risk (for you/other)
- Guilt by association
- Reputational risk
- Limits for cultural tolerance
- Unsuitable
Responsible internationalization

- Ethics
- Institutional autonomy
- Cultural, political and social context
- Legal context
- Who
- How
- Guidelines
- Strategies (HEI, national, international)
- Vision, values
- Networks
- Content
- Activities
- Resources