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Title: "Staying Global: New Challenges and Strategies in British Higher Education"

Abstract:

Rather than presenting a paper on her area of expertise, the eighteenth century, Professor O'Brien will speak to the ESSE conference as current Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham University and former Professorial Fellow, Professor of English Literature and Head of Humanities Division, Oxford University.

Having attended and worked for a number of high and highest-ranking universities in the United Kingdom, Professor O'Brien will present thoughts on the current state and future outlook of British universities. Especially important will be the aspect of globalisation that has undergone significant changes and also strongly affects Britain's European partners – and competitors – i.e. all of us. The talk will be interactive with Professor Rainer Emig in the role of partner in a dialogue and chair for questions and ideas proposed by the audience.