Discussion topics (UiO workshop, March 8-9, 2023)

Topic 1: Responsibility and internationalisation

Responsibility can be seen from the point of view of requirements/compliance or more broadly as a set of voluntary actions. Based on established academic goals and available guidelines, discuss how responsibility and accountability can be achieved and the realistic expectations that management teams (at different levels) can have on researchers and universities' international activities.

- Suggested reading: Chapter 2 in Forslag til retningslinjer for ansvarlig internasjonalt samarbeid. https://hkdir.no/aktuelt/gi-innspill-til-nasjonale-retningslinjer-for-ansvarlig-internasjonalt-samarbeid

Topic 2: Building a culture of responsibility

Academic activities base on notions such as academic freedom, integrity and institutional autonomy. A broadened and more heterogeneous internationalization creates challenges these principles and their interpretations. An increased focus on building an identity around the fact that international collaborations create benefits but at the same time must be managed actively, is needed. Discuss how a more responsible internationalization can take place (if necessary) and how a proactive approach can be taken at the organizational level.

- Suggested reading: https://www.stint.se/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/STINT_Ansvarsfull-internation_web.pdf

Topic 3: Risk management

To support researchers and teachers, guidelines have been developed to inform international collaborations. However, there is currently a lack of concrete operational routines for assessing risks with international work at research group level or department/faculty level. Discuss what such concrete routines might look like. Some questions that may serve to support the discussion include: What areas should be covered/indicated? How can routines serve as a support rather than an administrative burden? How do you avoid "overreach" or that collaborations are avoided?

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Guidelines (selection)

Afrapportering - Udvalg om retningslinjer for internationalt forsknings- og innovationssamarbejde

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