With a special view to strengthening the cooperation with foreign partner academies, the Presiding Committee decided to organize “Joint Academy Days”. Within this event series, representatives of the Austrian Academy of Sciences will discuss scientific policy issues together with members of its partner academies.

As a successful start, we are happy to welcome experts from the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

The Joint Academy Day 2018 relates to the following topics: (1) Ethical Questions regarding Research in or about Authoritarian Regimes, (2) Research Impact (Academy – University – Industry – Society), (3) Advisory Function of Academies, (4) Multilingualism in the Humanities, (5) Academy beyond the Capital, and (6) Digital Humanities.

**PROGRAMME**

**13.30–14.00** Welcome and Introduction (Theatersaal)
- Anton Zeilinger | President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- Oliver Jens Schmitt | President of the Division of Humanities and the Social Sciences

**14.00–15.30** Panel Discussions
- Panel 1 (Theatersaal) Ethical Questions regarding Research in or about Authoritarian Regimes
- Panel 2 (Sitzungssaal) Research Impact (Academy – University – Industry – Society)
- Panel 3 (Clubraum) Advisory Function of Academies

**15.30–16.00** COFFEE BREAK

**16.00–17.30** Panel Discussions
- Panel 4 (Theatersaal) Multilingualism in the Humanities
- Panel 5 (Sitzungssaal) Academy beyond the Capital
- Panel 6 (Clubraum) Digital Humanities

**17.30–18.30** Presentation and Discussion of the Workshop Results (Theatersaal)

**18.30** Reception

**VENUE:** Austrian Academy of Sciences, Theatersaal, Sonnenfelsgasse 19, 1010 Vienna; Sitzungssaal and Clubraum, Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna

**REGISTRATION** by completing the registration form until Monday, 8th October 2018: www.oeaw.ac.at/en/registration/joint-academy-day/

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