Excellence versus purpose – tradeoff or synergy?

Is there a conflict between, on the one hand, scientific excellence and on the other research utilization, collaboration with the business community and the civil society?

Dr Camilla Modéer, who in 2020 was selected by LTH for an honorary doctorate, has extensive experience of working in the borderland between research and industry. Her answer to that question is definitely “no”. She argues that research utilization and the pursuit of the highest scientific level can strengthen one another.

In her honorary doctorate lecture, Dr Camilla Modéer will show that to achieve the best results, attitudes and structures must change, both in academia and business. And universities need to improve scientist’s incentives.

A panel of experts will also contribute with different perspectives on how research can be even more useful to society:

- Peter Gärdenfors, senior professor of Cognitive Science, LLUCS, Lund University
- Ursula Hultkvist Bengtsson, CEO and Founder at MultiHelix AB
- Heiner Linke, professor and director at NanoLund

Moderator: Jan Westberg, Senior Communication Manager, Royal Academy of Engineering

The lecture and panel discussion will be held in English and are open to everyone. The event may be of particular interest to academic leaders, researchers, and business professionals working with R&D.

When: 11:00–12:00, 28 September 2020

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