

# Freedom of Academic Expression

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## Levels of observation

- Ad hoc breaches of the freedom of expression, anecdotal instances of censorship
- Systemic violation of academic freedom

# The four dimensions of university autonomy

As defined by the European University Association:

- **Organizational Autonomy:** internal organization, leading personalities
- **Financial Autonomy:** internal financial affairs
- **Staffing Autonomy:** management of faculty and staff, recruitments, salaries, dismissal, promotions
- **Academic Autonomy:** student admission, academic content, quality assurance, degrees etc.

These are multi-dimensions, not just yes-no linear dimensions

# Reasons to interfere

- Ideological
- Political
- Financial
- Psychological

# Value chains

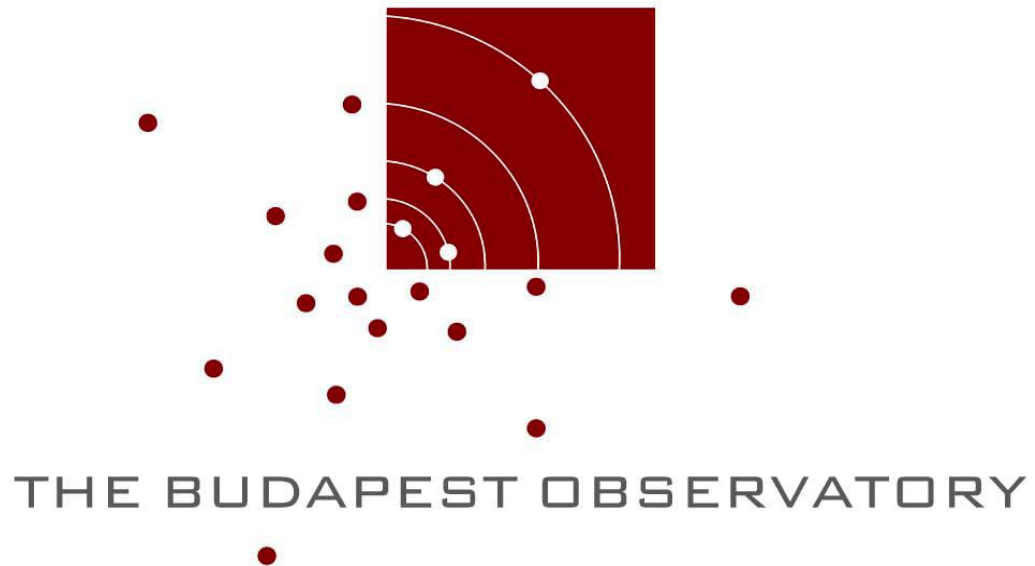
University autonomy – academic freedom – divergent thinking  
– innovative and creative citizens – well functioning  
democracy and economy

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heuristics – diversity of discoveries – well functioning  
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Responsiveness and accountability are a beneficial provision.

# Stakeholders

- Educators, scholars
- Students
- Administrators
- Governments
- International organisations
- Civil society



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