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Homo Academicus Novus? The Life Strategies To Cope With Global Challenges

When we discuss what are the today challenges for researchers of new generation, we are confronted with more compelling questions than with satisfactory answers. It is rather difficult to exactly define core challenges that are undoubtedly common for every researcher of new generation, and it is even problematic to give clear evidence that such challenges really do exist. Moreover, there is a question whether such challenges (if they are) are new in essence, or they are just a replica of old issues that have (always?) been to be coped with by everyone who has chosen an academic way of life.

While it would be difficult to fully answer to these questions, one may speculate on possible variations how to consider and analyse it. For such discussion it is necessary to define the “newness” of contemporary academic world and its impact on the careers of young researchers nowadays. Therefore, the notions of information age, global competition, academic capitalism, international mobility have to be taken into account and discussed in detail. If these tendencies are really experienced by today young researchers, then one has also to think about the measures how to deal with it. Such measures might be both institutional and individual ones. In other words, it is probably a matter that has to be dealt with both at political level and at personal level by promoting specific philosophies of academic ethos that help to retain authentic strive for truth.