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## **SEMINAR**

**Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati (SISSA)**

**Trieste - Italy**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2010**

### ***Relations Between the State and Institution***

Most of the Universities in Europe are State Universities and/ or depend heavily on state finance. The State is asking an increasing role in the various aspects of University life. The European Higher Education Area requires a balance between the over controlling state and the university autonomy to meet stakeholders expectations.

The seminar will examine this ever changing relationship between the state and the university and more specifically the drivers of this change, the new trends on the legal status of the Universities and the various European models.

We will examine the state and EUA perspective, the academic freedom versus state control and the administrative and finance freedom without abandoning of the university. Low financing together with strict financial control and over regulation and minute administrative control imposed by government will be examined and we will exchange views in issues like freedom of universities to share their strategies in order to choose their priorities in teaching and research, to set criteria and select students and professors, to establish private companies, to allocate their resources.

The conference will finish with a group discussion in which participants will share the new trends in their country, on state-university relation, regarding the legal aspect, the finance, the freedom to select students and professors, the freedom to generate income, to research etc.