

Welcome Remarks at the 3rd Honours Academy Symposium

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Dear Colleagues and Students,

Welcome to the third annual Honours Academy Symposium. Today, we celebrate not only the hard work and intellectual curiosity of our HA students, but also the visionary idea that unites us: to forge a space where interdisciplinary research thrives, especially relating to social and public policies that shape our lives and communities. Your projects today not only embody this vision, but also elevate it, demonstrating how your research interest can interact with issues central to our societal development.

This year, I am happy to see 7 such projects, spanning a variety of important themes. We will later on hear about the integration of AI in insurance, the role of sports in fostering social cohesion among migrants, critical evaluations of mental health impacts within organisational settings, economical and ethical considerations in modern relationships and workplace, environmental and social policy analysis relating to climate change and media influence, and the educational challenges and opportunities faced by ethnic minorities.

Looking ahead, I am excited to announce that HA is in the process of creating the first-ever student journal, a new initiative that will provide a platform for our HA students' voices to be heard beyond the walls of this university. Once launched, this journal will allow the broader academic community and the public to engage with our HA students' research. I am confident that the HA journal will become a cornerstone of HA, showcasing the rigorous and impactful work of our students.

My dear HA students, as you move forward, consider how your findings can inform decision-making processes, influence policy, improve systems, and enhance lives. Your journey does not end at the conclusion of this symposium. Instead, it should serve as a springboard for you to build a better, more informed, and more compassionate society. Let us continue to push the boundaries of what is possible, think creatively, and lead the change we wish to see.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the HA project supervisors. Your selfless efforts do not just reflect your dedication to research excellence, but also your desire to mentor and nurture the next generation of thinkers and leaders. Your contributions are a vital part of what makes HA so exceptional.

Thank you, and let's make this symposium a memorable and transformative experience!