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Stefan Collini: Universities and "accountability": Lessons from the UK experience

Universities must be 'accountable' to society. This proposition is endlessly repeated in contemporary debates about higher education. But what does 'accountability' mean, and by what measures can an appropriate form of accountability be ensured?

The United Kingdom has in recent years imposed a series of new demands on universities under this heading, and this lecture examines the character of these demands and warns of some of the damaging or counter-productive effects which can be produced when such measures take a misconceived managerialist form.



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