

FYSICA 2025 – Leiden 11 April 2025

Focus session on Inclusion & Academic Freedom

This focus session aims to encourage discussions and initiatives that contribute to an inclusive, equitable and innovative physics community, where academic freedom is upheld and where consistently multiple perspectives are being considered.

Speakers

Susanne Täuber will speak as an expert on social safety and inclusion, and from her experience with the grey area between upholding academic freedom and the limits that universities impose.

Sense Jan van der Molen will contribute to this session as a member of the core team on academic freedom at Leiden university. He will inform the audience about how the developments around Academic Freedom specifically affect the physics field and to point to where the pain points occur.

To promote the conversation about equality and academic freedom among physicists, there will be ample time for discussion. Therefore, the number of speakers will be limited to two, but we are considering to invite a few panellist. We will discuss this as a group in December, and we are open to suggestions on whom to invite.

Margriet van der Heijden will moderate the conversation, engaging people in the audience and encouraging interaction between all attendees.