Scholars from various fields warn against a loss of quality due to the acceleration of research and teaching. Today, there is a lot of pressure on researchers to publish and teach on an excellent level at every time and with an enormous speed. Moreover project management and acquiring research money take up a lot of time that used to be spent to do some „try and error research“. Nowadays research is quite predictable and research results are sometimes already part of the research proposal.

What is it like to be a scholar/student/administrative personal at GIUB today? Is there a need to slow down and rethink criteria like excellence, research output, health in science and joy and threats of work? Is there a demand for slowing down in every day work? Is there an acceptance of the ten steps the American Feminist Geographers had proposed?

Dr. Felber will present the results of the eleven in depth interviews on the measures and philosophy of slow university undertaken at the GIUB in 2018. She will sketch out the ideas of the University of Bern working group „critical excellence discourse“ and their goal to create a national wide „Slow/Healthy Science Network“.

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We will serve coffee and tea.