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The Intellectual and University: Obscurantism or Culture of the Intellect?

Abstract. *This article discusses the role of universities in shaping the culture of the intellect that distinguishes the intellectual as a bearer of independent thinking and distinct intellectual ethos. The antinomical character of the interplay between the intellectual and the power is addressed. The analysis of the contemporary situation of the higher education in Ukraine as to its ability to facilitate the emergence of the intellectual is offered against the background of the historical evolvement of the institution of the modern university. The importance of synthesis between research and education as a necessary prerequisite for producing the creative intellectual university environment is articulated. The distinctive role of a teacher for translating to students the intellectual virtues that are indispensable for the intellectual's performance of his public function of safeguarding the human dignity against all forms of oppression, discrimination, and depersonalization of the human person is disclosed.*

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