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“Wir forschen ja nicht zum Selbstzweck”

Die TU München will Studierende besser auf den Arbeitsmarkt vorbereiten und baut dafür ihre Struktur um: Statt Fakultäten gibt es bald nur noch interdisziplinäre »Schools«. Sieht so die Zukunft der Hochschulen aus?

Wie die Zukunft aussieht weiss ich nicht, aber ich sehe natürlich wie die Walmartisierung immer weiter fortschreitet

Historian Philip Mirowski offered a ... diagnosis in his 2011 book *Science Mart*. In the title, the word *Mart* is a reference to the retail giant Walmart, used by Mirowski as a metaphor for the commodification of science. In Mirowski's analysis, the quality of science collapses when it becomes a commodity being traded in a market. Mirowski argues his case by tracing the decay of science to the decision of major corporations to close their in-house laboratories. They outsourced their work to universities in an effort to reduce costs and increase profits. The corporations subsequently moved their research away from universities to an even cheaper option - Contract Research Organizations.

und noch ein Auszug von derselben Seite, diesmal mit Bezug auf Luhmann

.. each system, such as economy, science, religion or media, communicates using its own code: true and false for science, profit and loss for the economy, news and no-news for the media, and so on. According to some sociologists, science's mediatization, its commodification and its politicization, as a result of the structural coupling among systems, have led to a confusion of the original system codes. If science's code of true and false is substituted with those of the other systems, such as profit and loss or news and no-news, science enters into an internal crisis.

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