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## Research counting for nothing: How competition, quantification and key performance indicators affect #ichbinhanna and the quality of research

The #IchBinHanna movement has drawn persistent attention to the precariousness of working conditions that affect the majority of scholars in Germany. Short fixed-term contracts, uncompensated overtime work and very few permanent positions lead to extensive job insecurity and the exclusion of those who cannot afford to work under these conditions, with damaging effects for the quality of research. These issues are tied to problematic tendencies in academia as a whole: Competitive procedures, quantification and key performance indicators as a means of political governance do not only affect the livelihood of researchers — they also constrain the autonomy of research and create serious disincentives. The talk will shed some light on these tendencies and indicate potential leverage points to change the system for the better, to benefit both scholars and research.

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