SOCIAL CONDITIONS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

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- **SCIENCE AND NON SCIENCE**
 - DEMARCATION (KARL POPPER)

CULTURAL CONDITIONS

FREEDOM FROM FEAR

IDEOLOGICAL TOLERANCE

CULTURAL TOLERANCE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

INTELLECTUAL TOLERANCE

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

FREEDOM FROM WANT

- INDEPENDENT MEANS
- INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT
- FUNDING FROM THE STATE, MILITARY, NGOS, CERPORATE SECTOR, THINK TANKS

PERSONAL CONDITIONS

- LEISURE
- SELF-RESPECT
 - LACK OF HIERARCHY (COLLEAGUES/PRIMUS INTER PARES)
 - DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE (CORPORATE STYLE, MILITARY STYLE & BUREAUCRATIC STYLES OF GOVERNANCE DO NOT ENCOURAGE ORIGINAL THINKING)
 - HIGH SOCIAL STATUS OF
 SCIENTISTS/ACADEMICS.

UNIVERSITIES AS IDEAL INSTITUTIONS FOR RESEARCH

- RECRUIT THE MOST COMPETENT AFTER ADEQUATE TESTING
- PROMOTE ON THE BASIS OF POINTS GAINED FROM RESEARCH/LECTURING (HOWEVER, THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC RANKS SHOULD BE RESERVED ONLY FOR EXCELLENT RESEARCH)
- GIVE FREEDOM AND RESPECT TO ACADEMICS & FUND THEM ADEQUATELY