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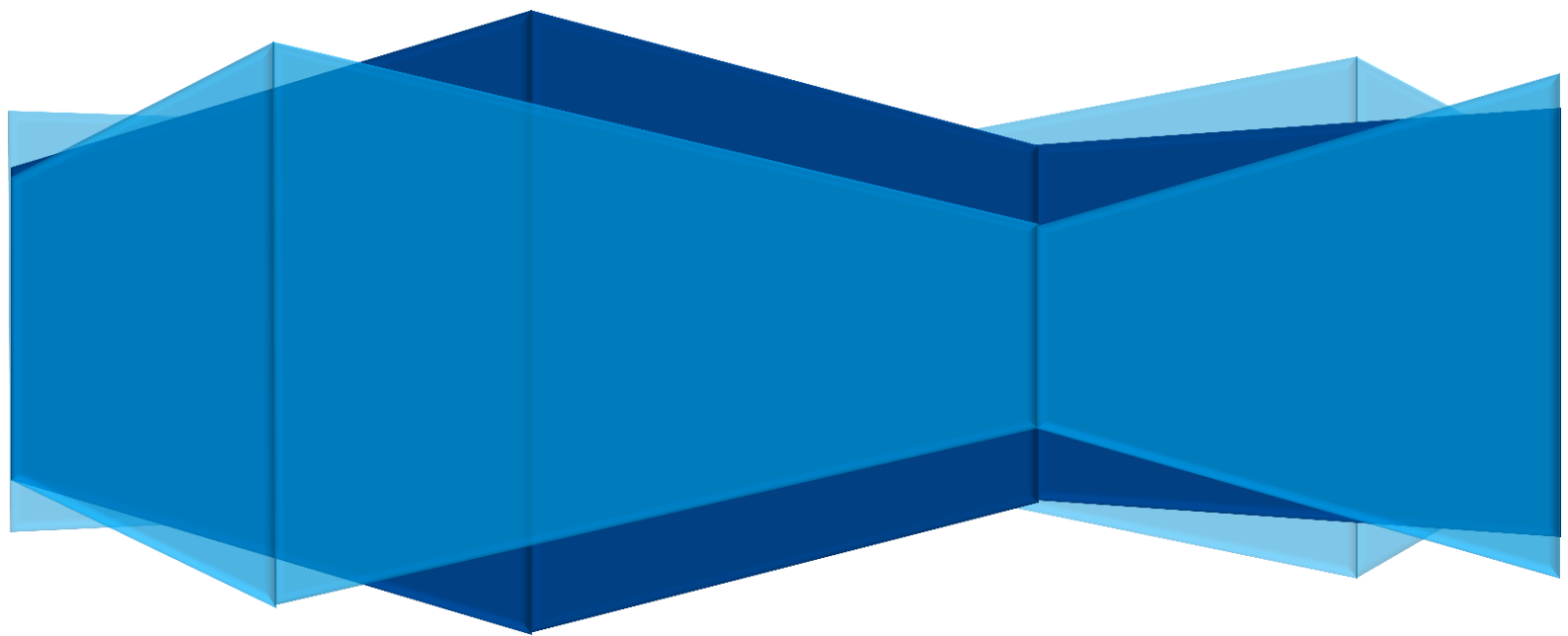
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Abermann, Gabriele - Day 2

University of Applied Sciences Salzburg, Director International Relations, Chair TWS Mobility & Flexibility of Curricula



Academic and Professional Background

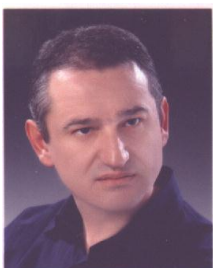
Dr. Gabriele Abermann has been acting as Director of International Relations since 2004 and has been seminal in building the institution's partner network. As Vice-Rector from 2011-2013, she was responsible for internationalization and teaching. Dr. Abermann holds a PhD in English language and literature and has extensive teaching experience in Austria and abroad. She has been involved in several EU-funded projects in the area of e-learning and student mobility.

Current Activities

She has coordinated the university-enterprise project SKILL2E involving 7 universities and 5 enterprises across Europe and the USA. The Project aimed at enhancing the intercultural competence acquisition of students on transnational placements and intensifying the dialogue between universities and enterprises. She also acts as one of the six Austrian national Bologna experts.

Aleksov, Borčo - Day 2

Ministry of Education and Science, Deputy Head, Higher Education Sector FYRO Macedonia, TEMPUS National Contact Point, EQF National Contact Point, Ministry of Education and Science



Academic and Professional Background

Mr Aleksov holds a BSc in Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Skopje Sts. Cyril and Methodius University, FYRO Macedonia. He is the President of the Steering Committee of the National Agency for European Educational Programmes and Mobility, as well as Member of the Specialization Council in Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry (Ministry of Health). Mr Aleksov also is a member of the Higher Education Committee (Ministry of Education and Science). BFUG member FYRO Macedonia. Head of ENIC-NARIC Centre FYRO Macedonia.

Counsellor for HE, Sciences and Technological Development at Minister's Office

Current Activities

Coordinating the activities of Higher Education Sector and reporting to the Minister and Government. International Collaboration in Higher Education and Science, Foreign Qualification Recognition, National Higher Education Qualification Framework, Bologna process (EHEA), preparing laws, decrees and bylaws in the field of Higher Education, Financing of Higher Education, TEMPUS projects, Accreditation and Evaluation of Higher Education, ECTS, Higher Education policy making.

Bauer, Thomas Alfred - Day 2

University of Vienna, Tempus Project "JETIC - Journalism Education and Training in Croatia", Austria



Academic and Professional Background

In 1970 Mr Bauer graduated in Philosophy/Theology. In 1973 he finished his degree in Communications. As of 1977 Mr Bauer also finished the Academy for Media and Communications Training. He habilitated in 1980 in the field of media education. Since 1993 Mr Bauer is professor for Communications at the University of Vienna. He was visiting professor in São Paulo (Brazil), Malaga (Spain), Rome (Italy), Dubrovnik, Zagreb, Zadar (Croatia), Maribor (Slovenia) and many more.

Current Activities

From 2004 to 2007 he was grant holder and contractor for the EU-Tempus-Project "Jetic" for the training of journalists in Croatia, in Cooperation with ICEJ Opatija, EJS Lille and the University of Zagreb. In 2007 he coordinated the university course "Public Relations", at the Media Centre Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Currently he coordinates the Double Degree Programmes "Media and Communication Management" (in cooperation with Fudan University Shanghai, China and Salzburg University) and works on the elaboration of an academic curriculum for health communication.

Bergan, Sjur - Day 1

Head of the Education Department, Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Directorate General II Democracy, Council of Europe



Academic and Professional Background

From 1983 until 1991, Sjur Bergan worked in the administration of the University of Oslo, mostly in the Office of Budget and Planning and on international relations. He played an important role in establishing the University's program for cooperation with Central and Eastern Europe in 1990, with focus on the Baltic countries. He was a student representative on the Academic Senate of the University of Oslo and its Executive Board as well as on a number of university committees 1981 – 82. He spent a semester abroad at the University of Grenoble (1980) and was an AFS exchange student in Alton, Illinois (1974 – 1975). Sjur Bergan has been involved in most of the Council's higher education activities, including: Secretary to the Steering Committee for Higher Education and Research (CDESR); Council of Europe representative on the Bologna Follow Up Group and Board; Chair of the Bologna Coordination Group on Qualifications Frameworks and a member of the working group on the European Higher Education Area in a Global Setting. He is responsible for the Council's activities on recognition and mobility, including the establishment of a joint Convention and program with UNESCO in this area; Co- Secretary of the ENIC Network.

Current Activities

Sjur Bergan is series editor of the Council of Europe Higher Education Series, the author of a book on *Qualifications: Introduction to a Concept* as well as of numerous articles on various aspects of higher education policies. His latest publication is *Speaking across borders: the role of higher education*, co-edited with Hilligje van't Land of the International Association of Universities.

Bieber, Florian - Day 1

Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Florian Bieber is a Professor of Southeast European Studies and Director of the Centre for Southeast European Studies at the University of Graz, Austria. He received his M.A. in Political Science and History and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Vienna, as well as an M.A. in Southeast European Studies from Central European University (Budapest). He is also a Visiting Professor at the Nationalism Studies Program at Central European University and taught at the University of Kent, the University of Bologna and the University of Sarajevo and worked for the European Centre for Minority Issues.

Current Activities

Florian Bieber coordinates an Interdisciplinary Joint MA in Southeast European Studies, organised jointly with the Universities of Belgrade, Zagreb and Skopje and conducts a number of research projects on Southeastern Europe. The Centre also hosts a Visiting Fellow program for researchers working on Southeastern Europe.

Biffi, Gudrun - Day 2

Danube University Krems, Dean of Faculty: Business and Globalisation & Head of Department for Migration and Globalisation, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

PhD in Economics & habilitation in labour economics; from 1975 to 2008 business cycle analyst and labour economist at the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO), focusing on various aspects of labour markets, education and migration, institutional change and industrial relations. Since 2008, professor in migration research at the Danube University Krems, member of the expert council on integration in the Ministry of the Interior and of the statistics-council (Statistikrat) of Statistics Austria.

Current Activities

The focus of research is on transition from school to work of migrants and non-migrants, the role of social networks and institutions in shaping educational and occupational choices of natives and migrants, discrimination in worker recruitment processes, accreditation of qualifications and validation of skills and competences acquired abroad, institutional and structural barriers to labour market integration, Austrian integration policy in comparison – the MIPEX (Migrant integration policy index).

Breinbauer, Andreas - Day 2

University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Between 1993 and 1997 he was part time Head of marketing and public relations of an Austrian magazine of economics. Between 1997 and 2002: part time lecturer for different degree courses. Between 2007 and 2011 he was Vice-Rector of the University of Applied Sciences of the bfi Vienna.

Current Activities

Since 2002 he is head of the major "logistics and transport management". Since 2005 he is lecturer for the masters course "interdisciplinary Balkan Studies" within the department of Danube region and Middle Europe. Since 16.6.2011 he is rector (FH) of the University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna. Head of the FH Supervisory Council, Director of Studies "Logistics and Transport Management".

Busch, Jürgen - Day 2

University of Vienna, Department of European, International and Comparative Law, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Studies of history, political science, law, and legal theory in Vienna, Leuven, Brussels, Florence and Linz. From 1999 to 2003 assistant positions at the legal history department of the University of Vienna; between 2004 and 2006: Austrian Exchange Service (program manager Erasmus). From 2006 to 2010: Austrian Science Fund (FWF) research project "Biographical Research on Hans Kelsen" back at the law faculty of the University of Vienna. Spring term 2010: visiting researcher at the Law Department of CEU Budapest.

Current Activities

Regular lectures in European Constitutional Law and Legal Writing at Masaryk University Brno and in Legal Philosophy at Paneuropean University Bratislava. Secretary General of the European Academy of Legal Theory. Project director of the Erasmus Multilateral Project AMELIE (curriculum development LLM in Legal Theory); co-director of the Erasmus IP NICLAS (2006-2012; winner of the Lifelong Learning Award 2008); director of the Erasmus IP LAWGIC (summer school on law and logic held in cooperation with Harvard Law School at EUJ Florence). Member of the steering board of the Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists. Member of the Council of the European Forum Alpbach (coordinator of the Alpbach Summer School on European Integration in Belgrade; former speaker of the Alpbach Alumni Network with numerous Alpbach Clubs and Initiative Groups in the CEE region from 2006-2009).

Busek, Erhard - Day 1

Jean Monnet Chair ad personam, Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Dr. Erhard Busek was born in Vienna, Austria, on 25 March 1941, and holds a Law doctorate from the University of Vienna. From 1989 to 1994, he was Austrian Minister for Science and Research, from 1994 to 1995 Austrian Minister of Education. In 1991, he became Vice-Chancellor of Austria and Chairman of the Austrian People's Party – positions which he held until 1995. Further previous positions include: Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, President of the European Forum Alpbach (EFA), and Rector of the Salzburg University of Applied Sciences.

Current Activities

Since 2008, Dr. Busek has been the Jean Monnet Chair ad personam, and Chairman of the University Council of the Medicine University of Vienna. He is also the Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) – a position he has been holding for eighteen years. Since 1996, he has been Coordinator of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI).

Chirleşan, Georgeta - Day 2

University of Pitesti, Faculty of Sciences, Romania



Academic and Professional Background

Georgeta Chirleşan is a Doctor in Physics and PhD in Political Sciences/International Relations. She teaches Physics of the Solid State, Theories of the International Relations, Institutions of the EU, Project Management. She also taught in Bulgaria, Denmark, and Portugal. Between 2003 and 2011 she was the Director of the "International Relations" Office. She is co/author of over 30 specialty books and 90 scientific papers. She worked as coordinator/researcher in over 70 EU projects.

Current Activities

She is currently involved in 11 EU financed projects under the Lifelong Learning Programme (Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius, Erasmus, Grundtvig) and the European Social Fund. At her department, she manages the academic cooperation and mobilities with European universities in the Erasmus scheme and not only. She is the coordinator of the Erasmus IP project "DEMOcratic governance and Social responsibility for a better and secure EUROPE" with universities from Denmark, Italy, Poland and Portugal.

Costinescu, Lucia - Day 2

University of Music Bucharest, Musicology and Music Education Department, Head of the International Relations and European Programs, Academic Management Consultant, Romania



Academic and Professional Background

Graduate of the Faculty of Sociology – Bucharest University, PhD in Philosophy (1989), awarded by the Bucharest University on a thesis regarding Sociology of Music.

Teaching the following disciplines: Sociology of culture, Sociology and Educational Management, Cultural management and communication for all the study levels. Author of articles, studies and books. Erasmus institutional coordinator. Head of Career Services Centre. Responsible for study abroad recognition.

Current Activities

CEEPUS network coordinator, New Cooperation Initiatives in the Central European Professional Music Training (2005 – present)

POSDRU Project manager, ID 21776: From apprentice-hood to mastery in conducting

Management consultant of the MIDAS Project, ID 62923 – Musical Institute for Doctoral Advanced Studies

Institutional coordinator expert in the National Project, ID 41750 – Graduates and the Labor Market

Institutional coordinator in the National Project, ID 52422 – INSERT

Curell Gotor, Jordi - Day 1 & 2

Director Higher Education, DG Education & Culture, European Commission



Academic and Professional Background

Jordi Curell has a law background and since 1986 has worked in different positions in the European Commission, including in DG Employment, where he was responsible for coordinating the preparation and implementation of the European Social Agenda.

Current Activities

He is presently the director responsible for Higher Education and international affairs in the European Commission, DG Education and Culture. The mission of the directorate includes supporting excellence through structural reform of Higher Education in Europe and the reinforcement of the knowledge triangle. In the context of a global competition for talent, its aim is to make Europe more attractive for students, scholars and researchers and to respond to the need for skills that are crucial for an inclusive knowledge-based economy.

This aim is achieved through policies and programmes such as Erasmus, Erasmus Mundus and Marie Curie Actions, aiming to promote international and intersectoral mobility and partnerships, as well as to support international cooperation (including capacity building) and also to stimulate European integration through excellence in European Studies throughout the world in implementing and developing the Jean Monnet programme. The directorate also supports the long-term development of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a showcase for tackling societal challenges and for boosting Europe's innovation capacity.

Deca, Ligia - Day 1 & 2

University of Luxemburg, former Chair of the European Students' Union (ESU), Project Officer, The Romanian Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEDISCDI), Romania



Academic and Professional Background

Ligia Deca was involved in the Bologna Process from various viewpoints, as Head of the Romanian Bologna Secretariat (2008-2010), Chairperson of the European Students' Union (ESU) (2008-2010) and project officer at the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) (2012-2013). She was also involved in running a pilot project on anti-corruption in higher education – Coalition for Clean Universities. She authored various articles and conference contributions on the students' role as active partners in internationalisation processes.

Current Activities

Ligia Deca is currently focusing her doctoral research on analysing the discourse used by national actors in relation to European higher education processes, as well as the influence of policy framing in the way in which these processes (such as the Bologna Process) are translated into national policy solutions. She is also currently working in a Romanian structural funds project aimed at increasing the Romanian capacity to formulate evidence-based policies in higher education.

Dürstein, Hubert - Day 1

CEO of the OeAD-GmbH, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

He finished his studies of forestry in 1980 and his PhD in the field of computer-based planning of forest roads in 1987. In 1999 he obtained his Professorship of forest engineering at the University of natural resources and applied life sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria. In 2005 he received the Honorary Doctor (Dr.h.c.) from the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Between 2001 and 2003 he was Vice-Rector of resources at the BOKU. Between 2003 and 2007 he was rector at the BOKU.

Current Activities

Since 2007 full professorship for forest engineering; and also is a lecturer for timber harvest and project management (at BOKU). Since 2009 he is CEO of the OeAD-GmbH (Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research) with overall responsibility for all belongings of the enterprise.

Dželalija, Mile - Day 2

Faculty of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Education, University of Split, Croatia



Academic and Professional Background

Prof. Dr. Dželalija is a professor at the University of Split. He has got his PhD in Physics in 1995. Most of his research he has done at the GSI in Darmstadt and CERN in Geneva. His background ranges from physics to education and philosophy. He is an author of more than 300 publications. He has been leading and participating in tens of projects (FP, Tempus, IPA, Unesco, LLP, etc.).

Current Activities

Prof. Dželalija is a member of the EQF Advisory Group, and National Correspondents for the QF-EHEA. He is a Vice-Chair of the ESCO Cross-sectoral Reference Group. He is a member of the National Team of Bologna Experts, and president of the MB of the Croatian Agency for Science and HE. He is leading NQF development and implementation in Croatia, and as expert in some other countries in the region.

Faßmann, Heinz - Day 1

Vice-Rector for Human Resources Development and International Relations of the University of Vienna, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Heinz Faßmann was born in Düsseldorf (Germany) on 13 August 1955, and studied Geography as well as Economic and Social History at the University of Vienna. He was awarded his doctor's degree in 1980. Since 2000, Heinz Faßmann has been University Professor for Applied Geography, Spatial Research and Spatial Planning at the University of Vienna. He was Dean of the Faculty for Earth Sciences, Geography and Astronomy from 2006 until 2011.

Current Activities

Since October 2011, Heinz Faßmann has been Vice-Rector for Human Resources Development and International Relations at the University of Vienna.

He is a full member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. His further positions include: Membership of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration (SVR) in Berlin (since 2010) and chairmanship of the Austrian Federal Ministry for the Interior's Expert Council for Integration.

Gesslbauer, Ernst - Day 2 & Day 3

Head of National Agency for Lifelong Learning, OeAD-GmbH, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

He holds a Master's Degree in Law, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz. Since 1998 he is working with the OeAD-GmbH.

Between 2002 and 2004 he was working with the European Commission (DG for Education and Culture). Between 2004 and 2006 he was the Head of the National Agency for Leonardo da Vinci.

Since 2007 he is the Head of the National Agency for Lifelong Learning.

Current Activities

Mr Gesslbauer is head of the National Agency for Lifelong Learning in Austria, which is in charge of the EU Programme and also includes the national Euroguidance and Europass centres as well as the national coordination point for the NQF (National Qualification Frame). Mr Gesslbauer is an expert on a number of issues concerning international learning mobility and international cooperation in education including topics such as EQF (European Qualification Frame) and NQF, transparency and acquisition of skills and competencies.

Hinterstoisser, Barbara - Day 2

Vice-Rector for Teaching & International Affairs, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU), Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Doctor Degree in Biochemistry and Master degree in (Bio-)Chemistry and Physics (University of Vienna, Austria)

PostDoc: University of Munich, Germany (Institute of Wood Research)

Inventia former STFI Sweden (Swedish Pulp and Paper Research Institute, Wood and Fibre Physics Group); Member of UNIKO ("Universities Austria" association): Policy Committee on International Affairs; Policy Committee on Teaching; working group Task Force Gender & Diversity; representative of "Universities Austria" in the APPEAR Steering Committee; representative of "Universities Austria" ERASMUS for ALL; representative of "Universities Austria" in the national platform of LifeLongLearning 2020

Current Activities

Vice-Rector for Teaching & International Affairs; Head of the Center for Education; Associate Professor for Wood Chemistry at the Institute of Wood Science and Technology; Department of Material Sciences and Process Engineering, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria. Research focus: Infrared Spectroscopy of biopolymers and biological materials

Iucu, Romiță - Day 2

University of Bucharest, Erasmus Multilateral Project "EDiTE – European Doctorate in Teacher Education, Romania"



Academic and Professional Background

Professor Romița IUCU is Vice-Rector of the renowned higher education institution - the University of Bucharest and professor at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Department for Education.

Professor Romița Iucu held several professional and management positions and had a great influence on processes of teacher education. Professor Iucu has published numerous papers in Romania and abroad in the field of continuing learning and education related to teachers' education, he coordinated teams of research in this field.

Current Activities

He is since 2010 the ENTEP Coordinator. In the field of Policy analysis and development: Vice-President National Council for Educational Reform, European Commission - member of Cluster Teachers and trainers, European Commission - member of Expert Group on Improving the Education of teachers and trainers, Deputy General Director, Department for Teacher Education, Ministry of Education and Research (designed and implemented the National Strategy for Teacher Education Development System), Consultant for Teacher Training Policies - Center Education 2000+ (NGO, member of Soros Open network), National SOCRATES AGENCY – consultant for lifelong learning policies, UNICEF - Coordinator for National Project – National Strategy for Preschool Teacher Training At the level of Institutional management.

Josimovski, Sašo - Day 2

Erawatch Country Correspondent and Professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Skopje, FYRO Macedonia



Academic and Professional Background

He is full time professor and since 2008 ERAWATCH correspondent for FYRO Macedonia. He published three books and over 50 papers in home and international journals and conference publications in the field. He was engaged as project consultant for USAID and IPA projects, and participated in the management bodies for two TEMPUS projects and five FP6/7 projects. Professor Josimovski is national project evaluator and consulting expert for the FYRO Macedonian government.

Current Activities

Currently he is preparing FYRO Macedonian ERAWATCH reports in the framework of the two EU-funded initiatives and projects: (1) follow up of the "Support to the Monitoring and Analysis of Knowledge Triangle Policies in Europe (K3FC)" (2009-2013); and (2) METRIS III – "Monitoring European Trends in Social Sciences and Humanities" (2011-2013). Furthermore, he is project coordinator for the bilateral FYRO Macedonia-Austria project "Cross Sectorial Transfer of Design & Evaluation Methods (2011-2013).

Juen, Christine - Day 2

Head, Centre for International Cooperation & Mobility, OeAD-GmbH, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

PhD in Political Science
MBA, University of Technology, Sydney
Professional experience in both the private and public sector
Ministry for economic Affairs, Vienna, Austria
Austrian Mission to the WTO, Geneva, Switzerland
LVMH Perfumes and Cosmetics, Sydney, Australia
IMC University of Applied Sciences, Krems, Austria

Current Activities

Head – ICM – Center for International Cooperation and Mobility
Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH), Vienna, Austria

Kasparovsky, Heinz - Day 2

Head of ENIC NARIC Austria, Vienna, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Graduate of Law Faculty of the University of Vienna (1978). After some training stages, start of career in the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research. Main fields: Supervision of certain Austrian universities: Recognition matters.

Current Activities

Comparison of higher education systems; Recognition matters; Intensification of assessments of foreign higher education diplomas; Guidance of partner centres in Europe; liaison to Asian partner centres.

Katuninec, Milan - Day 2

Vice-Rector of the University of Trnava, Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Department of Political Science, Slovakia



Academic and Professional Background

Between 1990 and 1995 Master's degree at the Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University in Bratislava.
Between 1995 and 1999 PhD degree at the Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University in Bratislava and Institute of History of Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava
Since 2007 Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, University of Trnava.
Since 2011 Professor in History, University of Trnava.
Between 2007 and 2011 Vice-Rector for development, social affairs and editorial work
Since 2011 Vice-Rector for the external relations.

Current Activities

Since 2007 he has been the institutional coordinator of projects (the 7th Framework Programme) predominantly aimed at improving the conditions and quality of education and effective governance of the university by using modern technology. Currently, he is the institutional coordinator of programs and projects, in particular focused on the mobility of university staff and students; bilateral and multilateral agreements on national and international cooperation.

Kiossev, Alexander - Day 2

Professor at the Department of Cultural Studies, University of Sofia, Bulgaria



Academic and Professional Background

Alexander Kiossev is professor in History of Modern Culture and chair of the board of the Southeast European Academic League (SEAL)

His research interests are in the spheres of reading research and education, cultural history of communist totalitarianism, autobiographical research and construction of Balkan identities. He edited several collective volumes in English, German and Bulgarian; his essays are translated in English, German, French, Dutch, Ukrainian, Czech, Polish, Romanian, Serbian and Macedonian languages.

Current Activities

Monograph "The Quarrels about Reading" (2013, Sofia: Ciela, in Bulgarian). Leader of several projects aiming at academic cooperation in SEE: 2012 „Reading research and Reading Practices in SEE“, workshop with experts from the SEE countries. 2004 – 2006 co-leader of the educational policy project of the European Cultural Foundation. 2000 – 2006 Leader of the research projects: "Roles, Identities and Hybrids"

"NEXUS: How to think about the Balkans: Culture, Region, Identities, both sponsored by Volkswagenstiftung.

Klemenčič, Manja - Day 2

Graduate School of Education, Harvard University and Centre of Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia



Academic and Professional Background

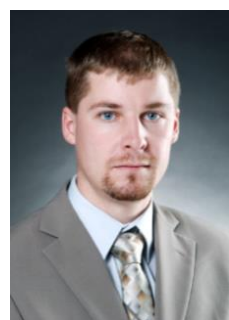
Trained as a political scientist, she works in the area of higher education studies, focusing in particular on questions of student experience, university profiling and internationalisation. Manja obtained her PhD in International Studies and MPhil in European Studies from University of Cambridge. She is Associate Editor of *European Journal of Higher Education* and will continue as Editor-in-Chief in 2014.

Current Activities

Since 2010 Manja was engaged in a research project led by Professor Pavel Zgaga investigating effects of internationalisation on higher education reforms in Europe, with particular focus on the Western Balkans. Her outputs from this project include articles on international cooperation, institutional differentiation, student organising, student participation in governance and conditions of academic work. She is currently working on a book manuscript entitled *Student Power in Europe* and co-editing a volume on *Student engagement in Europe*.

Klimovský, Daniel - Day 2

Technical University of Košice, Erasmus Intensive Programme "Politics and Policy-Making at the Local Level", Slovakia



Academic and Professional Background

He finished his PhD in Theory of Politics, Methodology of Political Science and Theory of Public Policy at the Comenius University – Faculty of Arts in 2009. He is a Doctor of Philosophy since 2005. He participated in different research projects, mostly concerned with Policy Making and Politics at a local level.

Current Activities

His field of study is Public policy and public administration with special regard to sub-national levels. From 2011 till now Member of the local committee for the city of Košice and since 2008 Assistant Professor at the Department of Regional Science and Management at the Technical University of Košice. Furthermore Mr. Klimovský works part time as a researcher at the Institute for Social Change Research and is member of the Steering Committee for the Open Society Foundation (NGO).

Koprivica, Nenad - Day 2

Executive Director of CEDEM, Think Tank from Montenegro, Teaching Assistant at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro



Academic and Professional Background

Since 2001 Mr Koprivica was the executive director of the CEDEM (Centre for Democracy and Human Rights). Since 2005 he is a Teaching Assistant at the University of Montenegro, Podgorica, Faculty of Political Sciences. Since 2005 he also is a Member of Board of Directors of the Association of Youth with disabilities in Montenegro. Between 2006 and 2008 he was the Country Coordinator for Montenegro for the Swiss Peace Foundation. Between 2007 and 2008 he was the President of YATA Montenegro (Youth Atlantic Treaty Association). Now he is a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro, Podgorica.

Current Activities

Development of Policy-Oriented Training Programmes in the Context of the European Integration – Tempus joint project Democracy Index in Montenegro; 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2012 – KAS/CES
Democratic performances of the Parliaments of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro – RRPP
Monitoring regional cooperation in South East Europe - FES
National coordinator of the Project Towards White Schengen List - Road Maps Monitoring - Western Balkan Regional Response

Kohler, Alexander - Day 2

Agency for quality assurance and accreditation Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Alexander Kohler has a long professional experience in the area of education policy and development. For the last ten years he has been engaged in quality assurance and accreditation for higher education (Austrian Agency for Quality Assurance). Before, he was responsible for the national management of the EU-Programme Leonardo da Vinci. He spent several years as a seconded national expert at the European Commission in Brussels and the Cedefop in Thessaloniki.

Current Activities

Alexander Kohler is engaged in different initiatives in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe. He has carried out institutional reviews and audits (e.g. Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo), programme accreditation (Russia, Kazakhstan) and consulted higher education institutions. He leads a Twinning-project for the establishment of an accreditation system in BiH, is a member of the Albanian Accreditation Council and Vice-President of the Central and Eastern European Network of QA Agencies (CEENQA).

Kordeš, Urban - Day 2

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia



Academic and Professional Background

Urban Kordeš is a professor of cognitive science at the University of Ljubljana. He holds a degree in mathematical physics, masters and doctorate in philosophy and cognitive science. He received additional training in the fields of communication, brief therapy, and collaborative work at the Mental research institute, Palo Alto and at the University of California, Berkeley. His research covers the broad area, ranging from theoretical work to in-depth empirical phenomenological inquiry, as well as research of interdisciplinary collaborative processes. His main area of interest is research of lived human experience, which includes experience of thought processes, communication, and learning, as well as research of user experience in its broadest meaning.

Current Activities

He currently serves as a head of Cognitive Science program at the University of Ljubljana and as a visiting professor at: Sigmund Freud University, Vienna, University of Zagreb, the Nan Tien Institute, Wollongong, Australia, and as a regular guest lecturer at the University of Vienna. He also serves his second term as a president of Slovenian Society for Cognitive Science.

Korman, Maroš - Day 2

Executive Committee Member, European Students' Union (ESU), Slovakia



Academic and Professional Background

Mr. Korman is a Law Graduate from Pan European University in Bratislava, focusing on International law and Human rights. Former active member of the European Law Students' Association, the Erasmus Student Network and former Vice-Chair of the Slovak national students' union.

Current Activities

ESU – Financing of Higher education studies
ESU – Mobility and internationalization of Higher education

Kovačević, Almir - Day 2

Director WUS Austria, Graz, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Mag. Almir (Adi) Kovacevic has over 15 years of experience in reforms of higher education in South Eastern Europe (SEE). His key skills lie in institutional and capacity building, sustainable curricular reform/development methods, principles and instruments. He also holds a track record of projects in the fields of Quality Assurance in Higher Education, Research and Development, Joint and double degree programs, Technology Transfer design and implementation, and Brain Gain and Circulation (including the "Brain Gain Programme Plus" which was implemented for eight years in four SEE countries).

Due to his long-standing working experience in the region, he has profound knowledge of the political and administrative system, the higher education system, societal and economic issues and trends, and the media in South-East Europe. Furthermore, he has excellent network in SEE and EU.

Current Activities

In his current position as Executive Director of World University Service (WUS) Austria he supervises the head office in Graz (Austria) and the regional offices in Pristina (Kosovo), and Sarajevo (BiH). Moreover, he is a Program Director (Team Leader) of the Project funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation and financed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Kosovo. The Project "Promoting Institutional Development in Higher Education and Research in Kosovo" sets the following three main Thematic Areas: 1. Quality of education, 2. Research Promotion and 3. Quality management and Governance.

Linhofer, Susanne - Day 2

University of Teacher Education Styria, Erasmus Intensive Programme "DIVUS - DIVERsity and sUSTainability in Education", Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Mag. Susanne Linhofer studied English and Philosophy/Psychology/Pedagogics at the Karl Franzens University Graz, Styria and English and Technical Crafts at the University College of Teacher Education Styria.

She has taught in Gymnasium, "Hauptschule", Kindergarten and various institutions for adult education. Since 2000 she has been working as a teacher trainer at the University College of Teacher Education Styria and has been head of "International Relations" since 2003 at the university college.

Current Activities

International strategy of the university college, mobility programmes and international projects and networks are the main focus of Susanne Linhofer. Currently the University College of Teacher Education Styria holds 45 bilateral agreements within Europe and 2 Memoranda of Understanding in Asia. Comenius network VOICE of the European teachers. Erasmus IP DIVUS – Diversity and Sustainability in Education. Come2Graz International Week.

Morina, Mimoza - Day 2

NARIC Kosovo, Prishtina, Kosovo

Mrša, Vladimir - Day 2

Professor of Biochemistry, Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology, Vice-Dean for International Relations, University of Zagreb, Croatia



Academic and Professional Background

Mr. Mrsa is a full professor holding several biochemistry related courses for students of Biotechnology, Food Technology and Nutrition at undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies at the Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology, University of Zagreb. In my research activities I lead a group studying molecular mechanisms of yeast cell wall biogenesis. I have 40 papers cited over 800 times in SCI journals.

Current Activities

As the Vice-Dean for international relations I am involved in all activities of ERASMUS, CEEPUS, TEMPUS, and bilateral co-operation of the Faculty. I am also the coordinator of the joint study of Biotechnology between the University of Zagreb and the University of Orleans, France. Besides, I am the coordinator of the CEEPUS network 0306 "For Safe and Healthy Food in Central Europe".

Nastase, Carmen - Day 2

Dean, Ștefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Tourism, Romania



Academic and Professional Background

Professor Dr. Nastase has 16 years of academic experience. Trainer certificate of CEFE International-Competency based Economies through Formation of Enterprise gained in 2004. Obtained the certification of Quality manager/Service, CERTQUA Management Bonn in 2006. Certification of Auditor/Service, CERTQUA Management Bonn (2007); invited professor, author and co-author of 12 books published in national prestigious publishing houses, more than 70 articles published in scientific journals and conference volumes, member in the research team of 18 grants, project manager in 7 international grants.

Current Activities

Erasmus IP, Self- knowledge, personal development and adaptation to the European labor market course Self Smart (2013 – 2014). FIT Tour Fit to Tourism POSDRU Project (2010 -2012). Short Term Scientific Mission, BOKU University, Vienna, Austria, theme Co-operation strategies enhancing the innovation in nature-based tourism services (2010). NAP Project Nature Active Parks (2008-2009). Project coordinator INNOTOOLS Enterprise level Inno-tools – Innovation tool-box in European peripheral areas, ERASMUS IP (2007-2008). Editor in chief, The USV Annals of Economics and Public Administration, scientific journal indexed in international databases

Oleksiuk, Oleksii Ivanovych - Day 2

Vice-Rector for Academic and Education Research, Prof. Dr. at the Department of Industrial Economy of the Kyiv National Economic University, Ukraine



Academic and Professional Background

The start-point of my academic path was the assistant position at the Industrial Economy Department. Further, I worked as the Vice-Dean of the Economics and Management Faculty, as the Vice-Director at the KNEU International Institute of Business Education and I am working as Vice-Rector since 2011. The professional background includes 17 business projects for Ukrainian and International Companies, 6 scientific government projects and cooperation with Russian, American and other Universities.

Current Activities

In the focus of my activity are the Master studies' development, post-graduate business education, cooperation with companies, life-long learning and distance education. Therefore, the main interests are joint researches, publications, international Master studies, increasing student and teacher mobility, establishing connections with European academic and business communities. The bearing point for joint research and other projects would be the monograph "Economic passwords for the better world", short-term tutoring and cross-cultural researches.

Pavlin, Samo - Day 2

Assistant Professor, Center for Organisational and Human Resources Research, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia



Academic and Professional Background

Ass.-Prof. Pavlin is a full time researcher and manager of a small research team network. In 2000 he completed his studies in Sociology and Human Resources Management, 2000-2002 he was a full time manager and editor at the largest Slovenian, newspaper house. He holds a Master in Business Administration. Since 2002 he worked as a researcher and obtained his PhD, actively lecturing as assistant professor at master level. He supervised and participated in several (inter)national projects on education and employment. Between 2009 and 2012 he was coordinating the international DEHEMS project [short for Development of Higher Education Management Systems.

Current Activities

Currently he is part of the coordination team of the transversal project 7EU VET; 7 countries. He is also involved in several other studies of OECD, CEDEFOP and is a Slovenian member of RECOWE Network of Excellence (6th FP) as well as a member of international network Cranet. He is launching the self-regulated academic network DECOWE

Purg, Peter - Day 2

Assistant Professor, Head of New Media, University of Nova Gorica, School of Arts, Slovenia



Academic and Professional Background

Peter Purg is head of New Media in the Digital/Media Arts and Practices programme, holding a PhD in media art, communication science and literature, publishing and producing in and in-between the areas. His interests range from inter-media performances and interactive installations to web and body art, with a particular focus on public space. He researches media art methodologies, curriculum development and media ecology as well as interaction design and e-learning.

Current Activities

Peter Purg is coordinator of Erasmus curriculum-development project ADRIART (Advancing Digitally Renewed Interactions in Art Teaching). He also coordinates the Erasmus intensive programme HILOVV (Hidden Lives of Venice on Video) and a CEEPUS network ADRIART.CE. The initiatives connect art/media schools from Graz, Udine, Rijeka and Nova Gorica as well as Split, Sarajevo and Budapest, developing towards further partnerships and initiatives within and beyond the wider region.

Rainer, Johannes Michael - Day 2

University of Salzburg, Faculty of Private Law, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Professor for Modern Private Law, Comparative Law and Roman Law. Doctor honoris causa Sweden and France.

Current Activities

O.Univ.-Professor, DDr. DDr. H.C. Rainer is the Founder of the Erasmus cooperation of the Law Faculties Graz, Munich and Salzburg.

Since 1992 Erasmus he is annually teaching at one of the 50 partner universities.

Many guest professorships in Europe and USA. Between 2003 and 2013 he was the President of the Counsel of University of Innsbruck. Between 2002 and 2012 he was a member of Austrian Accreditation Counsel

Rozsnyai, Christina - Day 2

Hungarian Accreditation Committee (CEENQA), Program Officer for Foreign Affairs, Budapest, Hungary



Academic and Professional Background

Christina Rozsnyai holds Master's degrees in library science and German literature, obtained at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Since 1992 she works as program officer for foreign affairs at the Hungarian Accreditation Committee. She writes books, articles and is speaking at international forums about higher education evaluation in Hungary and quality assurance. She's involved in international projects on quality assurance (e.g. Phare Multi Country Programme, TEEP II). She is a panel member for the external evaluation of German Accreditation Council (2008) as well as at the Czech Accreditation Commission (2009). She is also part of the AEQES of the French Community of Belgium (2011).

Current Activities

Secretary in Institutional Evaluation Programme of EUA (since 2000), IEP Steering Committee (2007-2011). Secretary General of Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (CEENQA), a member of Accreditation Commission for Quality Management at FIBAA and the Accreditation and Certification Commission for Quality Audits at the Austrian agency AQA, subsequently the Board of the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria.

Šabanac, Zenan - Day 2

Senior teaching assistant, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics, Bosnia and Herzegovina



Academic and Professional Background

PhD. Student.

MSc. in Mathematics (Harmonic Analysis – graduate studies)

BSc. in Mathematics (undergraduate studies)

Member of the Bologna Follow-Up Group as B&H representative from April 2006 until September 2009. Representative of B&H in the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Higher Education and Research (CDESR) from 2007 until 2009. Advisor for Higher Education and Science to the Federal Minister of Education and Science from April 2007 – April 2009

Current Activities

Currently involved in several Tempus projects in which University of Sarajevo is grant holder or partner, and closely work with International Relations Office and QA office of Rectorate of the University of Sarajevo.

Schuch, Klaus - Day 2

Strategic Research Manager and Senior Scientist, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Klaus SCHUCH is an expert on research and innovation policies and international S&T cooperation. He works at ZSI in Vienna and is managing director of the Austrian Platform for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation. Klaus has earned his PhD from the University of Vienna where he also lectures at the Department of Development Studies. From 1996-2001 he was Austrian INCO-NCP. Klaus published more than 50 papers and reports.

Current Activities

Klaus is engaged in a large number of national and international STI projects, many of which are focussing on Southeast Europe. In 2005 he "invented" SEE-ERA.NET. In 2007 he was scientific expert of the CREST (now ERAC) Working Group on internationalisation in S&T and in 2012 member of the external expert group of the EC to advice the new European RTI-internationalisation strategy. He is an advisor to several ministries/agencies dealing with RTI and the knowledge triangle.

Schulz, Georg - Day 2

Associate Professor, former rector, University of Music and Performing Arts Graz, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Initial studies in Chemistry at the Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz (1987 Mag. rer. nat., 1990 Dr. rer. nat.). Musical training as an accordionist at the University of Arts Graz (KUG), in Hannover and in Copenhagen (1992 Mag. art). Active international concert career as soloist, ensemble performer and orchestral musician (e.g., "Klangforum Wien," "RSO Wien," "steirischer herbst" "Salzburger Festspiele", "Festival d'Automne Paris" or the "Darmstädter Ferienkurse"). Main specialty concentrated on contemporary chamber music. Since 2000 Assistant Dean of Education at KUG, and from October 2003 to September 2007 Vice-Rector for Study and Teaching, from 2007 to 2012 KUG Rector.

Current Activities

Since November 2012 member of the council of the AEC (Association européenne des Conservatoires) representing the member organisations from Austria and Southeast-Europe. Cofounder of the Euphony Youth Orchestra. Initiator of many artistic projects and of cooperations with music academies in Southeast-Europe. Active participation at AEC and EUA conferences, the bi-annual ELIA conference, as well as at IUA and Magna Charta conferences. Initiator of the Study Team for Austrian Music Universities and guest at conferences for Rectors of German and Swiss Music Education Institutes.

Sejdini, Abdylmenaf - Day 2

Lecturer, Faculty of Business and Economics, South East European University, Tetovo, FYRO Macedonia



Academic and Professional Background

Final stage of his PhD studies at the University of Tirana Faculty Of Economics. – (Migration and Remittances in Balkans)

Master degree - International Islamic University Malaysia with a major in financial crisis.

Bachelor at the University of Istanbul Faculty of Economics.

1999 and 2001 he was a research and teaching assistant in Kuala Lumpur. From 2003 until 2006 - an adjunct professor of Statistics at the graduate School of Public Policy and International Affairs (GSPPIA), University of Pittsburgh, Skopje. 2005 and 2009 he worked as a pro-dean for Academic and postgraduate studies at the faculty of Business and economics, SEEU. 2005 and 2006 he was a program coordinator of a joint MBA program between SEEU

and Maastricht School of Management. 2006 he worked in Pristina as a *financial expert* in the study financed by the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR).

Current Activities

He has attended a significant number of conferences and training and published a number of papers in the field of migration and remittances. Most currently, he was involved as an initiator, a project manager, a research member and as an editor in the RRPP project: Brain Circulation and the Role of Diasporas in the Balkans; Albania, Kosovo and FYRO Macedonia.

Sorantin, Elisabeth - Day 2

Central CEEPUS Office, Secretary General, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Elisabeth Sorantin obtained her Master's Degree at the University of Vienna in German and English Language and Literature and then moved to Israel where she was a well-known translator and narrator. After her return to Austria, the advertising campaign to secure private accommodation for exchange students she ran for the BMWF ("Domus") in 1992 won the prize as best direct marketing campaign of the year as well as a "print oscar".

Current Activities

In 1993/94 she coordinated the development of the first CEEPUS ("Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies") Agreement and in 1995 she was elected as CEEPUS Secretary General, a position she still holds. Under her management CEEPUS was able to position itself as a best practice model of regional cooperation. In the 20 years of its existence CEEPUS has more than doubled its original number of member states and is still growing.

Šošić Klindžić, Rajna - Day 2

Department of Archeology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia



Academic and Professional Background

Since 2004 she is a research fellow and assistant at the Department of Archaeology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb.

In 2010 she obtained her PhD in Prehistoric Archaeology, University of Zagreb

In 2006 she was at the Magyar Nemzeti Múzeum –Hungarian University and Research Fellowship Project member.

2007.-2008. Archaeometrical research of lithic raw materials for early Neolithic prehistoric communities with the help of Prompt Gamma Activation Analysis, with special regard to radiolarites and obsidian; Hungarian-Croatian bilateral project

Current Activities

From 2012 to 2013 she was a project coordinator of the ERASMUS intensive programme "Digital technologies in cultural landscape research". She works at the Department of Archaeology also as ERASMUS and ECTS coordinator. She is also teaching courses in Paleolithic archaeology, lithic technology and archaeological theory. She is also involved in 3 archaeological excavation projects and student field schools as Co-Director. She also works as Co-editor in chief of the scientific journal *Opuscula Archaeologica*. Since 2012 She participates as a member in "From rock to word – Croatian language terminology for Stone Ages" (project leader prof. dr. sc. Ivor Karavanić), Croatian Science Foundation. Since 2012 she also participates in "Late Mousterian in the eastern Adriatic – towards understanding of late Neanderthals identity and their demise" (project leader prof. dr. sc. Ivor Karavanić), Croatian Science Foundation.

Temesi, József - Day 2

Co-Director of the Center for International Higher Education Studies, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary



Academic and Professional Background

Prof. Dr. József Temesi served in various management positions for the Corvinus University: he was the Dean of the Faculty of Economics, and from 1995 to 2004 he has been responsible for academic and scientific affairs as Vice-Rector. He has been involved in international educational activities for 25 years. He has been working in several higher education development projects, e.g. introducing the Bologna system in Hungary, financing higher education, elaborating the national qualification framework.

Current Activities

Currently József Temesi is co-director of the Centre for International Higher Education Studies at Corvinus University of Budapest. He is the author and editor of several books and articles on higher education. He is one of the organizers of an annual conference on the status of the Hungarian higher education. He also works as an EU Bologna promoter of Hungary from 2006.

Töchterle, Karlheinz - Day 1

Federal Minister of Science and Research, Austria

Academic and Professional Background



From 1976 to 1997 o.Univ.- Prof. Dr. Töchterle worked as an university assistant at the Institute of Classical Philology at the University of Innsbruck. He also had a probationary year at the Akademisches Gymnasium Innsbruck from 1979 to 1980 after reaching his Teacher Training Certificate (additional Mag. phil. Degree). In 1987 he was Professor at the University of Graz. From 1987 to 1988 he was Professor at the University of Munich. In 1997 he returned to the University of Innsbruck as Professor for Classical Philology. From 2007 onwards, he was the Rector of the University of Innsbruck, until he was named Federal Minister for Science and Research on 21 April, 2011. In 2009 he received the Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria. His research interests are reaching from Roman tragedy (especially Seneca tragicus) towards theory of literature,

the reception of classical antiquity, Neo-Latin studies and Theory and methodology of teaching the ancient languages.

Current Activities

On 21 April, 2011 he was named Federal Minister of Science and Research of Austria.

Vesković, Miroslav - Day 1 & 2

EUSDR PA 7 Coordinator, Rector of the University of Novi Sad, Holder of the Danubius Award 2012, Serbia



Academic and Professional Background

Prof. Vesković is a former President of the Serbian Physics Society, as well as former Vice-Rector for Science and International Relations at the University of Novi Sad, former Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, former Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia, and former president of DRC – Danube Rectors` Conference. Prof. Veskovic worked on a number of projects funded by provincial, national and European institutions related to the development and promotion of higher education and scientific research. Since elected for EUSDR PA7 Coordinator he dedicated significant efforts to the issues highly relevant for the development of knowledge society in the Danube Region: promotion of the platform for Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), combating brain drain and supporting brain circulation through more balanced mobility within the Danube Region, supporting flagship projects of high relevance and impact made to the whole Danube macro region such as DREAM, Danube-INCO.NET, DANCERS.

Current Activities

Full-professor of Nuclear Physics at the University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences, Vice-President of KONUS (Conference of Universities of Serbia), permanent member of the ISOLDE Collaboration, CERN and member of the European Physics Education Network

Volz, Gerhard - Day 1

Head of Area Higher Education (Erasmus/Bologna), National Agency for Lifelong Learning, OeAD-GmbH, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Mag. Volz obtained his Academic Degree (Mag.phil. / University of Vienna) in Political Sciences, History and Educational Sciences.

He is working for the OeAD since 1998. Initially he was responsible for higher education cooperation with CEE countries as well as for the CEEPUS programme. From 1999 to 2004 Head of the OeAD development cooperation department, responsible for HE cooperation & scholarship schemes related to developing countries; management of research and study grant schemes for the Austrian Development Cooperation and member of expert boards in the field of educational and development cooperation. From 2004 to 2006 programme officer at the Austrian Leonardo da Vinci National Agency and responsible for establishing the Austrian National Europass Centre.

Current Activities

Since 2007 Head of Higher Education (Erasmus/Bologna) at the Austrian National Agency for Lifelong Learning; this involves coordination of the Erasmus programme in Austria, activities of the Austrian Bologna Experts' team and cooperation between the NA and the European Commission in relation to Erasmus.

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Vujović, Oliver - Day 2

South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO), Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Since 2000 SEEMO Secretary General, between 1991-2000 working as journalist - Balkan correspondent in the Austrian Daily "Die Presse" from Belgrade. Graduated economics, working on PhD at University Vienna. Started his professional work as journalist in Radio Ineks in Belgrade (1988) and one of the founders of Radio B92 in Belgrade (1989).

Current Activities

Founder and Secretary General of the South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO), Founder and Secretary General of the South East and Central Europe PR Organisation (SECEPRO), author and publisher of the annual South East and Central Europe Media Handbook, publisher of the De Scripto media magazine, initiator of the South East Europe Media Forum (annual event), Istanbul Media Days (annual event), Investigative Journalism Days and other media activities. Responsible for the Development of the SECEPRO Krems Master Programme for PR tourism and journalism.

Vuksanović, Nevena - Day 2

Executive Committee Member, European Students' Union (ESU)



Academic and Professional Background

Nevena Vuksanović is a student of the University in Belgrade (BU), department for Landscape architecture. Through her work in the European Students' Union, Nevena acquired skills and knowledge in the field of Higher Education and the Bologna Process. Structural implementation of the Bologna Process, including implementation of Qualifications frameworks, learning outcomes, recognition, ECTS, recognition of prior learning and employability, is her field of expertise.

Current Activities

Nevena is the research coordinator of the Student Advancement of Graduates' Employability project. She also is a delegate to the Structural Working Group of the BFUG and to the ad hoc working group for the ECTS Users' Guide revision. Also, she works on the implementation of National Qualifications Frameworks, closely cooperating with the Council of Europe on this matter. She is involved in the SIGMUS Tempus project in BU.

Weissenbäck, Andreas - Day 2

Vice-Rector, University College of Teacher Education (KPH), Vienna/ Krems, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Andreas Weissenbäck is an academic developer and University manager. A graduate of the University of Vienna (PhD in 2000), he worked in the area of business communication at University of Vienna and Universities of Applied Sciences. As a Programme Manager at IMC Krems, he specialized in Transnational Higher Education, designing, implementing and coordinating study programs for international University cooperations in Ukraine, Serbia, Azerbaijan, China, Vietnam, Kazakhstan, and Oman. He travelled these countries extensively, conducting regular on-site audit visits and other quality assurance measures.

Current Activities

Andreas Weissenbäck was named Vice-Rector at the University College of Teacher Education Vienna/Krems in 2013. In this current capacity he is responsible for expanding the university college's partner network for joint projects, with a special focus on Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe as a region of a shared historical and cultural legacy.

Weitgruber, Barbara - Day 1

Director General for Scientific Research and International Relations, Federal Ministry of Science and Research, Austria



Academic and Professional Background

Weitgruber holds a "Magister" degree in English/American and Interdisciplinary Studies, a Certificate in Mass Media and a Translator's Diploma in English from Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria and a M.A. in Communications from the University of Illinois at Chicago, US, where she started her professional career as a Fulbright Scholarship Holder and Teaching Assistant.

She was founding staff member and then director of the Office for International Relations and lecturer at Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria and Director of the Office for European Educational Co-operation of the Austrian Academic Exchange Service in Vienna, Austria. In December 1994 she joined the Austrian Ministry in charge of higher education and research as head of department and later became Deputy Director General for Higher Education and Director General for Scientific Research and International Relations.

Current Activities

Barbara Weitgruber is Director General for Scientific Research and International Relations at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research.

Zgaga, Pavel - Day 3

Director, Professor Centre for Educational Policy Studies (CEPS), University of Ljubljana; State Secretary for Higher Education (1992-1999), Minister of Education and Sports (1999-2000), Slovenia



Academic and Professional Background

Pavel Zgaga is Professor of Philosophy of Education at the University of Ljubljana. In the 1990s he was State Secretary for Higher Education and Minister of Education. In 2001–2004 he served as a Dean of Education Faculty and co-founded the Centre for Educational Policy Studies. He has held several research grants and directed national and international projects on higher education and educational policy.

Current Activities

Differentiation, Equity, Productivity: The social and economic consequences of expanded and differentiated higher education systems – internationalisation aspects (08-EuroHESC-OP-016). - The project also included a field study at 17 universities in 8 countries of the Western Balkans; the results have just been published. Universities in the Knowledge Economy (UNIKE). – An Initial Training Network funded by the European Union FP7 – Marie Curie Actions (2013-2016).

Zsók, Viktória - Day 2

Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary; Erasmus Intensive Programme "Central European Functional Programming School



Academic and Professional Background

As Assistant Professor Ms. Zsók is lecturing about programming languages, parallel programming, and international lectures on parallel functional programming. Research interests: parallel functional programming, coordination languages, and semantics. Member of several projects: Distributed and Multicore Systems (TÁMOP), Verified and Certified Software Components (TÉT), Program Verification using Algebraic Methods (OMAA), Verification of distributed functional programs (OTKA), International Cooperation in Computer Science (CEEPUS H-81). Programme committee member at several conferences. Organized conferences: TFP 2009, ETAPS Satellite Events 2008, SPLST 2007, IFL 2006, CEEP Summer School Series (two schools were supported by ERASMUS IP), ECOOP 2001.

Current Activities

Research in Cyber-Physical Systems Project (EIT ICT LABS Budapest), co-organizing CEEP 2013, 8-20 July, Cluj-Napoca.