

IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY DISTANCE EDUCATION

SPEAKERS



Prof. dr. Chris Brink served as President of Newcastle University in the United Kingdom, as Rector and Vice-Chancellor of Stellenbosch University in South Africa and as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) of the University of Wollongong in Australia. Before that he was Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at the University of Cape Town. The National Research Foundation ranked him as one of South Africa's leading scientists. He has served as an advisor or peer for various universities and organisations. Prof. Ch. Brink is known for the idea of a civic university, articulated in 2 main questions: 'What are we good at?' and 'What are we good for?'



Dr. Tony Bates has worked as a consultant in the design and management of online and distance learning in over 40 countries. He was a founding staff member of the British Open University, full professor in educational media research and Director of Distance Education and Technology at University of British Columbia, Canada. Currently he is a Senior Advisor at the Chang School of Continuing Education, Ryerson University and a Research Associate at Contact North, Canada and the Chair of the Board of the Canadian Digital Learning Research Association. Dr. T. Bates is the author of 12 widely read and translated books, latter of which translated into 10 languages.



Prof. dr. Airina Volungevičienė is Director of the Innovative Studies Institute at Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania, researcher analysing and applying innovative study forms and research projects' manager, having participated in more than 20 and coordinated 10 international projects. She is the Chair of the Management Board of European Distance and e-Learning Network (EDEN), coordinating work between more than 200 institutional members and 1200 individual members. Prof. A. Volungevičienė is also the Chair of the Board of Lithuanian Distance and e-Learning (LieDM) association and co-editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Educational technology in Higher Education (ETHE).



Dr. Loreta Tauginienė has an interdisciplinary educational background in social sciences and humanities. Her latest position, the Ombudswoman at the Office for Academic Ethics and Procedures, relates to the promotion of academic (research) integrity in Lithuania, part of research and higher education policy, as well as part of the quality of research and higher education. She is also an Associated Researcher in Hanken School of Economics, Finland and has been a researcher at Vilnius University and Mykolas Romeris University. Dr. L. Tauginienė has published over 20 publications, made about 15 presentations at international scientific events, contributed to four international projects.



Mr. Eigirdas Sarkanass is a current President of Lithuanian National Union of Students (LSS). He is an active participant in various working groups, committees and commissions including the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports, the Parliament and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. As a LSS representative he regularly works on the European level with Bologna process and European Higher Education Area policies. As a student representative, his efforts are concentrated on the improvement of students' daily life, their study process and Lithuanian higher education system in general. He is currently studying towards Master degree in Management of Education at Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania.



Mr. Piet Van Hove is the Vice-President of the European Association for International Education and Director of the International Relations Office at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. He has been dealing with various aspects of internationalisation in higher education, such as university-wide policy formulation and execution, international cooperation and networking. P. Van Hove has been active in the leadership of several professional associations and non profit organisations at the national and international level for many years, such as Flanders Knowledge Area, ACA, the NGO APOPO and EAIE.



Mr. Ben W Walker is a senior lecturer in Teacher Education at the University of Derby and Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom. He teaches on the Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching, facilitates workshops for academic staff, contributes to personal tutoring provision. His doctoral research is focused on academic and pastoral support of students informed by critical pedagogy. As co-author of several books, in addition to publishing on personal tutoring more widely, he is at the forefront of research and development in this field. Mr. B. W. Walker is Vice-Chair of the United Kingdom Advising and Tutoring association (UKAT).

PARTICIPANTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

- **Dr. Olga Štangėj**, Executive Master in Management Programme Director at ISM University of Management and Economics
- **Ms. Eglė Morkūnienė**, Head of Social Sciences and Humanities department at Kaunas College of Forestry and Environmental Engineering
- **Ms. Rima Mickienė**, Deputy Director for Academic Affairs at Lithuanian Maritime Academy
- **Dr. Indrė Čeponienė**, Head of Study Centre at Lithuanian University of Health Sciences
- **Mr. Eigirdas Sarkanass**, President of the Lithuanian Student Union
- **Dr. Inga Daukšienė**, Head of the Academic Affairs Centre at Mykolas Romeris University
- **Mr. Justas Kvedaravičius**, President of the Vilnius University Student Representation

Moderator - Ms. Aurelija Valeikienė, Deputy Director at the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC)

ANNOTATION

This conference is one in the series of the yearly international conferences, organized by SKVC for the Lithuanian academic community. The present pandemic, caused by Covid-19 diverted higher education institutions into the massive provision on-line of studies, which originally were designed for face-to-face interaction or using blended learning possibilities.

We invited highly esteemed speakers together with the audience to reflect on the situation, its challenges and opportunities, to foster and encourage discussion and share some practical solutions that could help academics, students, administrators and alike.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Zoom platform and FB, links provided upon registration

DATE: 15 December 2020, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (EET)

LANGUAGE: English and Lithuanian

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AGENDA

15 December, 2020

- 8.30 – 9.00 **Registration**
- 9.00 – 9.20 **Introduction**
Welcome by Mr. Almantas Šerpatauskas, Director of the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC)
- 9.20 – 10.00 **The changing mission of higher education**
Professor dr. Chris Brink, Emeritus Vice-Chancellor (President) of Newcastle University (United Kingdom)
- 10.05 – 11.00 **Implementation of distance studies: effective teaching and quality assurance**
Dr. Tony Bates, Chief Executive Officer of Tony Bates Associates Ltd (Canada)
- 11.05 – 11.20 **Break**
- 11.20 – 12.05 **Student engagement from online learning design quality perspective** Prof. dr. Airina Volungevičienė, Director of Innovative Studies Institute, Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania)
- 12.05 – 12.45 **Challenging academic integrity of distance learning during COVID-19 pandemic**
Dr. Loreta Tauginienė, Ombudswoman at the Lithuanian Office for Academic Ethics and Procedures (Lithuania)
- 12.45 – 13.30 **Lunch Break**
- 13.30 – 14.05 **Studies under quarantine: Students perspective**
Mr. Eigirdas Sarkanau, President of Lithuanian Student Union (Lithuania)
- 14.05 – 14.55 **Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) or Virtual Exchange**
Mr. Piet Van Hove, Vice-President of the European Association for International Education (EAIE) and Director of the International Relations Office at the University of Antwerp (Belgium)
- 14.55 – 15.10 **Break**
- 15.10 – 16.00 **Providing effective student support through personal tutoring and advising in the pre and post Covid environment**
Mr. Ben Walker, Senior Lecturer in Teacher Education at the University of Derby and Manchester Metropolitan University (United Kingdom)
- 16.00 – 17.00 **Round table discussion**
Moderator Ms. Aurelija Valeikienė, Deputy Director of the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC)