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Speakers' Biographies

Britta Baron

Britta Baron is Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (International) at the University of Alberta where she spearheads the international initiatives and activities of the University. Through collaboration internally with students, faculty and staff and externally with agencies, governments and businesses, Ms. Baron works to forward the University's international goals in areas such as partnership development, international recruitment and student and staff mobility.

A widely recognized expert in international education, Britta Baron has held a number of senior leadership positions in Brussels, London, Bonn, and New York. Prior to coming to the University of Alberta, Ms. Baron worked as the Director of the Canadian Universities' Centre in Berlin and worked as an independent senior consultant in international education for several German institutions. From 1983 to 2004, she served in various leadership roles in the German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst or DAAD), most recently as Director of its New York Office. Ms. Baron was also appointed visiting professor in the Department of Modern Languages at the University of Keele in the United Kingdom and taught in the Master's program in International and Comparative Education at the Institute of Education of the University of London.

In addition to degrees in Italian, French, History, and German from the University of Florence and the University of Bonn, Ms. Baron holds an honorary doctorate from Oxford Brookes University. She has participated as a member on a number of selection and review committees and she has published widely on topics relating to international and comparative higher education. She is a member of the Board of the Canadian Centre for Innovation and Research and a member of the 'Hochschulrat' (Governing Council) of the University of Bielefeld Germany.

Alexandra Bitusikova

Alexandra Bitusikova received her PhD in social anthropology from Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. Most of her professional career she has been working at the Research Institute of Matej Bel University in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia, as a research fellow, in 1993-2000 as Director of the Research Institute and in 2010-2012 as Vice-Rector for Research. She was a visiting scholar at Cambridge University, UK; University College London, UK; and Boston University, U.S. (Fulbright). She is author of a number of publications on urban anthropology, gender, post-socialist social and cultural change in Central Europe, and reform of doctoral education in Europe. In 2001 she was seconded to the European Commission, DG Research in Brussels. Since 2003 she has been working at the European University Association (EUA) in Brussels, responsible for all activities related to doctoral education reform in Europe and was fully engaged in the process of establishment of the EUA Council for Doctoral Education in 2008. Since then she has been working at EUA as an external adviser in the field of doctoral education, and working as a full-time researcher at Matej Bel University in Slovakia.

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Janina Brutt-Griffler

Professor Brutt-Griffler is an Associate Dean and chairs the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy at the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York. Dr. Brutt-Griffler has been on the Graduate Faculty of a number of leading research universities in the US and Europe, including in the English Department at the University of Vienna and the University of York, England. Professor Brutt-Griffler's research program focuses on the understanding of language use in society, educational policy and higher education. Her book, *World English: A Study of its Development*, a detailed historical investigation of colonial language policy in the British Empire, revises our understanding of how English came to its globally dominant position today and draws out the implications of its rapid spread for other languages and cultures. The book was honored by the Modern Language Association of America with its Kenneth W. Mildener Award for the outstanding book in the field of language, culture and literature. Her volume *English and Ethnicity* offers a scholarly exploration of the complex interaction between the English language and the construction of ethnicity/identity in other languages.

Professor Brutt-Griffler edits *The International Journal of Applied Linguistics* (with Wiley-Blackwell). She served as the PI of TRANS-DOC at UB and promotes the University's internationalization.

Dorothy Kelly

Dorothy Kelly is Vice Rector for International Relations and Development Cooperation at the University of Granada, where she is a professor of translation. She is a member of Spain's Bologna Experts Team covering the area of mobility. She is also currently the Chair of the Executive Board of the Coimbra Group of Universities. Dorothy Kelly obtained her BA in translating and interpreting at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh (Scotland), and her doctoral degree from the University of Granada. Her main research interests are translator training, directionality in translation and intercultural competence, interests she has combined over the years with intense international activity, coordinating international mobility and joint degree programmes, as well as studies into the impact of mobility on intercultural competence and the learning environment.

Julia Kent

Julia Kent (PhD) is Director of Global Communications and Best Practices at the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). At CGS, she has conducted research on a broad range of topics in graduate education, including quality and accountability, interdisciplinary programs, professional doctorates, research ethics and integrity, career outcomes for graduate students and international collaborations. She has co-authored (with Daniel Denecke) *Research and Scholarly Integrity in Graduate Education: A Comprehensive Approach* (2012), *Joint Degrees, Dual Degrees, and International Research Collaborations* (2010), and *Preparing Future Faculty to Assess Student*

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Learning (2011) and is editor of CGS's *Global Perspectives* series, the annual proceedings of CGS's Strategic Leaders Global Summit on international issues in graduate education and research.

Before arriving at CGS, Julia was Assistant Professor of English at the American University of Beirut (AUB), where she served on the Executive Committee of the Center for American Studies and Research, a research center that draws visiting scholars from North America, Europe, and the Middle East. Julia completed her graduate degrees at Université de Paris VII-Jussieu and at Johns Hopkins University.

Inge Knudsen

A graduate of Denmark's University of Aarhus, Inge Knudsen taught in its Faculty of Arts, was Chairman of its Faculty of Arts Study Board and a member of the Board of the University. She also served on the Humanities and Theology Planning Committee of the Ministry of Education. Other university appointments included Careers Adviser and Information Officer, Head of Information, Head of its International Office, and its representative on the Steering Committee of the Coimbra Group. She is a former chairman of the European Association of Universities Public Relations and Information Officers.

Following a period in the ERASMUS Bureau in Brussels (1989-1993), she was appointed Director of the Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences and participated on evaluation panels, consultative boards and coordinated a wide range of research and policy projects (1994-2001). She was closely associated with all steps of the Bologna Process, being responsible for the Trends I and Trends II reports, and participated actively in the work of the follow-up group that has steered the process since Bologna in 1999.

Ms Knudsen has worked as Senior Project Manager responsible for research at the European University Association (EUA) (2001-2005). She is presently the Director of the Coimbra Group Office in Brussels.

Johnny Laursen

Johnny Laursen is Head of the Graduate School, Arts, Aarhus University and teaches Contemporary European History and European Studies. He received his PhD on German interwar history, and has since worked with the history of the European Union and the Cold war in Europe. He served on the Danish national Commission investigating the Police Intelligence Service and Political Extremism during the Cold War. He is a member of the European Union Liaison Committee of Historians. Johnny Laursen is chair of the Coimbra Group's Task Force on Doctoral Studies and Research, and has worked extensively with internationalization and international collaboration on doctoral studies. At Aarhus University he works with admission of doctoral students, supervision, quality assurance, transferable skills courses and international mobility. He organised the LEADER course on transferable skills in Aarhus in 2011 and 2012.

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Adrienne Martín

Adrienne L. Martín is Associate Vice Provost for International Programmes in the office of University Outreach and International Programmes (UOIP) and Professor of Early Modern Spanish Literature at the University of California, Davis. AVP Martín promotes, facilitates, and provides campus leadership and coordination for UC Davis faculty, students and staff to pursue international research, educational and outreach programmes, activities and initiatives. She works with appropriate campus administrators, senate committees, academic units and administrative committees, as well as UC system-wide and campus personnel, to develop and complete international education and research objectives. In the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Dr. Martín conducts research on and teaches graduate seminars in her field of early modern Spanish literature.

Dr. Martín received the Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literatures from Harvard University in 1987. Before coming to Davis, Dr. Martín taught at Stanford University (1987-1996). She has authored eight books and has published over fifty journal articles, book chapters and reviews in her field of early modern Spanish literature.

Conor O'Carroll

As Research Director at the Irish Universities Association (IUA), Dr. O'Carroll is responsible for the coordination of research policy across all seven Irish universities. He represents Ireland on the FP7 Marie Curie (People) Programme, the Steering Group on Human Resources and Mobility and runs the EURAXESS Network in Ireland.

He is a physicist by training with a B.Sc., M.Sc. in Mathematical Physics and PhD in Physics from University College Dublin. During his research career he has been internationally mobile having done his doctoral research in Italy and worked for both academia and industry in Ireland, Scotland and Germany. He has worked in different sectors including petroleum engineering and nuclear technology (at the EC ITU in Karlsruhe). He has extensive experience of policy formulation having worked in the European Commission's DG Research and with the Irish science policy advisory agency Forfás. He has also deep experience of the operations of funding agencies through his time on the Marie Curie Programme, Enterprise Ireland funding schemes and Science Foundation Ireland. He has acted as a peer reviewer for the Health Research Board, Enterprise Ireland, Department of Agriculture and Food, Science Foundation Ireland and the European Commission. He is a member of the Irish Council for Humanities and the Social Sciences (IRCHSS). He is a columnist with the daily "Irish Times" on research policy issues.

He is currently chairing a European working group that is focusing on specific aspects of developing the European Research Area (ERA). He has led the development of the European Framework for Research Careers (EFRC) and the Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training (PIDT). The current work of the group is focusing on identifying training gaps for researchers (especially doctoral candidates) across Europe.

He coordinates national projects on structured PhD programmes in the Irish universities. He leads a project analyzing national research performance. His research interests are methods of doctoral training and the development and impact of national / European R&D policy.