6th International Conference on World-Class Universities (WCU-6)

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Program

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SUNDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

Whole day  Arrival of participants
19:00-21:00  Reception

MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

8:30-9:00  Opening Session: Welcome remarks and overview of meeting objectives

Nian Cai Liu, Dean, Graduate School of Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
Jan Sadlak, President, IREG Observatory on Academic Ranking and Excellence
Basil Moftah, President, Intellectual Property and Science, Thomson Reuters

9:00-10:00  Session I: Keynote

Chair: Jamil Salmi, Global Tertiary Education Expert
Francisco Marmolejo, Coordinator, Tertiary Education Global Solutions Group, The World Bank
The “world-class” movement in higher education: The good, the bad and the ugly

10:00-10:30  Coffee Break

10:30-12:30  Session II: National Perspective

Chair: Judith S. Eaton, President, Council for Higher Education Accreditation, USA
Wendy Piatt, Director-General and Chief Executive, The Russell Group, UK
Visibility and performance: The experience of Russell Group universities
Jamil Salmi, Global Tertiary Education Expert
Excellence strategies and the creation of world-class universities
Akiyoshi Yonezawa, Associate Professor, Nagoya University, Japan
Transformation of university governance through internationalization: Challenges for top universities and government policies in Japan
Alex Usher, President, Higher Education Strategy Associates, Canada
World-class universities in an age of slow growth

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-15:30  Session III: Academics’ Perspective

Chair: Stamenka Uvalič-Trumbić, Independent Consultant, France
Simon Marginson, Professor of International Higher Education, University College London, UK
High participation systems of higher education
Marijk van der Wende, Dean of Graduate Studies & Professor of Higher Education, Utrecht University, Netherlands; Jiabin Zhu, Assistant Professor, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
China’s higher education in global perspective: Leader or follower in the “world-class” movement?
Gerard A. Postiglione, Associate Dean, Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong, China
China’s search for its own model: Liberal arts and sciences for research universities
Sage advice: The role of international advisory councils in world-class universities

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-18:00 **Session IV: Practitioners’ Perspective**

Chair: **Pierre De Maret**, Honorary Rector, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

**Tony F Chan**, President, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, China
Reflections on the role of universities in the face of the rise in rankings and internationalization

**Freddy Boey**, Provost, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Strategies for academic & societal success for a young university: The NTU Singapore experience

**Alexander Nebel & Dimitrios Noukakis**, International Educational Affairs, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Switzerland
An international benchmarking tool on hard metrics

**Joshua Schnell**, Director, Government and Academia, Intellectual Property and Science Division, Thomson Reuters
Assessment of indicators of the economic impact of universities

19:00-21:00 Conference Dinner

Dinner Speech by **Jie Zhang**, President, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

**TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER**

8:30-9:30 **Session V: Plenary Speech**

Chair: **Nian Cai Liu**, Dean, Graduate School of Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

**Bernd Huber**, President, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany & Former Chairman, League of European Research Universities
The role of universities in society: Challenges ahead

9:30-10:00 Coffee Break

10:00-12:30 **Session VI: Rankers’ Perspective**

Chair: **Jan Sadlak**, President, IREG Observatory on Academic Ranking and Excellence

**Ying Cheng**, Executive Director, Center for World-Class Universities, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
Academic Ranking of World Universities

**Ben Sowter**, Head of Division, QS Intelligence Unit, QS Quacquarelli Symonds Limited, UK
QS World University Rankings

**Duncan Ross**, Director of Data and Analytics, Times Higher Education, UK
THE World University Rankings

**Robert Morse**, Chief Data Strategist, U.S. News & World Report, USA
U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings: An inside look at the latest results and methodology

**Gero Federkeil**, Head of International Rankings, CHE - Center for Higher Education, Germany
Measuring university performance multi-dimensionally - U-Multirank
12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 **Session VII: Institutions’ Perspective**

Chair: **Ghislaine Filliatreau**, Director, Observatoire des Sciences et des Techniques, National French Agency for the Evaluation of Education and Research (HCERES), France

**Laurent Buisson**, Vice President Ways and Means, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, France

Trading between visibility and performance at global and local levels: The example of research universities in France

**Maria Yudkevich**, Vice Rector, Higher School of Economics, Russia

Global visibility and locally engagement: Can they go together? The case of National Research University Higher School of Economics

**Seeram Ramakrishna**, Director, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Strategies to be globally visible and locally engaged

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:00 **Session VIII: Institutions’ Perspective**

Chair: **Charles A. Goldman**, Senior Economist, RAND Corporation, USA

**Chris Cocklin**, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, James Cook University, Australia

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**Sahel N. Abduljauwad**, Vice Rector for Research; **Sadiq M. Sait**, Director of Research Institute, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia

Impact of collaboration with world-class universities: The KFUPM story

**Yang Zhang**, Director of Institutional Research, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, USA

Rankings and strategic planning: The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s case

17:30-18:00 **Closing Session**

**Nian Cai Liu**, Dean, Graduate School of Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

**Jan Sadlak**, President, IREG Observatory on Academic Ranking and Excellence

**WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER**

Whole day Post-conference sightseeing

Whole day Departure of participants