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Presentation of the Participants





ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI





Staff Training Programme

Responsible Internationalization and Institutional Support for At-Risk Scholars in Turbulent Times

Monday 10.3	Venue: Central Library (Ground Floor) ជា		
9.00 - 9.30	Registration		
9.30 - 11.00	Opening & Welcome addresses Prof. Georgios Tzetzis, Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, Lifelong Learning, Internation Relations and Outreach, AUTh Prof. Alexandros Triantafyllidis, AUTh, Chair SAR Greece, member of UN TF RIGE		
	Presentation "Utrecht Network & & Utrecht Network Task Force "Responsible Internationalization: Promoting Academic Freedom and Academic Responsibility i International Higher Education, Research and Innovation" Iris Vernekohl, Ruhr U Bochum, Chair UN TF RIGE		
	Keynote Speech "Fundamental Values of Higher Education at Risk in a Fragmented World. Promoting and Protecting Academic Freedom, Public Responsibility of Higher Education, and Public Responsibility for Higher Education" Prof. Liviu Matei, King's College London; Magna Charta Observatory		
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break		
11.30 - 13.00	Getting to Know Each Other: Short introduction of participants & their universities		
13.30	Lunch		
16.00	Guided City Tour (Departure point: entrance of the Central Library)		
Tuesday 11.3	Venue: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Faculty of Theology (Ground floor)		
Overall Topic	Responsible Internationalization in Times of Shifting Geopolitics & Rising Nationalisms		
9.30 – 10.00	Presentation : Insights from Across the Utrecht Network: Results of the RIGE Questionnaire "Utrecht Network Task Force Responsible Internationalization and Global Engagement (RIGE): Questionnaire for the support for Utrecht Network Member Institutions"		
	<i>Moderator</i> : Prof. Alexandros Triantafyllidis (AUTh) & Iris Vernekohl (Ruhr U Bochum) <i>Presenters</i> : Dr. Kristina Mantasasvili & Konstantina Tolia (AUTh)		
10.00-11.00	Presentations & Discussion: Challenges and Experiences at Participating Utrecht Network Universities		
	Presenters: Lauri Randveer (U Tartu) Dr. Claire Dorrity (U College Cork)		
	Peer Exchange : Participants view on/understanding of responsible internationalization & exchange of good practices		
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break		





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11.30 – 13.30	Round Table Discussion: "Responsible internationalization and the Perils of International Cooperation: Insights from Across Europe"	
	Moderator: Prof. Ioannis Papageorgiou (AUTh)	
	Discussants : Dr. Archil Chiochia (Tallinn University of Technology)	
	Assist. Prof. Konstantinos Tsimonis (King's College London)	
	Prof. Sören Urbansky (Ruhr U Bochum)	
	Iris Vernekohl (Ruhr U Bochum)	
	Short description: This Round Table will focus on the challenges that internationalisation	
	poses to universities regarding its implications on academic freedom, financial and thus	
	political dependency. How can universities remain open to the increasingly	
	interdependent world while at the same time preserving their academic integrity?	
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch	
14.30 - 16.00	Presentation, Case study & Good Practice Exchange: How to set up effective and	
	acceptable international cooperation assessment systems at universities balancing	
	knowledge security, academic freedom and human rights.	
	Moderator: Monika Sprung (Ruhr U Bochum)	
	Presenter : Kristin Günther (U Hamburg)	
	Short description : This presentation explores the complexities of establishing	
	international cooperation assessment systems in universities, focusing on the delicate	
	balance between ensuring knowledge security, preserving academic freedom, and	
	upholding human rights, based on the best practice example of the University of	
	Hamburg. The session delves into the university's approach to navigating these	
	challenges in global partnerships and includes an interactive case study. Participants will	
	gain insights into best practices for creating assessment frameworks and processes for	
	international academic cooperation and university partnerships that align with dual	
	use/export control regulations, academic freedom and ethical standards, while fostering	
	international collaboration in a rapidly evolving academic landscape.	
Wednesday 12.3	Venue: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Faculty of Theology (Ground floor) 血道	
Overall Topic	Responsible Internationalization in Times of Global Societal Challenges	
9.30 - 11:00	Panel Discussion: University Social Responsibility and Responsible Internationalization	
	Moderator: Dr. Maximilian Schell (Ruhr U Bochum, PI WUN Project "Academic Freedom	
	as a driver of sustainable development?")	
	Panelists: Prof. Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua (U Ghana, African Coalition for Academic	
	Freedom)	
	Prof. Patrício Langa (Eduardo Mondlane University)	
	Dr. Claire Dorrity (U College Cork)	
	Short description: This panel explores the intersection of university social responsibility	
	(USR) and responsible internationalization in higher education, framed within a local,	
	regional and global context. Key themes include the interface between academic freedom	
	and academic responsibility, a critical reflection on the suitability of the Sustainable	
	Development Goals (SDGs) as a frame of reference for international cooperation, and how	
	to address global power imbalances in higher education, research, and knowledge	
	production. While emphasizing the importance of university engagement with society,	
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11.00 - 11.30	the discussion will furthermore focus on how institutions can create responsible internationalization practices that not only foster a more equitable and inclusive global academic exchange/international partnerships, but also a related support and engagement with at-risk scholars and institutions, with a further view on possible contributions to solving pressing societal problems. Coffee Break		
11.20 12.00	Model Coffic House to Investment Descrete site Internetionalization and Hairs with Costal		
11.30 – 13.00	World Café: How to Implement Responsible Internationalization and University Social Responsibility in Practice?		
	Moderators: Prof. Patrício Langa (Eduardo Mondlane University),		
	Dr. Maximilian Schell (Ruhr U Bochum),		
	Iris Vernekohl (Ruhr U Bochum)		
	Short description : This World Café event will explore the intersection of responsible internationalization and university social responsibility (USR) through three dynamic discussions. It will encourage interactive, collaborative conversations to generate practical ideas for integrating different dimensions of responsible internationalization and social responsibility into university policies and practices. Participants will engage in group dialogues on the following topics:		
	1. Global University Social Responsibility and Academic Freedom		
	2. International Cooperation in Structures of Global Power Asymmetries		
	3. Internationalization in Higher Education for and with Society (IHES)		
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch		
14.00 - 15.30	Good Practice Exchange and Discussion: Safeguarding and Promoting Academic Freedom in Ukraine in Times of War and Beyond		
	Moderator: Monika Sprung (Ruhr U Bochum) Presenters : Prof. Svitlana Andreichenko Prof. Lisa Heschl (U Graz, Project Coordinators of (FreeAc)) Dr. Olga Matveieva (PSI Fellow, Ruhr U Bochum)		
	Monika Sprung, (Director, International Office, Ruhr University Bochum)		
Thursday 12.2	Short description : This session will explore the vital role of academic freedom in Ukraine, especially in light of the ongoing crisis. Representatives from the University Alliance Ruhr and the Erasmus+ project "Promoting Academic Freedom in Ukraine (FreeAc)" will share insights on initiatives supporting Ukrainian scholars and institutions under threat. The discussion will highlight key strategies for safeguarding academic freedom and responsibility, offering practical solutions for ensuring the continuity of research and teaching in Ukraine, and fostering international collaboration in times of crisis and beyond.		
Thursday 13.3	Venue: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, KEDEA Building		
Overall title	Responsible Support for At-Risk Scholars (in South/Eastern Europe)		
10.00 - 17.00	InspirEurope Regional Outreach Workshop <u>WORKSHOP AGENDA</u>		
19.30	Goodbye Dinner		
Friday 14.3	Venue: Central Library (Ground Floor)		
9.30 - 10.30			





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	Conclusions from Sessions & Open Discussion	
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 - 12.00	Upcoming RIGE Related Initiatives	
	Erasmus+ Funding Schemes (KA2 Projects) Presenter: Nikos Liolios (AUTh)	
12:00-12:15	Wrap Up, Farewell & Good Bye	



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Ioannis Papageorgiou is professor in the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. His research areas are European integration, comparative political systems, international migration and refugee law. He is a lawyer and political scientist (degree is law from the University of Athens, MA in comparative politics from the University of Paris I and MA in development cooperation from the Université Libre de Bruxelles). His PhD (2001) from the ULB dealt with regional integration in Central America. During the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2012, he has acted as the Chair of the Asylum Working Party in the Council of Ministers of the EU. M. Papageorgiou has also worked as an independent expert in several international projects on migration and asylum since 2003 and was the Director of the Greek Asylum Service between 2011-2. Between 2016-2018 he worked in the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs of the European P



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I will lead a Workshop/Roundtable Discussion about Academic Freedom and the SDGs.



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MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

Dr. Triantafyllidis is a Professor of "Animal Population Genetics" at the School of Biology, AUTh, Greece. He undertook sabbatical studies in Katholieke Universitet Leuven (2010) and University of Oxford (2019). He has collaborated with Greek and European researchers in national and EU projects on food traceability and biodiversity conservation of Greek animal species using genetics and genomics. He has been a member of the School of Biology and AUTh Committees on Programmes of Studies, Evaluation, Accreditation, Erasmus, ECTS and international mobility and affairs. He has also been involved in projects related to the social responsibility of universities, including "S.U.C.RE.: Supporting University Community Pathways for Refugees-Migrants" and "INSPIREUROPE-Initiative To Support, Promote, And Integrate Researchers@Risk In Europe". He is currently head of the SAR Greece section.



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Konstantinos Tsimonis is a senior lecturer in Chinese Society. He is a member of the editorial board of the People's Map of Global China, and of the Advisory Editorial Board of the Journal of the European Association for Chinese Studies. Konstantinos is also an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at University College London, and a member of the Institute of International Relations (IIR) in Athens. His research has been funded by the Independent Social Research Foundation, the British Academy and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, among other organisations. His books include a monograph titled "The Chinese Communist Youth League: Juniority and Responsiveness in a Party Youth Organization" (Amsterdam: 2021); "Belt and Road: The First Decade" by (Agenda: 2022 - co-authored); and "Corruption and Anti-Corruption Upside Down: New Perspectives from the Global South" (Palgrave, 2024 - co-edited). His articles have appeared in Modern China, Europe-Asia Studies, the Chinese Journal of Internatio



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Research project: "Democratic transformations in Eastern Europe driven by technologies: analysis of the gendered impact of the digitalisation reforms on the society and public management"

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Within the Euraxess Centre of Strasbourg, my role involves supporting international researchers, including doctoral and teaching-research staff, as well as their families, with administrative and practical matters for their stay and integration in Strasbourg. This includes foremost providing personalized assistance with administrative processes such as visa applications, residence permits, health insurance, tax returns and child schooling, as well as offering practical advice for settling in. The role also involves managing administrative dossiers, particularly for residence permit and health insurance applications, in collaboration with local authorities, various university departments and research units. Additionally, I organize events to promote networking and cultural exchange, such as welcome sessions, webinars and cultural outings. Within the EURAXESS national network, I am part of several work groups to discuss issues concerning researchers, respectively housing, mental health and a forum for researchers to contact each other and find answers to their different questions.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

Given my regular interactions with refugee researchers, particularly those supported by the PAUSE program, who face unique challenges such as mental health concerns, family support needs, and access to social benefits, this training presents an opportunity to deepen my expertise regarding the specific needs of these vulnerable populations. Prior to my current role at the EURAXESS Centre, I was actively involved in the field of refugee integration. I am therefore interested in gaining insights into the differences between the challenges faced by the broader refugee population and those experienced by at-risk scholars. Furthermore, since the University of Thessaloniki is both part of the EPICUR alliance and hosts a EURAXESS Centre, this event provides an opportunity to meet colleagues and strengthen ties with partner institutions across the Utrecht Network, EPICUR alliance and EURAXESS network.



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Local coordinator for SAR at University of Gothenburg. Secretariat for SAR-Sweden. Strategic internationalisation projects.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

I am curious to learn more about the other participating institutions' routines regarding scholars at risk and responsible internationalisation. I would like to discuss and explore arenas for collaboration and exchange.



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- Offer guidance to researchers, laboratories, and HR contacts on French administrative procedures (immigration) and related regulatory changes

- Plan and execute welcome and integration events for researchers and their families

- Develop communication tools: Create and implement communication strategies to promote Euraxess service offerings

- Participate in local, national, and international professional networks, representing the University of Lille in the Euraxess France network

- Welcome exiled researchers: Collaborate with the PAUSE program (a French initiative to sponsor scholars at risk) to facilitate the integration of exiled researchers and their families

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

My current position has given me firsthand insight into the complexities and challenges of welcoming international researchers, particularly those who are displaced or come from politically unstable regions. These scholars often arrive with academic aspirations and research potential, yet they face substantial hurdles—from navigating complex administrative procedures to adapting to a new culture and dealing with the psychological impact of displacement. Participation in this event would allow me to contribute and deepen my understanding of the frameworks and policies that support these scholars, ensuring they find stability, respect, and growth opportunities within our institution. Besides, as our institution seeks to align with European guidelines for responsible internationalization, this event offers an ideal platform to gain insights into best practices and to engage with peers implementing innovative solutions. The chance to learn about effective strategies across different unive



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- co-leading of the European University EPICUR Office

- supporting the internationalization of the university by coordinating the interdisciplinary offer of courses in foreign languages (about 450 courses per year)

- EPICUR SHAPE-IT project manager position (reports, finances) and communication officer position at AMU

- organisation of mobility of students and staff within the EPICUR SHAPE-IT project

- cooperation with the Vice-Rector for international cooperation of AMU in the area of internationalization of studies and courses and promotion of scientific, cultural and educational potential of the Adam Mickiewicz University

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

- sharing good pratices and exchange experiences within internationalisation, mobility schemes and scholarships, European values

- gaining professional experience, personal development, learning about other cultures, customs, traditions

- promotion of the University, the country, the city and culture

- getting multi-faceted development opportunity



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MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

As a member of the Utrecht Network Task Force on Responsible Internationalisation & Global Engagement (RIGE) and as an advocate/activist on migrant inclusion, I have a keen interest in Scholars at Risk and the benefits of building cooperation with universities and civil society migrant organisations in the Global South.



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I work in the Erasmus+ office and I deal with outgoing students and staff mainly from the KA131 and KA171 projects.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

I am interested in the concept of university internationalization and tightening cooperation with partner universities. Our university is visited by excellent students, academic teachers and administration staff, who during their visits bring a lot of fresh perspective on the functioning of our office. I would be very interested in learning how you deal with student mobility and how you encourage their mobility. I am also responsible for the Blended Intensive Programmes and would be very interested to learn about it aswell how you conduct it at your university. I also have a lot of experience regarding this initiative (our university has participated in many BIPs and last year we organised a BIP at our Institution)



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In my function, I am mainly responsible for running our fellowship project in Basel. We carry out several activities, and our main goal since 2016 has been to promote greater awareness and academic engagement with the culture, politics and history of Ukraine in Switzerland. One of the ways we do this is through URIS Fellowships/scholarships, i.e. experts we bring to Switzerland from abroad to teach and conduct research here on relevant Ukrainian topics. Since Russia's full scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, we have also several Scholars at Risk at URIS as Fellows, who bring with them completely different challenges in comparison to our "regular" scholars. We now have many Ukrainian academics working at our institute in Basel, whom we support as good as we can with our limited resources - for many of them, the future is uncertain, which is why I hope this staff week will provide opportunities for thinking about these challenges and food for thought for our future in Basel. My tasks then also include planning the entire stay of our guests, be it visas, administrative processes in Switzerland, health insurance, other insurances, housing etc. - Everything that is needed to make our fellows feel at home here for their six month stay. I also implement the teaching with them here at the University, organize public talks, workshops or other events with them in order to spread their expertise as widely as possible among the population and in the scientific landscape of Switzerland.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

As part of an intercultural training program at the University of Basel, I am looking for an opportunity to find a training course within the scope of my project where I can discuss certain problems and challenges that I encounter in our scholarship program with like-minded people and perhaps come up with different approaches to solutions than before. We have had several Scholar at Risk researchers at our institute in the past and always have different, individual problems for which we have few solutions (e.g. a contract extension, further financing options, residence permits, which are much easier to obtain in the case of Ukrainian refugees in Switzerland than for other refugees - but this can change at any time). I hope that this staff week will provide new incentives, new food for thought and an exchange with people who have perhaps faced similar problems but have come up with other ideas for solutions that we could also implement here in Basel.



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I have been the main contact person for at-risk academics at the University of Hamburg since 2019. Since then we have hosted more than 40 at-risk scholars through different local, national and international funding schemes. I coordinate the matchmaking process between scholars and academic mentors, the applications for the different funding lines and support the scholars and mentors before, during and after the fellowships. Among others, we offer networking meetings for the scholars and organize workshops targeted at their needs.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

I would like to exchange experiences with other participants on hosting at-risk academics, e.g. on good practices and potential challenges. I want to exchange experiences on how other institutions work at the intersection between the inclusion of at-risk academics and complying with national research security regulations. Our university has implemented guidelines on "Planning Secure International Cooperation". Furthermore, we established a process of in-depth review for cooperations with institutions in countries where academic pursuit is highly restricted and cooperation is relevant to export regulations. I can share information on the process of setting up these guidelines and processes, how they are implemented and what challenges we face. I would I like to learn if other institutions have similar guidelines and if these only apply to institutional cooperations or if each research stay of individual researchers is checked against the regulations on export control, etc.



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As a member of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, my main responsibilities reside in teaching, researching, and supporting students in their academic tasks. Also, I can highlight the university's efforts in supporting at-risk scholars and fostering inclusivity in higher education. At the same time, I am the project manager of the Erasmus+ project (KA2 Action, Higher Education section) entitled "Researchers' act: training for psychological flexibility and work-related stress management (ReACT)". This project is coordinated by University of Bucharest and it support underrepresented researchers by designing web-based aims to а psychoeducational program dedicated to work-related stress management. My main responsibilities in this project are: - coordinating the entire project and making sure the project's objectives are met; -responsible for planning, management, and budget control; -keeping connections with the international partners in the project (from Polytechnic University of Porto, Anadolu University, Berdyansk State Pedagogical University and Globally Distributed Open Research and Education NGO; -raising awareness on the difficulties that researchers encounter in academia-related job; proposing digital solutions for enhance researcher well-being (a multi-linguistic program translated in languages) and policy recommendations for higher education institutions to facilitate inclusive working environments.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

The Staff Training you provide offers me an opportunity to enhance my ability to manage international projects, particularly in the context of fostering inclusivity, academic freedom, and responsible internationalization, all of those being secondary objectives of the ReACT project the University of Bucharest is coordinating. Participating in this training will allow me to: -Align the project's objectives with best practices in supporting at-risk scholars. -Gain insights into responsible internationalization frameworks that can strengthen the systemic impact of ReACT's outputs. -Learn strategies for implementing academic freedom and responsibility in international colleagues from the Utrecht Network and beyond, and maybe builf a community of practice to integrate ReACT's findings into other academic and institutional frameworks. Thank you for considering my application!



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Manager of OsloMet International Staff Services (OMISS) Responsible for personell security Member of the resource network Responsible Internationalization (RAIN) Support HR, Research dep and managers with the MSCA and SAR program EURAXESS portal contact for OsloMet OsloMet process owner for Charter & Code certification of the HR Center of Excellence - HRS4R

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

As my main responsibilities are within research collaboration and responsible internationalization this seminar sounded spot on. I was recently given the head of personell security position, dealing with increased global political instability and challenges on how we can and should continue to recruit international, receive guest researchers from around the world and think twice on who we cooperate in international partnerships. Our university has a strategic goal of being open and have transparent recruitment processes, while protecting our values and our international staff in their research environment. OsloMet has for years received SAR scholars and I have been working closely with the research department to support the scholars and the management who receive them. We are especially eager to learn about how the EU and other institutions are handling the global challenges and will be happy to share what we have done.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

• Organizational support to the Erasmus KA1 mobilities schemes (individual mobilities of students and staff members)

• Preparation and drafting of Erasmus KA1 and KA2 projects' applications

• Support in the preparation and submission of project proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility funding programme

• Project management of Erasmus+ KA2 and CEF funded projects both as a coordinator and a partner

• Business analysis for the design, development and implementation of IT solutions for managing students and staff mobilities

Organisation of meetings and different types of events

• Design and coordination of the application and selection procedure of Erasmus+ candidates

• Communication with students, staff and faculty members for providing information on different mobilities' opportunities, communication with partner institutions and stakeholders regarding the implementation of mobilities

- Presentation of Erasmus+ actions during events
- Budget planning
- Preparation of promotional material

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

Nikos Liolios is an Erasmus+ Officer at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh) and Project Manager of the AsCOLA Erasmus+ KA2 project (coordinated by AUTh). He holds a BA in International and European, Economic and Political Studies and an MA in International Relations, both from the University of Macedonia, Greece. Nikos has over 14 years of experience in the fields of students' and staff mobilities, cooperation partnerships and management of European projects. His long-term involvement in outgoing students' mobility for both studies and traineeships has allowed him to contribute to many internal digitalization projects by providing the required business analysis of the mobilities' lifecycle, while he has an extensive knowledge of Erasmus+ KA2 funding opportunities. Nikos is also AUTh's administrative representative at the European University Foundation and has participated in various events sharing AUTh's digitalization journey and best practices.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Managing European Educational Programmes (Erasmus+); specialization in project coordination, ensuring compliance with deadlines, deliverables, and reporting requirements; organizing training weeks, workshops, and public outreach events while overseeing communication strategies, including social media management and the creation of informational materials; providing administrative and research support for internationalization initiatives (UN RIGE Taskforce) and facilitating collaboration between universities, researchers, and institutional partners, with a strong focus on academic mobility and support for researchers at risk.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

Dr Kristina Mantasasvili is an experienced academic administrator specializing in European Educational Programmes. She holds a PhD from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, with research focusing on anthropological models and ecumenical dialogue. With over a decade of experience in higher education, she has played a key role in managing Erasmus+ agreements, coordinating European projects and organizing international academic events. She has also served as a representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the World Council of Churches and contributed to major research initiatives on inter-Christian dialogue. She has actively contributed to multiple international conferences in different areas.



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Managing and coordinating UniTo's participation in the network Scholars at Risk (SAR) Italy, academic freedom, and protecting the fundamental rights of scholars across the world; Responsible for UniTo for the working groups Institutional Relations and Hospitality and Training; Responsible for UniTo for the organisation of the two SAR Italy training sessions in 2023 and in 2024; Participation to the SAR General Assembly in 2023 and in 2024; Managing UniTo's response to the international Ukrainian crisis for Ukrainian and international students, professors, and researchers;"; Managing the Uni-Italia working group on "Crisis Management: Global Perspectives for Supporting International Students"; Managing and coordinating for UniTo UNICORE (University Corridors for Refugees) project promoted by Italian universities with the support of UNHCR, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Representing UniTo at international Fora dealing with Higher Education Institutions; Coordinating UniTo 's participation to the TNE-PNRR call launched by MUR in 6 consortium in partnerships with the main Italian higher education institutions; Developing and managing International cooperation program in education sector (AICS, EU funded programs, Intra African Academic Mobility); Managing UNI.COO program funding students' internship in the frame of development cooperation programs in Africa; Managing the partnership between AUF and UniTo.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

I am applying for your staff week because of my long experience in programs to promote equitable access to higher education, training, and employment opportunities. My background, skills, and passion for supporting vulnerable scholars align perfectly with this program's objectives. I have actively engaged in initiatives aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion within academic settings, coordinating workshops and training sessions. Moreover, during my professional career, I have worked in the humanitarian sector, with governmental agencies (AICS), UNs and NGOs, particularly concerning education projects in emergency and development contexts in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. I am motivated by the prospect of collaborating with like-minded institutions and organizations dedicated to responsible internationalization, sharing best practices and innovative approaches. Thank you for considering my application.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Advisor for researchers and doctorate students at FAU Welcome Center for nonacademic topics

- responsible for Philipp- Schwartz- Initiative of Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

In my daily work I am working with internatinal scholars and are in this regard as well confronted with scholars at risk and their special challenges to adapt a new (scientific-) culture and building a new carreer. I am aware that their challenges differ a lot from those of "regular" international Researchers, in particular their future perspectives and daily life challenges. I am very interested in sharing best practise and learn more about solving these issues.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

I am the head of a small specialized HR unit responsible for the onboarding and integration of the international staff of the university. I am strongly involved both with Responsible Internationalization and Scholars at Risk. I sit in a central group at our university that are in the process of making university guidelines on responsible internationalization and export control of sensitive technologies. For incoming Scholars at Risk I personally handle the Residence permit/visa process for all incoming Scholars at Risk candidates. I do this in collaboration with the Scholars at Risk coordinator at UiO and the university's SAR steering group. The University of Oslo is at any point host for between 4 and 6 SAR scholars.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

I wish to share experiences and learn from other colleagues. Especially important for me is the responsible internationalization part. This is quite new for us and the changing security situation in the world is both fluid and deteriorating ensuring a urgency to this complex issue.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Collecting data and preparing analyses necessary for strategic planning and performance evaluation of the development of international cooperation at the University of Tartu. Coordinating the negotiations and signing of bilateral cooperation agreements and memoranda of understanding with other international universities, managing researcher exchanges under these agreements. Acting as the University's official data provider and liaison for agencies compiling global university rankings.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

Having been involved in the drafting of the University of Tartu's responsible internationalization policy and guidelines, I would be very interested to hear how other universities in the network operate, especially those whose experiences and sense of risk may be slightly different from ours. This training week would be a good opportunity to exchange experiences with practitioners in the field on the implementation of responsible internationalisation principles and policies at the level of academic units (institutes/departments), as well as to discuss ways of balancing/reconciling core academic values with the constraints and tensions arising from the changed security situation. If the training week were to result in the formation of a network-wide contact group of informed practitioners who share common values, this would be a valuable added bonus.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Speaker Workshop on Responsible Internationalization: Ukraine, Wednesday 12.03.25 afternoon. Main Topics: Building and maintaining academic networks in times of crisis. Developing sustainable strategies for integrating Ukrainian students and scholars. Addressing educational and research barriers created by the war. Strengthening resilience and adaptability in Ukrainian higher education institutions

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

By hosting such a workshop, the program could provide immediate support while also fostering long-term opportunities for Ukraine's academic community, contributing to both recovery and global collaboration.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Internationalization Strategy; Global Enagement; University Networks, Management

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

I am a graduate of Ruhr University Bochum (Media Studies, Comparative Literature and Romance Philology) and of the Université de Tours (Quality Management). For two years I was also part of the International Office of the Université de Tours, where my main focus was to strengthen the German French cooperation activities. After that I returned to my position at the Ruhr-University, where I had started in the 90ies as deputy director, involved in European Mobility programmes. In 2006 I was offered the posiiton of Director of the International Office. Former professional experiences include working as a free lancer for newspaper and radio/televion and public relations in the fields of arts and performances.



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As a Policy Analyst in EUA's Higher Education Policy Unit, I am in charge of EUA's activities for students and researchers with a refugee(-like) or at-risk background, including the MSCA4Ukraine and Inspireurope+ projects. I represent EUA's members in consultations and exchanges with policy makers on these and other higher education policy themes, for instance as a member of working groups of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), and of the European Commission. In addition, I oversee all quantitative research projects of my Unit. Prior to joining EUA, I have worked in the European policy department of the German Academic Exchange Service's (DAAD) National Agency for Higher Education Cooperation, as well as the private sector in the United Kingdom. I hold a Joint MA in European Public Policy from the University of York (United Kingdom) and Central European University (then - Hungary), where I was able to specialise in the field of higher education policy.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

I would like to learn more about how responsible internationalization policies at institutional level can be developed, and deepen my knowledge about academic freedom and other core values. Particularly, I would be keen to hear from participants if and how the theme of responsible internationalisation is addressed at their institutions, how it is framed in their national contexts, what challenges they face etc., and how they see the links between this topic and their support of researchers at risk. I would be able to contribute to the training week with knowledge and experience from European projects supporting researchers and students at risk, as well as from European debates on the topic of HE values.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

As the head of the Study Department at the Latvian Academy of Culture (LAC), a relatively small university with around 700 students, my role extends beyond managing the academic processes. I am actively involved in multiple interconnected areas, including ensuring the quality of education, coordinating both national and international student recruitment, fostering international partnerships, organizing lecture and room schedules, and maintaining effective communication with academic staff, both local and international.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

As the head of the Study Department at the Latvian Academy of Culture (LAC), I am deeply committed to creating an academic environment that is inclusive, globally connected, and supportive of diverse perspectives. Participating in this program offers me to gain an invaluable opportunity to learn how to effectively support at-risk scholars, ensuring they can contribute to and benefit from higher education, especially in the current geopolitical situation.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Management of incoming/outgoing student mobilities for both studies and traineeship Erasmus+ International Programme; Administrative within the and financial management of projects; Design and creation of supporting material and guides within the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Universities Alliances scheme; Contribution to the preparation and submission of project proposals; Organization of workshops and staff training weeks; Administrative and research support for internationalization initiatives, such as the Utrecht Network RIGE Taskforce: Responsible Internationalization and Institutional Support for At-risk Scholars Access to Higher Education, Training and Employment as well as the European Universities Alliance initiative.

MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

Konstantina Tolia has a long-term involvement in European projects by contributing to the planning and implementation of various activities in Higher Education, as well as to the administrative and financial management of projects; she is an Erasmus Officer at the Department of European Educational Programmes at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, specializing in studies & traineeship mobilities for students coming from non-EU countries and a Mobility Officer at the EPICUR European University Alliance. Konstantina Tolia holds a BA in International and European, Economic and Political Studies, an MA in Special Education and speaks 5 European languages.



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MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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MOTIVATION OF PARTICIPATION:

Iris Vernekohl is a Senior Policy Advisor for Internationalization and Global Engagement at Ruhr University Bochum (RUB) in Germany. In addition to her policy advisory role, she directs the Scholars at Risk Programme at Ruhr University Bochum. In this capacity, Iris serves as institutional liaision to the New University in Exile Consortium and the Scholars at Risk Network, is a member of the Steering Committee of the Scholars at Risk Network-Germany Section, and chairs the Utrecht Network Task Force on "Responsible Internationalization and Global Engagement: Promoting Academic Freedom and Academic Responsibility in International Higher Education" (UN RIGE). Before joining the International Office of Ruhr University Bochum, Iris was a DAAD representative and Senior Lecturer in Development Economics at the "South African German Centre of Excellence for Development Research" and the "Institute for Social Development" at the University of the Western Cape (South Africa).

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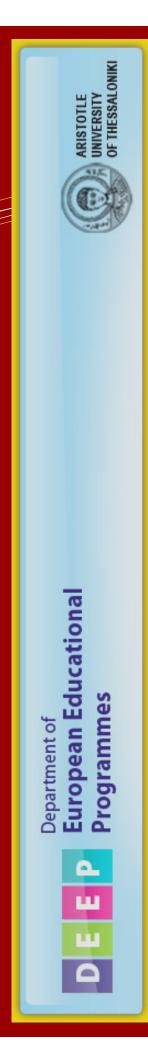












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