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Ambassador Warnecke is the 7th Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in charge of the management and administration of the organisation, the implementation of its programmes and policies, and representing the organisation. He joined ASEF as the 6th Deputy Executive Director in August 2012. Before joining ASEF, Ambassador Warnecke dealt mainly with Germany’s and the EU’s involvement in ASEAN and in the ASEM Process as part of his portfolio as Counselor at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, where he served as Deputy Head of Division for Regional Organizations and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific. A seasoned career diplomat with over 25 years of experience, including almost 20 years in Asia, Ambassador Warnecke is adept at working in cross-cultural settings and in bringing people together from diverse backgrounds.

Prof Arnould DE MEYER

President
Singapore Management University (SMU)

Arnould De Meyer is the 4th President of Singapore Management University. Previously, he was Director of Judge Business School at the University of Cambridge where he was Professor of Management Studies and Fellow of Jesus College. He was associated for 23 years with INSEAD where he held various senior academic and administrative positions, including founding Dean of INSEAD’s Asia Campus in Singapore. Arnould De Meyer has a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, MBA and PhD in Management from the University of Ghent in Belgium. He serves on several boards including the Human Capital Leadership Institute, National Research Foundation, Singapore International Chamber of Commerce, Singapore Symphonia Company Limited and Temasek Management Services. He is an external director of Dassault Systèmes SA (France), Chair of the Strategic Advisory Committee of VITO, the Flemish Institute for Technological Research (Belgium), as well as Chair of the EQUIS Accreditation Board.
Ms Bernise ANG
Principal and Methodology Lead
Zeroth Labs

Bernise Ang is Principal and Methodology Lead at Zeroth Labs, an urban innovation lab which uncovers behavioural insights, maps complexities of hyper-local issues, and applies them to tackle urbanization challenges in emerging cities — such as sanitation, healthcare, and others. Although trained in psychology, her work at Zeroth involves playing alchemist of that and other fields — such as data science, systems analysis, anthropology, technology and design. Previously, Bernise had experience in private equity, UN climate negotiations at CSD and UNFCCC, and co-founded Syinc, the youth non-profit from which Zeroth Labs was a spin-off. Bernise is a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, Asia 21 Young Leader, and World Cities Summit Young Leader.

Prof Leo TAN
ASEF Governor for Singapore

Leo Tan is Director of Special Projects at the Science Faculty, National University of Singapore (NUS) and Advisor to the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum. He attained his Bachelor of Science (Hons) and PhD qualifications from the then University of Singapore (now NUS).

In the course of his career, Prof Tan has also been the Chairman of the National Parks Board, the President of the Asian Scientific Academies & Societies, the Director and CEO of the Singapore Science Centre, the Director of the National Institute of Education, Professor of Biological Sciences at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and the Chairman of the National Youth Achievement Award Council.

Prof Tan has received numerous Singapore National Day Awards for Public Service and Administration. He was also awarded the National Science & Technology Medal, the President’s Award for the Environment and the French National Order of Merit (Officer).
Dr Bervyn Lee is the Associate Dean of Students at Singapore Management University (SMU). He leads SMU's LifeLessons initiative, a values-based programme that uses reflection and dialogue to groom a new breed of graduates grounded with values and geared towards more community-inclined decisions and outcomes at the workplace. Prior to his current position, Dr Lee was the Deputy Chief of the Strategic Development and Marketing Group at Sport Singapore. He holds a PhD in Sport Psychology from the University of Wollongong and a BA (Honours) in English, Physical Education and Sports Science from Loughborough University.

Ms Safi Sabuni
Former President, Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

Safi Sabuni is former President of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) International and the Local Representative of Sweden. She holds a Bachelor in Media, Communication and Development Studies with specialization in Peace and Development Work, Public Relations, and Peace. She is an Erasmus+ scholar and Board member of the Erasmus+ Student and Alumni Association (ESAA).
Dr Martina Mettgenberg-Lemiere is Head of Insights and Capacity Building at AVPN’s Knowledge Centre. She builds on over 10 years of experience of leading applied research for businesses and non-profits with a focus on human capital, education and impact. Most recently in Singapore, she led projects at INSEAD and the Human Capital Leadership Institute and concurrently mentored students in entrepreneurship and financial literacy at the micro-business school Aidha. Previously, she worked in business research and consulting in India for Evalueserve and other organisations, particularly focusing on banking and financial services. She also taught at the Universities of Manchester and Sussex and worked as an independent consultant for NGOs and investment agencies in London and Manchester in the UK. She holds a PhD from Manchester Business School and an MSc and BA (Hons) in Anthropology from the University of Sussex and Manchester respectively.
Prof Fernando Manuel Gomes Remião

Pro-Rector
University of Porto

Professor Fernando Manuel Gomes Remião is the current Pro-Rector for Educational Innovation and Sport, University of Porto (U.Porto) and Head of the U.Porto Unit for the Improvement of Teaching and Learning, since July 2014. Fernando Remião is an Associate Professor with aggregation of the Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Porto (FFUP) and Member of the Scientific Council FFUP. He graduated in Pharmaceutical Sciences by FFUP in 1993. He obtained his PhD in Toxicology in 2002 from FFUP, after a brief period of research in the Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Toxicology, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Southern California (USA). In July 2015, he obtained his “Aggregation Title” in Toxicology. He is currently the main Professor of the „Mechanistic Toxicology“ Course Unit in the „Master Programme of Pharmaceutical Sciences“ and of other related subjects in the „Master Programme in Analytical, Clinical and Forensic Toxicology“ (belonging to its Scientific Committee).

Prof ONG Siow Heng
Dean of International Affairs
Singapore Management University (SMU)

Professor ONG Siow Heng is Dean of International Affairs and Director of the Centre for Scholars Development. He was the Dean of Students from July 2011-June 2017 and has been at Singapore Management University (SMU) for more than 15 years. He is a Professor of Corporate Communication (Education) at the Lee Kong Chian School of Business and earned his PhD from Northwestern University. His publications include Metaphor and Public Communication: Speeches of Lee Kuan Yew and Goh Chok Tong (co-authored with Nirmala Govindasamy-Ong) and Intercultural Communication Competencies in Higher Education and Management (ed). Until recently, he was the Writer for TIME magazine’s Education Program every week for the past 17 years.
WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

**Ms Magalie SOENEN**

Higher Education Policy Unit  
Ministry of Education  
Flemish Government

Magalie Soenen holds a Master and Teacher Training degree in Geography from Ghent University, Belgium. After graduation, she immediately started working at Ghent University as Policy Officer in quality assurance and internationalisation. Nine years later she became the General Coordinator of EPOS VZW, the Flemish Agency for the European Life Long Learning Programme. Since 2009 she works in the Higher Education Policy Unit of the Flemish Ministry of Education and Training. She represents Flanders in the Bologna- and ASEM-process and is member of several boards of directors and committees. She developed and implemented the Flemish policy concerning Internationalisation and Mobility in Higher Education.

**Ms Lilamani DE SOYSA**

Director  
International Relations  
Tsukuba International Academy for Sport Studies (TIAS)

Lilamani de Soysa is a dual national, Sri Lankan and Swiss. She grew up in Sri Lanka and obtained her Master’s Degree in Arts and Literature from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. As a schoolgirl, sport was an important part of her life. She did athletics and played netball for her school and played table tennis for her country. She has been involved in international sport for over 20 years, first at the International Table Tennis Federation based in Lausanne, Switzerland, then the European Table Tennis Union and currently as the Director of International Relations at the Tsukuba International Academy for Sport Studies in Tsukuba, Japan, a legacy programme of the Japanese government for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. She is also a member of the International Working Group for Women in Sport.
Ms Inês MOREIRA
Erasmus+ Trainer
Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

Inês Moreira is originally from Portugal, but she works as a Freelance Trainer in Brussels, Belgium. Over the last 5 years, she has been heavily involved with the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) to enrich the mobility experiences of international exchange students. Through her time in ESN, she has trained individuals from highly diverse backgrounds (from students to trainers, musicians to pharmacists) on a wide variety of topics (from intercultural learning to conflict management, through leadership, project management and peacebuilding).
MODERATORS

Mr Helge Sander Lie
SCHWITTERS
President
European Students’ Union (ESU)

Helge studies at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Oslo and serves as the President of European Students’ Union (ESU). He got himself involved in the student movement very early. Motivated by the want to change university practices for students to become an active driving force for equality and social mobility, Helge joined the Student Parliament. For the last two years, he has been active on the international level of student politics. First as Officer for International Affairs in the National Union of Students in Norway, before joining ESU as coordinator for Human Rights and Solidarity.

Mr Rui Yun GAN
Former President
Nanyang Technological University (NTUSU)

Rui Yun is the outgoing President of Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Students’ Union and has been actively involved in the pursuit of better welfare for the student body. He has just commenced his graduate studies at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at NTU, after graduating with a Mechanical Engineering degree and an Economics degree from NTU as well.

Ms Zhi Yan SEAH
President
Students’ Association Singapore Management University (SMUSA)

Zhi Yan is studying at the Singapore Management University (SMU). She is pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management, majoring in Marketing and Strategic Management. Serving in the capacity of the SMU Students’ Association Council President, Zhi Yan sits on the boards of a few committees to review curriculum such as the Finishing Touch Workshop, which aims to ensure future-ready SMU graduates.
Yi Da joined Singapore Telecommunications Limited as a Management Associate in 2014 and is presently Group Investor Relations Manager responsible for the company’s engagement with the investment community. Yi Da graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) and is presently an MBA candidate at the Singapore Management University (SMU). During his university days, Yi Da served as the President of the National University of Singapore Students’ Union (NUSSU) and also the Students’ Political Association. Outside of work, Yi Da serves as a Fellow at the Ridge View Residential College and Member of the Alumni-Student Advancement Committee at the National University of Singapore, responsible for spearheading fundraising initiatives to support the university. A seasoned youth leader, Yi Da also serves as the President of the ASEM Young Leaders Network as well as Vice Chairman of the SAFRA Youth Network.

Lucia received the Erasmus Mundus scholarship and graduated from the European Master in Tourism Management (EMTM) in 2012. Ever since she has been involved in volunteering with the Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) working on projects such as recognition of degrees, promotion and internationalisation of higher education as well as impact of Erasmus Mundus alumni on the local community. Starting in September, Lucia has become the association’s Vice-President.
Mr Lennart STOY
Projects Manager
Research and Innovation Unit
European University Association (EUA)

Lennart is Project Manager in the Research & Innovation unit of the European University Association (EUA). He joined EUA in 2014 and works on the development of EUA’s European Platform for Universities in Energy Research & Education. Lennart is a graduate of Leiden University’s Master’s programme in Political Science and holds a Bachelor’s degree in East Asian Economical & Political Studies from Ruhr University Bochum. Before joining EUA, he gained experience in the Global Knowledge Sharing and Learning unit at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and at the Sino-German Cultural and Economic Association in Taipei.

Mr Max PEERS
Student Assistant at the Bologna Lab of Humboldt University / Member of the EUA Thematic Peer Group on Links between Research and Reaching

Max is completing his Master’s Degree in Classical Archaeology at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. He received his Bachelor’s Degree at the University of Toronto, in Classics and Archaeology. In Berlin, Max has held a position at the Bologna Lab for the past year, a department that specializes in developing and implementing new forms of teaching and learning. Max assists in the running of the Q-Programme, whose overall goal is to create an environment for research-based learning at the undergraduate level.

Ms Kaho SHINOHARA
Student
International Development and Peace Through Sport
University of Tsukuba

Kaho is a second-year student at the University of Tsukuba in Japan, pursuing a Master's degree in International Development and Peace through Sport. She has been engaged with the Paralympic Movement as a volunteer at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games as well as an intern at the Agitos Foundation which is the development arm of International Paralympic Committee.
Ms Sayna ABESHZADEH
Student Assessor
at the Board of the University
University of Groningen

Sayna is studying Econometrics and Operations Research at the University of Groningen. She is the Student Assessor of the Executive Board of the University of Groningen. The Student Assessor is the advising member of the Board and has influence on the policy of the Board. Her focus is on education, student affairs and internationalisation. She is also involved in the process of designing educational policy and is present during the meetings of the University Council.

Ms Syrine Gladys PODADERA
ASEF Young Reporter
Far Eastern University / Consultancy

Syrine has a degree in Communication from the Far Eastern University, Manila. She co-founded and headed a university-wide organization for academic scholars in college and was awarded as an Outstanding Senior Student and Batch Valedictorian. She works as a freelance writer and teaches campus journalism to grade school kids in Siargao, a small island in the Philippines. Syrine also co-founded The Diarist Projects, an online platform dedicated to help young individuals cope up through writing.

Mr Albert MEIJER
ASEF Young Reporter
University of Groningen / De Kleine Letter

Albert is a Consortium Coordinator of the Master in Euroculture at the University of Groningen. He is responsible for all student affairs. Moreover, he started a small (copy-)writing business, de kleine letter, and has been a freelance writer. Albert is an expert in the field of International and European Affairs, with a focus on the cultural and creative sector. He has extensive experience in coordination and communication roles.
PARTICIPANTS

Ms Sophie JOHNSTON
Australia
National Union of Students

Sophie is the current President of the Australian National Union of Students (NUS). She has worked extensively with students’ associations, government and stakeholders in the sector on policy, access and quality. In 2016, she worked closely with students and university management on a campus level as University of New South Wales (UNSW) Student Representative Council President and spent two years prior to that working closely with the UNSW student union.

Ms Melike DINCER
Austria
University of Vienna

Melike is studying Law and Political Science at the University of Vienna. She served as an intern at the Political Department of the Austrian Embassy in Washington, D.C. From 2013-2015, as a representative of the national delegation of the Austrian Students’ Union (ÖH), Melike stood up for the rights of third-country citizen students. In addition, she was General Secretary of AktionsGemeinschaft Association and AktionsGemeinschaft Human Science Association at the University of Vienna to represent especially third-country citizen students in Vienna, who were disadvantaged in some cases.

Mr Osama NOOR
Bangladesh
Update Dental College / Youth Opportunities (YO)

Osama is in his final year of Bachelor of Dental Surgery. He has completed his one-year long leadership training from Cambridge University called „Leading Change“. Osama is the co-founder of Youth Opportunities (YO). YO is a global platform aimed at empowering youth by connecting local youth to their global counterparts while bringing the opportunity providers closer to the seekers. He is also involved with national and international voluntary organization and promoted volunteerism in the last 7 years. In 2016, Osama got awarded the Queen’s Young Leaders Award for his social entrepreneur initiative.
Lorenzo is a Master’s student in Economics at Ghent University, Belgium and already obtained a M.Sc. in International Relations. He’s the Vice President and Director of International Affairs of the National Union of Students in Flanders (VVS) and has 4 years of experience as a student representative. Besides that, he’s the co-founder of ‘Studaro’, a start-up which helps to find international students a student job abroad while studying.

Hanis just completed her Master in Teaching (specifically Teaching Biology) at the University of Brunei Darussalam. Prior to that, she received a scholarship for her Bachelor’s in the field of Biology at the University of Bath, United Kingdom. In 2016, she was appointed as Student’s representative for MTeach Biology. She has been volunteering in different programmes and has been teaching biology courses.

Paolo has studied International Relations as a major, with Human Rights and Peace and Conflict Studies as side courses. His work/volunteer background has been linked to helping students in every possible manner. As a student representative, he has been working for students at his respective faculty and making sure their voices are heard. As a volunteer at the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Sweden, he has been representing the interest of all international/exchange students who come to Sweden to do their studies.
**PARTICIPANTS**

Ms Sovann CHANRY  
Cambodia  
The University of Cambodia

Sovann is a Master’s degree student at the University of Cambodia, majoring in Educational Administration. She has completed her Bachelor’s degree in Education at the same university in 2014. Together with her experience in education, she has spent around five years working as a full-time staff for the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) at the University of Cambodia. Her main duty is to work and coordinate closely with the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport (MoEYS) on degree liaison, monitor all educational policies, regulations, degrees, sub-degrees, declarations and decisions from MoEYS.

Ms CHEN Xiuwen  
China  
Nanjing University

Xiuwen studied international politics at the Xiamen University, China. She also did an exchange at the University of Leeds. Xiuwen was the former President of the Student Union at the Faculty of International Relations at the Xiamen University, where she held different events and led about 40 team members. She received the Outstanding Organization Award for her work. Moreover, Xiuwen was the President of Model APEC and Student Ambassador at her university in Xiamen.

Ms Danijela SVIRCIC  
Croatia  
University of Essex

Danijela is finalising her Master’s degree in International Relations at the University of Essex in England. At the university, she has taken the role of a Student Ambassador and Course Representative for the Department of Government, where she acts as a liaison between fellow students and academic staff. She obtained her undergraduate degrees in Business Administration and Political Science, with a minor in Spanish. Danijela completed an internship with the Ministry of Environment and Public Space in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she worked on issues in regard to the environment.
PARTICIPANTS

Mr Michalis KATSOURIS
Cyprus
European University of Cyprus

Michalis is currently pursuing a Bachelor in Law at the European University of Cyprus. He owns a Bachelor in Social Work from the Frederick University. Michalis was a member of the Frederick University Student Union. At the moment he is a Representative of the students at the Department of Humanities of the European University, as well as a Representative of the Law School. His interests are human rights, equality in people, education and social policy.

Mr Michal ZIMA
Czech Republic
Charles University

Michal is doing a PhD in Human Physiology at Charles University. Prior to that, he received a Master’s degree in Human and Animal Physiology and a Bachelor’s degree in Medical Studies and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. He is currently the Chairman of the Main Students' Representative body of Czech Republic, which gives him a wide scale of experience within the Czech educational system.

Mr Harald Gade ANDERSEN
Denmark
Technical University of Denmark

Harald studies engineering and specializes in Physics and Nanotechnology, a programme that is focused on research in science. He has also been an active part in shaping and developing courses and programmes at his university and gained knowledge in education management and how to design courses, so that progressive learning throughout a programme is ensured. Harald's activities in labour union leadership have provided him insights in managing large organizations.
Ms Triin TARTES
Estonia
Tallinn University of Technology

Triin has recently graduated with honours and has a Master of Science in Engineering, with a specialisation in E-governance Technologies and Services. Having previously been a part of the international management of the student NGO Board of European Students of Technology (BEST), she has seen that the youth has great potential to contribute to the quality of higher education. She counts her work experience in the Estonian Liaison Office for EU R&D in Brussels an asset, which has enabled her to see how policy is formed on a European level.

Mr Ville VIHLA
Finland
University of Oulu / Töölö Elementary School

Ville is finalising his International Education Technology Studies (MA). He is working at Töölö Elementary School as a bilingual education coordinator, as a Special Education Needs (SEN) teacher and as a member of the board. In the field of education, Ville is interested in social contexts and institutional changes, both nationally and internationally. In addition, he is interested in low-threshold data analysis, individual development paths and aspects related to evolving and varying operating environments in both public and private sectors.

Ms Paola DANIORE
France
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zürich)

Paola is pursuing a Master’s degree in Management Technology and Economics at ETH Zürich in Switzerland, with a specialty in Negotiations and Conflict Management. In her university, Paola works as a Research Assistant for the Chair of Negotiations and Conflict Management and acts as the External Relations Manager for her programme’s student union. Prior to her Master’s programme, Paola studied Chemical Engineering (B.Eng) at McGill University in Montréal, Canada.
PARTICIPANTS

Ms Felicitas BEGER
Germany
Université Catholique de Louvain

Felicitas is a medical student in Brussels, is the Vice-President for External Affairs of the Belgian Medical Students’ Association. Having lived in Germany, Cameroon and the United States before moving to Belgium, she has a deep understanding of educational systems across continents and is a certified multiplicator of global education. She believes in student empowerment and leadership and is especially interested in including more informal education within university curricula.

Mr Konstantinos BAKIRIS
Greece
University of Thessaly

Konstantinos studies at the Department of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly in Volos, Greece. He has also spent 6 months in Lyon, France during his Erasmus+ programme studies. For the last three years, he has been active in voluntary and student organizations on European level, mainly through his work in Association des États Généraux des Étudiants de l’Europe (AEGEE)/European Student’s Forum. Additionally, he delivers workshops as a trainer for various youth programmes such as Civic Education/Youth Development promotion.

Mr Peter HOLICZA
Hungary
Óbuda University

Peter is a PhD student at the Doctoral School of Safety and Security Sciences at the Óbuda University in Budapest, where he also serves as President of the PhD Student Union. During two and half years, he has led the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) at the same university. Besides this, he works for his university’s Mobility Department. During his Bachelor and Master studies, he has been granted by the Erasmus Programme multiple times in the following countries: Portugal, Malta, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.
Mr Joce PARDOSI
Indonesia
Universitas Indonesia

Joce is a Law student at the Universitas Indonesia. Prior to his education and advocacy works, his study focused on Human, Society, and Development Law. He is the Vice President of the Faculty of Law Students' Council. Together with a team of 197 students, he manages 56 students’ social projects engaging more than 6,000 students and civic society, from advocacy on students’ needs, to leading ongoing national advocacies on higher education. Meanwhile, he is the National Director of Indonesia Youth Meetings Movement (IYMM), a movement for youth participation for the implementation and contextualization of sustainable development through policies.

Mr Salim SEBAOUI
Ireland
Trinity College Dublin

Salim is a medical student at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) who also holds a Master’s degree in Bioengineering and currently serves as Student Global Ambassador for TCD. He is a keen researcher who is currently involved in several projects. Salim has a strong interest in the future of education and has considerable experience in teaching. He describes himself as a lifelong learner, aspiring change maker and academic.

PARTICIPANTS

Mr Deepanshu AGGARWAL
India
Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) University of Delhi

Deepanshu is a commerce undergraduate student from Delhi. He headed the Shri Ram Leadership Summit 2016, one of the largest leadership summits at his university. He is also the Executive for Financial Affairs for the Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) Student’s Union, where he led a team and drafted and implemented the agenda for 2016-17 for the Students’ Union.
Mr Ryo TOYODA  
Japan  
University of Twente

Ryo received his Bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of the Philippines Los Baños. After graduation, he took the opportunity to teach basic engineering courses at the same university. In 2015, he was chosen as one of the recipients of a scholarship grant from Erasmus Mundus Masters in Membrane Engineering (EM3E), a collaboration among 6 high education institutions of 5 European countries. He’s the Vice President of Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) Far East Chapter who’s responsible for coordinating with the country representatives on projects and activities.

Ms Didara PERNEBAYEVA  
Kazakhstan  
Nazarbayev University

Didara is a student of Economics and Sociology at Nazarbayev University and a social entrepreneur who in all activities strives to empower people using education, technology, and entrepreneurial skills. Two years ago, researching and studying discriminatory problems towards women’s education, she created a mobile application called „Kelin“ - a free anonymous social network for women, where users discuss illicit topics. As a mobile app developer, she has knowledge in using social media to educate and empower women. She was also an English volunteer teacher at a rural school in Lianyungang City, China.

Ms Erika BETTIN  
Italy  
University of Padua

Erika is studying Communication Science with a specialisation in Cinema and Journalism at the University of Padua. She used to work, especially volunteering, in international environments. Thanks to the activities carried out in the European Students' Forum - Association des États Généraux des Étudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE), she developed a strong interest in non-formal education and its importance for youngsters to acquire soft skills outside university classrooms.
PARTICIPANTS

Ms Sunhee KIM
Korea
Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training

Sunhee studied Education to become a teacher. After working as a high school teacher in Korea, she did her Master’s degree in Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Washington (UW), USA, where she worked as a tutor and teaching assistant. At UW, she advocated for students’ rights through her service as a Graduate Student Senator. Sunhee has volunteered for the Erasmus+ community since 2012. She also worked as a researcher at Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training, a government affiliated think tank in Korea.

Mr Arkadijs ZVAIGZNE
Latvia
Riga Business School

Arkadijs is an MBA student at Riga Business School, Latvia. He is an experienced student representative in the field of quality assurance of higher education and is responsible for coordinating the work of Latvian student experts in the external quality assurance of higher education as well as with representing the interests of students on the national level in policy making related to the quality assurance of higher education. Furthermore, he is a member of the Higher Education Council (Latvia) and a Project Expert for the Higher Education Quality Agency (Latvia).

Mr Chonny THONGDENG
Lao PDR
The Savannakhet University

Chonny is a sophomore studying Banking and the Student Council President at the Savannakhet University in Lao PDR. As the Student Council President, Chonny sets up the activity plans with other Deputy Student Council Presidents, university advisors, and the university. He would like to shape prospective education paradigms and foster quality education with other peers.
Mr Daniel RUIZ VIEJOBUENO
Luxembourg
University of Essex

Daniel studies Liberal Arts - an interdisciplinary degree that allows him to acquire a great breadth of knowledge from a variety of academic disciplines - at the University of Essex in the UK. His focus is Politics and Philosophy. Daniel's academic and personal background is marked by politics, classical music and a genuine interest in the world around him. Past political commitments include being the head of the Luxembourg delegation at the Model European Parliament 2014 in Vienna, President of the student's body in high school in 2013/14 and being the President of the Society of Luxembourg Students in Britain in 2016/17.

Mr Tautvydas ŠIMANAUSKAS
Lithuania
Kaunas University of Technology

Tautvydas is a Master's degree student at Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania. At the moment, he works in the Department of Marketing at the same university. Tautvydas was always an active member of the student movement. During five working years in the Student Union, he implemented together with his team many projects at the university such as the system of students' inclusion in study quality improvement, international students' ambassadors, etc. Tautvydas was delegated to represent Lithuania in international events in Malta, Austria, Slovakia, Latvia and Estonia.

Mr Abdul Rahim Bin ISMAIL
Malaysia
International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)

Abdul is a student majoring in Political Science at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). In 2015, he did an AIESEC Global Citizen Youth Exchange in India. He was the IIUM Representative at the Students' Parliament 2016. Abdul participated as well in the National Aspiration Leadership Summit 2017 as a delegate from his university.
Mr Myagmardorj BUYANJARGAL
Mongolia
National University of Mongolia

Myagmardorj is a law student with a focus on Human Rights, freelance writer, holder of a Bachelor of Science in Mining Technology Engineering, and a charity fundraiser. When he was Student President of the Mongolian University of Science and Technology, he started a charity foundation. He has successfully led a team to organize two charity projects to raise the funds for surgeries for a three-year old child and a young woman.

Mr Ratul PRASAD
Myanmar
University of Medicine 1, Yangon

Ratul is a medical student with a strong interest in solving social challenges. He is currently a member of the Student Union at University of Medicine 1, where he is responsible for communications with the individuals, organizations and foreign delegations on behalf of the Student Union and the university.

Mr Robert NAPIER
Malta
University of Malta

Robert studies Advocacy at the University of Malta. Prior to that, he received a Bachelor in Laws (Hons.). Robert is the President of the University Students’ Council, after having served the roles of Social Policy Commissioner and Secretary General during the past two years. Together with student organizations on campus, he has worked on several initiatives. Besides being active on campus, Robert also used to form part of the Malta Model United Nations Society. He was also heavily involved in the Junior Chamber International, and gave input to various student organizations on campus.
PARTICIPANTS

Ms Fei FANG
New Zealand
University of Auckland

Fei (Cecilia) is doing a conjoint degree in Law/Commerce with a double major in International Business and Economics at the University of Auckland. She is the Student Ambassador at Certified Practising Accountants (CPA) Australia, where she acts as a liaison between CPA Australia and the University of Auckland students by supporting on-campus activities and actively engaging with students, academics, professionals and student associations.

Mr Steven KROON
Netherlands
Leiden University

Steven studies Political Science/International Relations and China Studies at the Leiden University. Steven has lived and studied in Beijing, worked as a Policy Adviser trainee for the Social-Liberal party ’D66’ in the Dutch Parliament, and worked as a Policy Adviser trainee for the Asia and Oceania Department of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Concurrently, Steven has been elected in a number of elective councils at Leiden University. In these, he endeavours to keep up the quality of present day education and to maintain its standard for the future.

Ms Kamilla RISANGER
Norway
Copenhagen Business School

Kamilla studies Advanced Economics and Finance at the Copenhagen Business School in Denmark. Prior to that, she studied Economics in London. Alongside studying, Kamilla got involved with the Association of Norwegian Students Abroad (ANSA), which is an organization that supports Norwegians who study abroad and represents them politically. Kamilla has previously served on the Board of Directors at ANSA. She is also experienced with facilitating and managing student engagement in education.
Ms Fahly POBLETE
Philippines
University of the Philippines / Global Peace Foundation
Philippines

Fahly majors in Instructional Design and Technology in the Faculty of Education at the University of the Philippines. She is also the Programme Development Officer of Global Peace Foundation Philippines. Since 2011, Fahly has been co-organizing and facilitating local and international youth conferences, and exchanges such as Global Peace Youth Exchange, and Global Youth Summit - an annual gathering that engages thousands of young people in the Philippines and abroad to share their project ideas and diverse skills that will effectively address the persistent problems of today.

Mr Fahid RIAZ
Pakistan
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