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Dr Akhtar Jalbani is an accomplished professional specializing in the field of Cybersecurity. With a strong background and expertise in this area, Akhtar is a trusted authority in the industry. Akhtar holds a degree in Computer Science and experience in cyber security making him highly knowledgeable in protecting digital assets from online threats. He excels in identifying vulnerabilities, implementing robust security measures, and managing risks to ensure data remains safe. In addition to Cybersecurity, Akhtar has a keen interest in AI and Cloud Computing. He has pursued advanced studies and gained expertise in these fields, allowing him to harness the power of AI and cloud technologies to enhance organizational capabilities. With his dedication to staying ahead of emerging challenges, Akhtar is a sought-after professional who helps businesses fortify their digital environments and leverage the benefits of AI and cloud computing securely.

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Global robotic teams to promote STEM education. Dr. Sharina has served as a member of the judging panel in the MAKEX International Robotic Competition. She is also the founder of the Learning Ladders Society, a non-profit organization for Children with Autism and Related Disorders.

Professor SHEN Yi is the director of the Research Center for the Global Cyberspace Governance, the non-resident researcher at the China Cyberspace Studying Institute, and individual director of China Association of Cybersecurity. The main research of Professor SHEN Yi focuses on cybersecurity, cyber diplomacy and the governance of global cyberspace. From 2008 to 2009, Professor SHEN Yi went to Georgetown University as a post doctoral research fellow in the School of Foreign Affairs.

In 2013, Professor SHEN Yi published his book on the National Cybersecurity Strategy of U.S. and also participated the Conference of Cybersecurity and Informatization, which was hosted by President Xi Jinping on Apr. 19th, 2016, as one of the ten key speakers.

Professor Fang Xingdong, Distinguished Professor of Zhejiang University and Director of Wuzhen Digital Civilization Research Institute, recently joined the Information Ethics Working Group of the Intergovernmental Information for All Programme (IFAP) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), becoming the first expert from China to join the group. Professor Fang's membership reflects the importance and influence of China in the study of ethical issues in the digital age.

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Additionally, he has experience in drafting business models and value propositions, as well as preparing and presenting reports of trade related issues such as market access, market intelligence, potential business opportunities and sector of interest for Foreign Direct Investment.
Dr Rahul Bhandari is a distinguished academic professional, currently serving as a Joint Director and Assistant Professor of Practices at O.P. Jindal Global University. His academic journey is marked by a strong commitment to advancing knowledge and addressing critical issues in higher education.

Dr Bhandari holds a doctoral degree in Social and Political Science, which he earned from Airlangga University in Indonesia. His research pursuits primarily revolve around the multifaceted domain of internationalization in higher education, viewed through the lens of neoliberalism.

In addition to his academic responsibilities, Dr Bhandari serves as the Chief Editor of ATM Journal Indonesia, underscoring his commitment to scholarly dialogue and the exchange of ideas. Furthermore, he is currently engaged in the authorship of two forthcoming books, addressing critical topics in the realms of artificial intelligence readiness in Southeast Asia and the dynamic landscape of metaverse marketing in the context of Web 3.0.

Iwan Adhicandra is currently the Head of the Informatics Department at Bakrie University in Jakarta, Indonesia. With over 22 years of experience in global higher education, he has left an indelible mark on academia worldwide. He commenced his educational voyage at Trisakti University in Indonesia, where he earned his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering. His thirst for knowledge then took him to the United Kingdom, where he pursued postgraduate coursework at the University of Sheffield, deepening his expertise in electrical engineering. Continuing his pursuit of excellence, Iwan embarked on postgraduate research studies at the University of Sydney in Australia. Here, he honed his research skills and contributed to advancing electrical engineering knowledge.

Throughout his career, Iwan's quest for academic diversity led him to various international institutions, including stints at Leeds Beckett University, Politecnico di Torino, University of Pisa, Philips Research Europe in the Netherlands, Simula Research Laboratory in Norway, Technische Universität Ilmenau in Germany, and Northern Virginia Community College in the USA. Iwan is a Senior Member in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (SMIEEE).

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Katerina's commitment to the integration of technology and education is paving the way for a more inclusive, innovative, and collaborative approach to learning.

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He is also part of two non-government and non-profit organizations. He is the Founding Board of Trustee of Reboot Philippines, a youth organization that advocates for the just transition towards 100% utilization of renewable energy; and he is also the Academic and Content Advisor of Ulap.org, an NGO based in Denmark, that advocates for upskilling of underprivileged youth in the field of cloud computing.

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Renata is a member of Editorial board of the Journal Intellectual property, member of the International Scientific Committee of the Law in Business of Selected Member States of the European Union conference at University of Economics in Prague, member of the organizing committee of conference Cooperation
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Yang is a multi-disciplinary and mixed-method PhD researcher and teaching staff, contributing to the MSc Business Analytics program at Nottingham University Business School's N/Lab, a centre for AI research with a focus on social good (www.nlab.org.uk).

His recent research included a project utilising Machine Learning techniques to examine the dynamic evolution of circular economies and to predict features associated with success of food-sharing networks across geographical districts in the UK. His current research centres on digital entrepreneurship and the design implications of digital marketplace for the sustainable development of microenterprises in rural Malaysia.

Prior to joining Nottingham, he had eight years of senior management experience within the International Office at Birmingham City University, where he last served as the Head of Partnerships and Operations. He led on international partnerships, mobility initiatives and business development efforts for the institution, many of which were with universities in China. In his tenure, he secured a £500,000 grant application aimed at facilitating international mobility for both university staff and students.

Aside from being in academia, Yang is also an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), a professional body for management accountants globally. Working with a range of industries on various advisory and consultancy capacity, he has engaged in a diverse range of industrial projects including entrepreneurship policy mapping, UX/UI consultancy, company rebranding advisory, AR museum app development, FMCG sprint projects etc. He currently serves on the advisory board of AHZ, a global student recruitment company headquartered in London.

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The Center of Project Design Education is in charge of developing curriculum and providing training to both lectures and students to embrace Design thinking and Innovation as a business strategy. Ms Hoai has applied Problem based learning, Project based learning as training techniques in her Project Design classes, which received positive results and feedback from learners. In the future, she aims to improve the curriculum and training to support young entrepreneurs and startups to be able to develop their initial ideas into real business through problem-solving skills and innovative spirit. Ms Hoai’s academic background is Management studies. She graduated Master of Science degree in Business Management in 2009 from University of East Anglia, UK, and is now a PhD candidate in Economics and Management at University of Tomas Bata in Zlin, Czech Republic.

Ambassador Toru MORIKAWA
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Ambassador MORIKAWA Toru (Japan) joined the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) as its 8th Executive Director in August 2020. ASEF’s leadership alternates between Asia and Europe every four years.

Ambassador MORIKAWA is a seasoned career diplomat bringing decades of experience and expertise to ASEF. His previous postings include serving as Minister, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Iran; and Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in France where he was in charge of various cultural exchange initiatives. He has also worked in the areas of Media and Regional Economic Cooperation and has experience in cultivating and enhancing partnerships for projects with different organisations including the private sector.

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Miguel PANGALANGAN, a Filipino National, joined ASEF as Project Officer in January 2021. Currently, he coordinates projects under ASEF Education’s Higher Education and Policy Programme, including the ASEF Regional Conference on Higher Education (ARC) and the ASEF Innovation Lab (ASEFInnoLab).

He first engaged with ASEF in 2016 during the 5th ASEF Rectors Conference and Students Forum (ARC5) in the Czech Republic. He was then Student Regent to the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines (U.P.) System. He then participated in the ASEM Lifelong Learning Symposium in Scotland and the 7th ASEF Rectors Conference and Students Forum (ARC7) in Romania. Miguel holds a Bachelor’s degree in Community Development from U.P. and a Master’s degree in Development Studies from the Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam. Simultaneous with his graduate studies in The Hague, Netherlands, he worked at BRAC International, United Network of Young Peacebuilders, and Oxfam Novib, consecutively.
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