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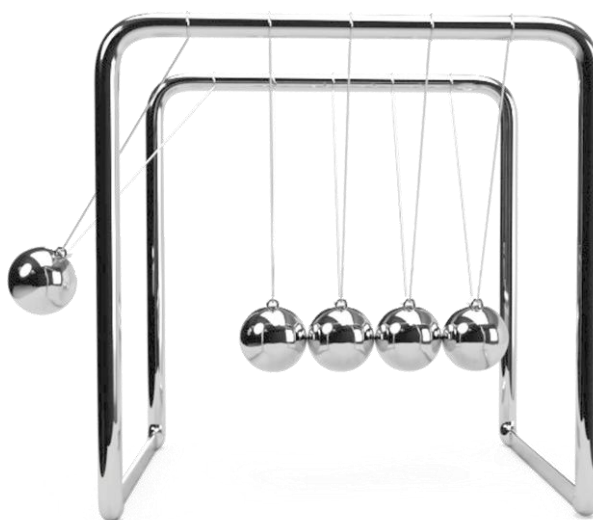
ASEF HIGHER EDUCATION

**The Role of Universities in Advancing
AI for Good**

24-29 August 2026

University of Nottingham | United Kingdom

FULL PROGRAMME



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Monday, 24 August 2026

Day 1. Arrival, Check-in, and Registration

Venue: The Orchard Hotel and Restaurant, Beeston Ln, NG7 2RJ, University of Nottingham

18:00 – 20:30 Registration and welcome dinner at The Orchard Hotel

Tuesday, 25 August 2026

Day 2. Opening the Dialogue: Universities, AI, and the Common Good

Venue: A30, Lakeside Arts, NG7 2RD, University of Nottingham

08:30 Departure from hotel to venue

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome Messages

Message from University of Nottingham

Prof Tom RODDEN

Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange
University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

*Message from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office,
United Kingdom (TBD)*

Message from the Asia-Europe Foundation

Ms Cleo CACHAPERO

Lead for Higher Education Projects
Asia-Europe Foundation

09:30 – 10:15 Keynote Talk on The Role of Universities in Advancing AI for Good

*“Universities as Stewards of AI for the Common Good: Innovation,
Governance, and Public Value”*

Prof Barry O’SULLIVAN (TBC)

Professor, School of Computer Science and Information Technology;
Director, Insight Research Ireland Centre for Data Analytics
University College Cork, Ireland

10:15 – 10:45 Group Photo & Morning Break

10:45 – 11:30 Setting the Scene

Dr Claudio RIVERA

Assistant Professor and Director of Programmes, and
ASEFInnoLab Strategic Advisor
RTU Riga Business School, Latvia

11:30 – 12:00 Getting to Know Icebreaker

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30 White Paper Presentation & Feedback Session

The team will present the progress of its draft paper, highlighting the core issue being addressed, the paper’s emerging argument and framework, key findings or insights so far, and any proposed recommendations. Each presentation will be followed by a structured feedback exchange with assigned peer reviewers, resource persons, and the wider cohort.

7th ASEF Higher Education Innovation Laboratory (ASEFInnoLab7) Conference

24-29 August 2026 | Nottingham, UK

Led by **Prof SHEN Yi**, Professor of SIRPA & Director, International Research Institute of Global Cyberspace Governance, with the support of **Mr ZHANG Shuyan**, Research Assistant, Fudan University, China; joined by:

- **Dr Robert Kerwin BILLONES**, Full Professor and Research Fellow, De La Salle University, Philippines
- **Dr Lafifa JAMAL**, Professor, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- **Mrs Ramneek ATHWAL**, PhD Student, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
- **Dr Rachel TAN**, Head of Programme (Doctor of Education), INTI International University, Malaysia

14:30 – 15:30

White Paper Presentation & Feedback Session

Led by **Dr Neelima SAILAJA** (Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham), **Dr Yang BONG** (Research Associate, University of Nottingham & Senior Lecturer, Birmingham Newman University), and **Dr Minjia CHEN** (Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham); joined by:

- **Dr Muhammad Zahid IQBAL**, Assistant Professor in Immersive Technologies, Teesside University, United Kingdom
- **Ms Leïla CELLÉRIER**, PhD Student, University of Geneva, Switzerland
- **Dr Vicente PITOGO**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Caraga State University, Philippines
- **Ms Devisakti ANNAMALI**, Senior Lecturer, Universiti Sains Malaysia
- **Mr Jin TADA**, Joint Researcher, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan

15:30 – 16:00

Afternoon Break

16:00 – 17:00

Team Session

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17:00 – 18:00

White Paper Presentation & Feedback Session

Led by **Prof Zainal SANUSI**, Professor and Director, Sejahtera Centre for Sustainability and Humanity; and **Prof Mira KARTIWI**, Professor and Director of Data Management and Data Analytics, International Islamic University Malaysia; joined by:

- **Dr Aneela YASMIN**, VET Coordinator, East Preston Islamic College, Australia
- **Prof Vanessa CAMILLERI**, Associate Professor, University of Malta
- **Dr Joey AVILES**, IT Programme Chair, Graduate School, Angeles University Foundation, Philippines
- **Prof Andri IOANNOU**, Professor of Learning Design and Technology, Cyprus University of Technology
- **Miss Bogna LIZINIEWICZ**, PhD Researcher, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Day 3. Learning Across Teams and Contexts

Venue: C011, Advanced Manufacturing Building, Derby Rd, NG7 2GX, University of Nottingham

08:30

Departure from hotel to venue

09:00 – 10:00

Keynote Talks

Prof James GOULDING

Professor of Data Science & Director of the N/LAB Research Centre

<i>University of Nottingham, United Kingdom</i> Prof Steve BENFORD Dunford Professor of Computer Science & Director, Horizon Centre for Doctoral Training <i>University of Nottingham, United Kingdom</i>	
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Break
10:30 – 11:30	White Paper Presentation & Feedback Session Led by Prof Lampros STERGIOLAS, Professor of Data Science and AI / UNESCO Chair for AI and Data Science for Society, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands; joined by: • Mr Anshumaan GOEL, PhD Scholar, OP Jindal Global University, India • Dr Munir SEWANI, PhD Programme Admittee, University of Malta • Mr David TIMIS, Senior Fellow in AI Governance, Global Governance Institute, Belgium • Mrs Cinta GALLENT-TORRES, Assistant Professor, Universitat de València, Spain
11:30 – 12:30	White Paper Presentation & Feedback Session Led by Prof Daniel BURGOS, Vice-Rector for International Research / UNESCO Chair for eLearning, Universidad Internacional de La Rioja, Spain; joined by: • Dr Radwan ESKHITA, Senior Lecturer in Cyber Security and IT Law, Lucerne University of Applied Science, Germany • Dr Fernaz NARIN NUR, Professor, Daffodil International University, Bangladesh • Mr Xaysavath SOUKCHALEUN, Lecturer and Researcher, Souphanouvong University, Lao PDR • Dr Rafis ABAZOV, Director, Kazakh National Agrarian Research University, Kazakhstan • Miss Favour BOROKINI, PhD Student, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 18:00	Campus Tour and Site Visit

Thursday, 27 August 2026

Day 4. Deepening Dialogue with the Expert Group on Digitalisation and AI

Venue: Glaxo Smith Kline Carbon Neutral Laboratory for Sustainable Chemistry, 6 Triumph Rd, NG7 2GT & A21, Si Yuan Centre, NG8 1BB, University of Nottingham

08:30	Departure from hotel to venue	
09:00 – 10:00	White Paper Presentation & Feedback Session Led by Dr Shalinka JAYATILLEKE, Senior Lecturer in AI and Data Analytics / Course Coordinator, Bachelor of Business Analytics, La Trobe University, Australia; joined by: • Mrs Rashikala WEERAWARNA, Senior Lecturer, Holmesglen TAFE, Australia • Dr Akhtar Ali JALBANI, Senior Lecturer, Holmesglen TAFE, Australia	

	• Prof Andrea MASCOLO, Academic Director, European Institute for Medical Studies • Dr Sunyub KIM, Associate Research Fellow, Science and Technology Policy Institute, Republic of Korea • Ms Julija MIRONOVA, Programme Director, Riga Nordic University, Latvia	
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Break	
10:30 – 11:30	White Paper Presentation & Feedback Session Led by Dr João PITA COSTA , Mathematician and Senior Researcher; Mr Davor ORLIČ , Chief Operating Officer, and Dr Anja POLAJNAR , Project Manager, International Research Centre on AI under the auspices of UNESCO; joined by: • Dr Chetanpal SINGH, University Lecturer, RMIT, Australia • Mr Joost Groot KORMELINK, Manager for Open and Online Education, TU Delft, Netherlands • Prof Dr Ebba OSSIANILSSON, Chief Executive Officer, Ossiannilsson Quality in Open Online Learning Consultancy, Sweden • Mrs Ajita DESHMUKH, Assistant Professor, MIT Art Design and Technology University, India • Dr Welyao MENG, Research Fellow, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom	<i>Hybrid Meeting of the ASEM Education Expert Group on Digitalisation and AI</i> A21, Si Yuan Centre, NG8 1BB
11:30 – 12:00	Introductions between the Main Cohort and the EG	
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 14:30	Keynote Talk on “Digital Transformation of Higher Education for the Global Common Good” Ms Trine JENSEN Manager, Higher Education & Digital Transformation, Publication and Events <i>International Association of Universities</i> Keynote Talk Prof Elvira PEREZ VALLEJOS Professor of Digital Technology for Mental Health, Faculty of Science <i>University of Nottingham, United Kingdom</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	White Paper Presentation & Feedback Session Led by Dr Sharina YUNUS , Assistant Professor & Director, Enterprise Office, Universiti Teknologi Brunei, Brunei Darussalam; joined by: • Dr Nur Lisa ZAHARIN, Senior Lecturer, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia • Dr Emese BELENYESI, Associate Professor, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary • Mr Francesco AMIGHETTI, Development Lead & Founding Member, THINK.TANK Plus, Greece • Mr Muhammad SOHAIL, Senior Lecturer & Lead for AI and SDG Innovation, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania	

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	• Ms Nimisha PARASHAR, PhD Student, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
15:30 – 16:00	Afternoon Break
16:00 – 17:00	White Paper Presentation & Feedback Session Led by Prof Tejpavan GANDHOK , Professor of Practice Strategy & Entrepreneurship and Director, IDEATE LAB and Professor, and Prof Spriha BHANDARI , Assistant Professor of Legal Practice and Assistant Director, Cyril Shroff Centre for AI, Law and Regulation, OP Jindal Global University, India; joined by: • Mr Antonio PELEGRINA JIMENEZ, Postgraduate Student, Universidad de Granada, Spain • Prof Marion Lux CASTRO, Professor, University of the Philippines Los Baños • Ms Zeynep YARADANAKUL, Country Representative for Finland, Erasmus Mundus Association • Mr Rustam Shariq MUJTABA, Southeast and East Asia Regional Youth Champion, Digital Transformations for Health Lab, Singapore • Mr Pavlos PANAGIOTIDIS, PhD Student, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
17:00 – 18:00	Team Session <i>This session will provide dedicated working time for white paper teams to consolidate their ideas, coordinate next steps, and advance their draft papers. Teams may use this space to refine their content, prepare for their upcoming presentation, and/or review comments received from peers and resource persons.</i>
	Coordinators' Meeting <i>All white paper leads will be having a parallel meeting to prepare for the conference wrap-up.</i>

Friday, 28 August 2026

Day 5. Bridging Insights, Partnerships, and Practice

Venue: C10, Sustainable Research Building, NG7 2RX and B38, Lenton Firs Building, Department of Architecture and Built Environment Office, NG7 2RX, University of Nottingham

08:30	Departure from hotel to venue
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote on “From Internet Governance to AI Governance: What Can Universities Learn from Multistakeholder Dialogue?” Ms Anja GENGO Programme Expert & Focal Point for National, Regional, and Youth IGF Initiatives <i>United Nations Internet Governance Forum</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Break
10:30 – 11:30	EG Roundtable: Reimagining Industry-Academe Collaboration in the Age of AI <i>This session will explore how universities and industry can work together more strategically to advance responsible, inclusive, and socially beneficial AI. Speakers from industry and select members of the ASEM Education Expert Group on Digitalisation and AI will reflect on emerging partnership models, shared responsibilities, and the conditions needed to align innovation with the common good.</i> • Ms Christelle Mae AGUSTIN, Policy and Communications Officer, SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development • Dr Inge DE WAARD, AI and Learning Lead, InnoEnergy, Belgium • Dr Vanja LJEVAR, Data Psychologist & Founder, KUBIK Intelligence (TBC) • Prof Bundit THIPAKORN, Advisor to the President, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand <i>Moderated by: Dr Weiyao MENG</i> , Research Fellow, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

11:30 – 12:30

Next-Generation Research Perspectives on AI for the Common Good

Featuring scholars from the University of Nottingham, this session will bring forward young researchers' perspectives on how universities can shape AI research, innovation, and governance in ways that respond to societal needs and future challenges.

- **Dr Muhammad ADAMU**, Research Fellow
- **Ms Ramneek ATHWAL**, PhD Student
- **Ms Favour BOROKINI**, PhD Researcher
- **Ms Bogna LIZINIEWICZ**, PhD Researcher
- **Ms Nimisha PARASHAR**, PhD Student

Moderated by: Ms Krishika Haresh KHEMANI, PhD Candidate

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00

EG Roundtable: Harnessing AI for Good: Effective Policies, Good Practices, and Successful Use Cases

Members of the ASEM Education Expert Group on Digitalisation and AI will share concrete practices, use cases, effective policies, and institutional experiences anchored in universities' application of AI in service of the public good across diverse higher education contexts.

- **Mr Marco COMOTTI**, IT Manager & Web Project Administrator, Erasmus Student Network
- **Ms Trine JENSEN**, Manager, Higher Education & Digital Transformation, Publication and Events, International Association of Universities
- **Prof Pushpanadham KARANAM**, Professor & Head, Department of Educational Administration, Faculty of Education and Psychology, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India
- **Ms Urszula LIS**, Executive Committee Member, European Students' Union

Moderated by: Ms Stefanie ENGERT, Senior Desk Officer for the ASEM Education Process, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

15:00 – 16:00

Team Session and Wrap-Up

This session will provide dedicated working time for white paper teams to consolidate their ideas, coordinate next steps, and advance their draft papers. It will also serve as a collective wrap-up discussion for the conference. Through guided sharing, the cohort will explore what support may be needed moving forward, and how the teams can continue collaborating towards the launch and dissemination of the final outputs.

16:00 – 16:30

Afternoon Break

16:30 – 17:00

Team Session and Wrap-Up (cont.)

17:00 – 17:45

AE4AI Induction Ceremony, and

Closing Messages

Message from the Strategic Advisor

Dr Claudio RIVERA

Assistant Professor and Director of Programmes, and
ASEFInnoLab Strategic Advisor
RTU Riga Business School, Latvia

Message from the University of Nottingham

Prof David PARK (TBC)

Dean of the Business School
University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

Message from the Asia-Europe Foundation

Mr ZHANG Lei
Deputy Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation

17:45 – 18:00 Final Reminders and Adjournment

Saturday, 29 August 2026

Day 6: Hotel Check-out and Participant Departure

Venue: The Orchard Hotel and Restaurant, Beeston Ln, NG7 2RJ, University of Nottingham

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