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Programme:

18th April 2024: Drinks and Food; Networking Reception

Location: Franklin-Wilkins Building, The Conservatory, Waterloo Campus, Stamford Street London, SE1 9NH

17:30 -19:30

A casual and interactive reception to set the stage for the conference, providing an opportunity for participants to network and engage in preliminary discussions.

19th April 2024: Conference Day

8:30 – 16:00

Council Room (K2.29), Strand Campus, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS

08:30 - 09:00: Registration and Coffee

- Participants arrive, register, and enjoy a networking coffee session.

09:00 - 09:30: Opening Addresses

- Prof. Dr. **Rachel Mills**, Senior Vice-President (Academic), King's College London
- Prof. Dr. **Liviu Matei**, Professor of Higher Education and Public Policy, Head of the School of Education, Communication, and Society at King's College London.

09:30 - 11:00: Session One - Access to Higher Education: Trends and Challenges

- Moderator:
 - Dr. **Roberta Malee Bassett**, Global Lead for Tertiary Education and Senior Education Specialist, The World Bank
- Panellists:
 - Prof. Dr. **Simon Marginson**, Director of the Global Centre for Higher Education, University of Oxford;
 - Prof. Dr. **Rachel A. Mills**, Senior Vice-President (Academic), King's College London

- Professor Dr. **Colin Scott**, Deputy President, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Registrar, University College Dublin;
- Prof. Sir **Peter Scott** FAcSS MAE, Emeritus Professor of Higher Education Studies, IOE - Faculty of Education and Society, University College London.

Panellists will discuss what they consider to be the most important current trends with regard to access to higher education and/or the most important public and public policy debates with regard to access. Panellists will start with short initial interventions of 5-6 minutes, followed by a discussion among members of the panel and with the audience.

11:00 - 11:30: Coffee Break and Networking Opportunity

11:30 - 13:00: Session Two - The Functions of Higher Education: Contemporary Views on Higher Education as Investment

- Moderator:
 - Prof. Univ. **Dr. Romiță Iucu**, President of the Board of Trustees, University of Bucharest, Coordinator of the UNICA EduLAB
- Panellists:
 - Prof. Dr. **Reneta Bozhankova**, Vice-rector of International Affairs, Sofia University St Kliment Ohridski
 - **Frédéric Forest**, Inspecteur Général de l'Éducation, du Sport et de la Recherche (IGESR), Republic of France;
 - **Iris Kimizoglu**, Vice President, European Students' Union
 - Prof. Dr. **Fritz Sager**, Vice-Rector for Teaching, University of Bern.

Panellists will discuss cotemporary views held by various stakeholders (public authorities, the business sector, parents, students, higher education institutions, etc.) with regard to higher education as investment. Is higher education understood as investment? Who is to invest? In what form? For whose benefit? For example, is higher education a form of investment in skills for the labour market? How are contemporary views on higher education as investment impacting the regulatory frameworks, funding, governance or pedagogy in higher education?

13:00 - 14:15: Lunch Break

- Networking lunch.

14:15 - 15:45: Session Three - Funding Regimes and the Quality of Higher Education: Innovation, Drift, Dead Ends?

- Moderator:
 - Prof. Dr. **Liviu Matei**, Professor of Higher Education and Public Policy, Head of the School of Education, Communication, and Society at King's College London.
- Panelists:

- Prof. Dr. **Catherine Léglu**, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, University of Luxembourg;
- Ass. Prof. MUDr. **Jan Polák**, Vice-rector for Quality Assurance and Accreditations, Charles University, Prague,
- Prof. Dr. **László Zentai**, Vice-Rector for Education, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.

Panellists will discuss contemporary experiences and trends with regard to funding regimes and how they impact the quality of higher education in all its three missions: education, research, and service to society. Are there any new and promising innovations with regard to funding in Europe; are there counterproductive continuing practices and trends?

15:45 - 16:00: Closing Remarks

- Prof. Dr. **Liviu Matei**, Professor of Higher Education and Public Policy, Head of the School of Education, Communication, and Society at King's College London.

16:00: Conclusion of the Event

- Acknowledgment of participants, speakers, and sponsors, with an invitation to future collaborations and events.