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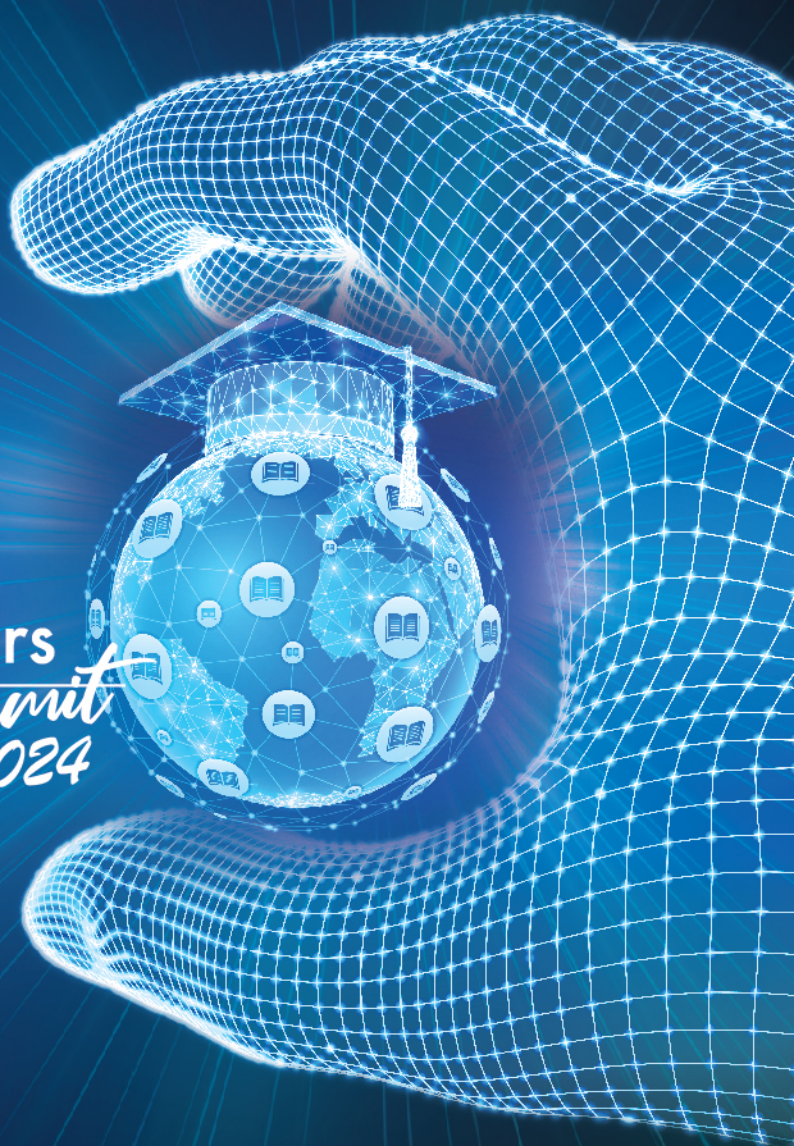
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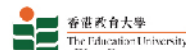
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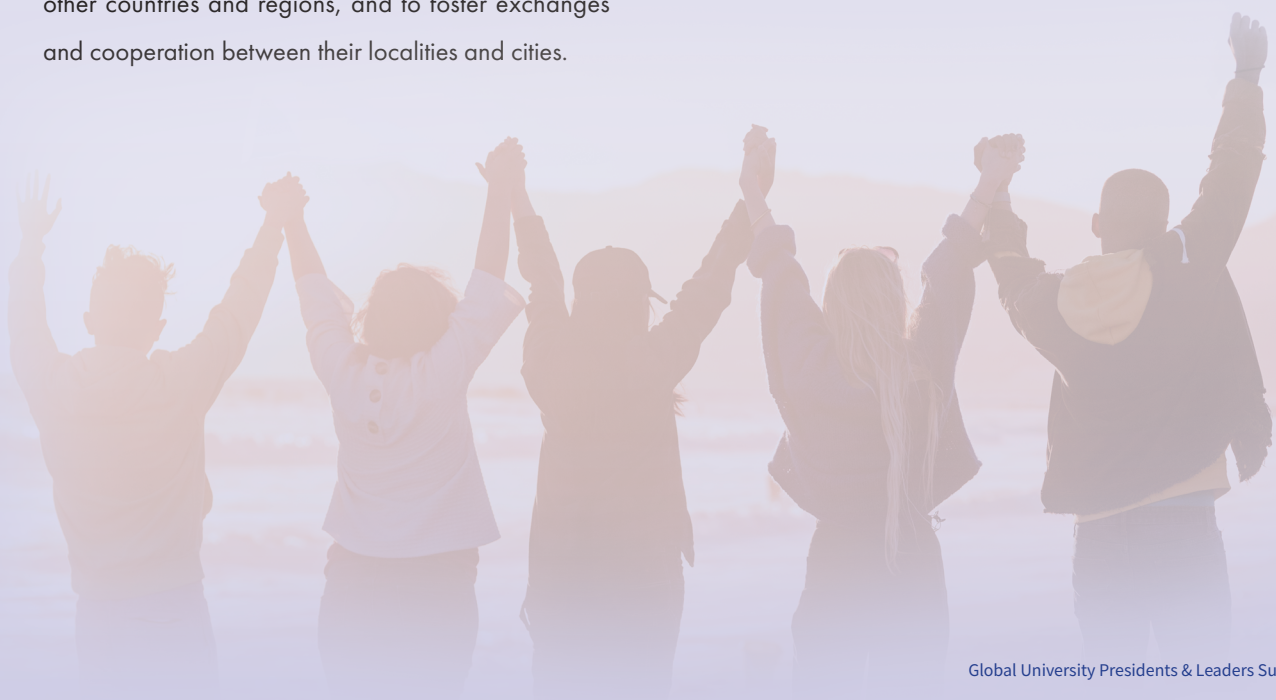
The Hong Kong Association for External Friendship was established in fulfillment of the reply of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries ("Friendship" Correspondence [2023] No. 108) on July 11, 2023, pursuant to proposal No. 5843 of the First Session of the 14th National People's Congress. Its establishment was subsequently approved by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government on October 17, 2023.

The objectives of The Hong Kong Association for External Friendship are as follows:

1. As a non-governmental organization, The Hong Kong Association for External Friendship is committed to building and deepening friendships with members of the international community, laying and expanding the social foundation for friendly relations between China and other countries, and leveraging the unique role of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as a super connector.
2. To enhance people-to-people friendships, promote international cooperation that is conducive to maintaining world peace, and driving common development.
3. To implement China's independent and peaceful foreign policy, carry out comprehensive, multi-level, and wide-ranging civil friendship work, serve the cause of China's peaceful development and reunification, and build a harmonious world of lasting peace and common prosperity.
4. To organize mutual visits of delegations, hold commemorative activities, initiate and host exchange activities including seminars, lectures, and forums, and conduct civil friendly exchanges between Hong Kong, Mainland China, and other countries and regions to enhance mutual understanding, build trust, and develop friendships.



5. To establish liaison mechanisms, build cooperation platforms, and promote pragmatic cooperation in fields such as economy, environmental protection, science and technology, and talent, thereby fostering international cooperation and creating favorable conditions for achieving win-win results and common development.
6. To promote cultural exchanges by sending or receiving cultural groups or individuals for friendly visits, facilitating mutual learning in the cultural field, enhancing understanding and friendship, and conducting civil cultural exchanges.
7. To promote the establishment and development of friendly relations between the Hong Kong SAR, and other countries and regions, and to foster exchanges and cooperation between their localities and cities.
8. To participate in civil exchange activities of other international non-governmental organizations.
9. To alleviate poverty by providing education, training, and employment opportunities, supporting children and youth from impoverished families, and those living in subdivided flats.
10. To promote the integration and development of local ethnic minority communities in education, culture, and friendship-building to foster external friendships.



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About the Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit 2024

Background

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) enjoys the unique advantage of "One Country, Two Systems," along with the strategic benefit of being supported by the mainland while maintaining international connectivity. Consequently, Hong Kong has long upheld its status as a leading international financial, shipping, and trade centre. In recent years, with the unwavering support of the Central Government, the HKSAR has actively integrated itself into the national development framework and aligned itself with the national development strategies. It continues to maintain its strengths with a high degree of freedom and openness, seamless calibration with international regulations, and increasingly extensive global connections and communications. Hong Kong's role in shaping a new landscape of broader, deeper, and more comprehensive international engagement for China is of great significance.

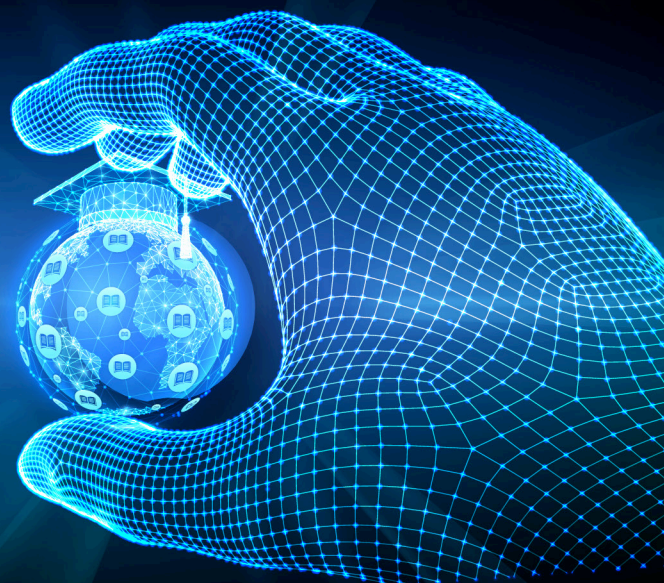
Hong Kong is committed to establishing itself as an international hub for higher education, boasting five universities ranked among the world's top 100. The newly announced 2024 Policy Address of our Chief Executive further reinforces this vision, with paragraph 108 calling for Hong Kong to actively host international education conferences and exhibitions.

It is widely recognized that University presidents represent the pinnacle of global talent and leadership, entrusted with the crucial responsibility of cultivating the leaders of the next generation. The presence of these top-ranking institutions and their leaders in Hong Kong contributes to the future development and economic growth of both the region and the world.

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Specific Objective

To promote mutual understanding and interaction among top talents and outstanding young people from Hong Kong, the mainland and across the world.

Summit Overview

This Summit is rolling out the red carpet for 50 University presidents and leaders from around the world. Universities are also invited to select some top students from participating institutions to join, creating an occasion for the congregation of global high-level academic talents in Hong Kong. This initiative capitalizes on the opportunity to build an international education hub that allows the next generation from various countries to gain a deeper understanding of Hong Kong, the region and the world.



Welcome Message



Prof. Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun

GBS, SBS, JP

Founding President of the Hong Kong Association for External
Friendship, Legislative Council Member

The world needs to be connected. Knowledge the same.

This is the theme and spirit of our Summit - Globalization of Knowledge. Education goes beyond an unwavering pursuit to discover and disseminate new knowledge for the betterment of individual lives but also for all of humankind. In this interconnected world, the journey of learning becomes a collective endeavor, with the common goal of building a better global understanding for a brighter future.

As educators, our quest is to find innovative ways to tackle challenges and pave the way for younger generations to navigate in an ever-changing world. The rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI) has revolutionized the way we live, work and collaborate. As educators and researchers, emerging technologies such as Generative AI, Machine Learning, Big Data and Bots represent unprecedented opportunities for us to harness, and this is what we will explore in the upcoming Summit. This is our new unmistakable mission.

But time is tight. We humans are lagging in an AI-dominated world. For example, do we need new laws and values? How do we leverage the possibilities offered up by new technology? How do we tap into the promise of this cyber age? These are questions we must confront as educators, trailblazers and decision-makers. This Summit brings together the best minds to brainstorm our way out of the new challenges and into new possibilities. Above all, this is a golden opportunity to foster friendships and build partnerships for a world of harmony and progress.

Let us seize the hour!

Prof. Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun



The Hon John LEE Ka-chiu

GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM
The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region of the
People's Republic of China



Message

I am pleased to congratulate the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship on the organisation of the Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit. I am grateful, too, to the University Grants Committee and the nine Hong Kong universities supporting this welcome gathering of some 50 university leaders from 24 countries and regions. The two-day event marks a milestone in Hong Kong's development as an international hub for post-secondary education.

The Hong Kong SAR Government attaches great importance to attracting and encouraging talent. Hong Kong is privileged to have five universities ranked among the world's top 100, including three among Asia's top 10. Over half of our university faculty are from outside Hong Kong, and our post-secondary institutions attract students from more than 100 countries and regions. I am pleased to note that some 50 top students from all over the world are also in Hong Kong for the Summit.

To build on this solid foundation, my Government is developing Hong Kong into an international post-secondary education hub and promoting the "Study in Hong Kong" aboard. Our universities, which organise hundreds of exchanges with their counterparts around the world, are establishing closer connections with Belt and Road countries, particularly ASEAN and the Middle East nations. And we are strengthening our ties with cities in the Greater Bay Area, where four Hong Kong universities already have campuses. We are also committed to hosting more international education conferences, exhibitions and related gatherings, as the Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit underlines.

In an era defined by rapid advances in technology and evolving societal challenges, it is imperative for us to come together, exchange ideas and insights in education and, collectively, create a more sustainable future for us all. The "Globalization of Knowledge" is the timely theme of this international gathering. Hong Kong, long a super-connector bridging the East and the West – in business, trade and investment, culture and education – is perfectly positioned to realise this essential goal.

I wish everyone taking part in this education gathering a rewarding experience and an enjoyable stay in Hong Kong.

(John KC LEE)
Chief Executive

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Congratulatory Messages



The Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po

GBM, GBS, MH, JP
Financial Secretary of the Government of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic
of China

I'm delighted to welcome university presidents, leaders and students from around the world for the inaugural Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit. This high-profile, two-day event is designed to facilitate exchange of intelligence, insights and perspectives on the future of education in the emerging age of artificial intelligence, while emphasising the importance of collaboration in addressing the challenges arising from AI and other technological developments.

Essential drivers of innovation, universities play a crucial role in fostering economic growth and prosperity. As centres of knowledge creation and intellectual exchange, they generate ideas and nurture talent fundamental to progress. The research and development conducted by post-secondary institutions not only advance academic pursuits, but also translate into applications that drive industry development, create jobs and enhance competitiveness on a global scale.

This Summit is particularly timely for Hong Kong. With our country's support, we are pursuing high-quality development in eight areas: financial services, innovation and technology, trade, shipping, aviation, legal and dispute resolution, regional intellectual property trading and as an East-meets-West cultural exchange. The diverse insights this Summit offers will help us reimagine our approaches to these, and other areas. More generally, this gathering, and the expert speakers participating, highlight the invaluable contributions that higher education can make in driving economic transformation and ensuring sustainable prosperity.

The Summit, organised by the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship, with support from the University Grants Committee and nine Hong Kong universities, underlines the city's extraordinary international network and reach. Hong Kong has long been a pivotal connector between local and Mainland Chinese higher education institutions and their global counterparts, enabling collaboration, faculty and student exchanges and a continuous sharing of knowledge and insights. No less important, it exemplifies the city's commitment to multilateral collaboration in addressing global challenges.

I am grateful to the organiser and the many supporters for bringing this inspiring Summit to Hong Kong. I wish the participants a rewarding engagement and an enjoyable stay in Hong Kong, Asia's world city.





The Hon Paul Lam Ting-kwok

SBS, SC, JP

Secretary for Justice of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate the inaugural Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit in Hong Kong. In the presence of presidents and leading scholars from 50 prominent tertiary education institutions worldwide, it will certainly establish a focal point for various issues surrounding the "Globalization of Knowledge."

New technologies have driven many changes in our personal and professional lives. While the adaptation of artificial intelligence (AI) has enabled new conveniences, it also opens up unprecedented legal and ethical concerns. As we continue to integrate such technologies, issues regarding the responsible development and application of AI command our attention. The Summit will examine perspectives from global scholars that will undoubtedly be invaluable for education and legal professionals.

With this in mind, I applaud the Association for External Friendship, the organizer of the Summit. Their tremendous work in staging this maiden event enables delegates from around the world to gain new insights into their respective fields. The event will leave a mark on the global education scene, making Hong Kong a regional hub for education, which is one of the key focuses for the city's future development.





Congratulatory Messages



The Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen

GBM, GBS, JP
President, Legislative Council of the Government of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's
Republic of China

As the President of the Legislative Council, I would like to congratulate the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship for their remarkable efforts in organizing the inaugural Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit on 2 and 3 December 2024 in Hong Kong.

Through their unwavering dedication and hard work, alongside the support from presidents of nine local Universities, the Summit boasts such a comprehensive program of discussions on an array of pressing issues facing today's educators. By bringing together leading academics from 50 Universities around the world, this Summit will certainly drive the "Globalization of Knowledge", which is the theme of the event.

I am particularly eager to engage in the sessions on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and other digital technologies. I believe the insights from distinguished scholars around the world will not only provide invaluable input to our education, but also serve as a reference point for the community to consider the practical and ethical issues surrounding AI and other emerging technologies.

With large scale events to encourage the exchange of knowledge the Summit will certainly put Hong Kong on the map as an international hub for education. It also helps to forge or strengthen external friendship, placing the city in a stronger position to connect the Mainland with the rest of the world as well as the Greater Bay Area.

The Summit's organizing committee, under the leadership of Professor Priscilla Leung Mei-fun, with whom I have the pleasure of collaborating in LegCo, has demonstrated their aspiration to ignite new conversations on globalizing knowledge. This inaugural Summit will establish Hong Kong as a leading center for education, reinforcing our commitment to innovation and collaboration. Together, we will pave the way for future generations, ensuring that Hong Kong remains at the forefront of global educational dialogue and excellence.





The Hon Michael WONG Wai-lun

GBS, JP,
Deputy Financial Secretary of the Government of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

It gives me great pleasure to write this congratulatory message to celebrate the opening of the Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit.

This gathering of visionary minds represents a significant milestone in our collective journey towards advancing the globalisation of knowledge. The HKSAR Government is committed to developing Hong Kong into an international hub for post-secondary education, and we are most delighted to have this important Summit hosted in Hong Kong.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished speakers and leaders from globally renowned universities who generously share their views and knowledge on critical issues of our time, including AI, diversity, innovation and science and technology. I hope they find their stay in Hong Kong both rewarding and enriching, filled with insightful discussions and meaningful connections.

I would also like to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt thanks to the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship for organising this Summit. My gratitude must also be extended to the University Grants Committee and the nine universities in Hong Kong for their invaluable support for this event.



Congratulatory Messages



The Hon Erick TSANG Kwok-wai

GBS, IDSM, JP
Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs of the
Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the
People's Republic of China

The first-ever Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit in Hong Kong organised by the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship brings together leaders of universities from across the globe with their intelligent minds to exchange expert ideas on the most pertinent issues of our time, encompassing artificial intelligence, data science, bioscience, ecological challenges and low-altitude economy, etc. The Summit furthermore promotes mutual understanding and interactions amongst young people from Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas, strengthening people-to-people bonds, cultural exchanges and international friendship.

President Xi Jinping said people-to-people friendship is the foundation for stable and long-term international relations and an unremitting driving force for promoting world peace and development. In this complex and fast-changing world, we need more dialogues and exchanges between people from different places, especially amongst young people, with a view to fostering better understanding. Being an international city fully open to the world, Hong Kong is an ideal platform to host such exchanges and dialogues.

The Summit exemplifies Hong Kong's important dual roles as a "super-connector" and a "super value-adder" between the Mainland and the rest of the world. It also showcases the institutional advantages of "One Country, Two Systems" in Hong Kong, particularly in the educational, cultural and scientific fields. Further, by coming to Hong Kong, overseas participants can see for themselves the actual development and the lively East-meets-West cultural scene of Hong Kong, being one of the most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities in the world. This will definitely help tell the good stories of Hong Kong to the world audience.

I would like to thank the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship for the huge efforts in organising the Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit, and in proactively contributing to the strengthening of educational, cultural and scientific exchanges. I sincerely wish the Summit every success.





Dr. Christine CHOI Yuk-lin

JP

Secretary for Education of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

I would like to convey my cordial greetings to all the university presidents and leaders, who come from all over the world, to participate in this Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit. This gathering serves as a crucial platform for exchanging perspectives on talent development and building bridges across diverse cultural landscapes.

Education nurtures our future, technology denotes our strength, and talents lead our development. As we navigate this evolution, it is essential to build the city's capacity in terms of knowledge, talent and opportunities. Announced by the Chief Executive in his 2024 Policy Address, we will establish the Committee on Education, Technology and Talents, chaired by Chief Secretary for Administration, to co-ordinate and promote the integrated development of education, technology and talents, ensuring that we harness these advancements effectively. By fostering collaboration among these sectors, we can cultivate a more dynamic educational environment that meets the future demands.

International partnerships and interdisciplinary collaboration are vital for adapting to the evolving demands of our interconnected world, and enhancing the quality of education in Hong Kong, with a view to building Hong Kong into an international post-secondary education hub and a cradle of future talents. Hong Kong's higher education has unique advantages, including high teaching quality, strong basic research capabilities, extensive international connections, and close co-operation with the Mainland, representing a strong foundation. Our goal is to nurture a

diversified pool of talents, provide students with broader international perspectives, elevate the competitiveness of Hong Kong and enhance Hong Kong's momentum of development. In tandem, we will proactively leverage on Hong Kong's strengths to contribute to the needs of the nation, support the nation's Belt and Road (B&R) Initiative, seize the opportunities brought by the development of Greater Bay Area, and provide the manpower support for Hong Kong's development as the eight centres as outlined in the 14th Five-Year Plan.

We have also established an alliance of the universities of applied sciences in November this year, to undertake joint promotion, which includes hosting international conferences, fostering exchanges, strengthening the collaboration with Mainland and overseas institutions of applied sciences, and initiate collaboration and research on applied education at the post-secondary level. We aim to enhance educational quality and relevance, ensuring that our graduates are well-prepared to meet the demands of a rapidly changing global landscape.

With the fruitful exchanges that will arise from the discussions and the collaborative initiatives that will follow, I believe they will foster partnerships that drive positive change in the realm of higher education development. Ultimately, these collaborative efforts can lead to transformative outcomes that benefit our students, institutions, and societies alike. Thank you.





Congratulatory Messages



The Hon Kevin YEUNG Yun-hung

GBS, JP

Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

I am delighted to welcome the inaugural Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit to Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is an international metropolis with the roles as an East-meets-West center for international cultural exchange, an international sports events capital, a world-class tourism and Asia's premier MICE (Meetings, Incentive travels, Conventions and Exhibitions) destination.

MICE events such as the Summit, which brings top-tier educators and speakers from over 50 globally renowned universities, not only makes it a true gathering for the "Globalization of Knowledge" here in Hong Kong, but also an opportunity for us to promote Hong Kong's international image and vibrancy to our high value-added visitors. This two-day event aims to engage participants into insightful dialogues on a vast array of topics such as artificial intelligence, data science, diversity and inclusion, art technology, university governance, demographic changes, etc. I believe these inspirational and visionary sharing sessions will surely provide new food for thought for the participants.

Special thanks to the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship, which has done a tremendous job in organising this inaugural Summit, as well as the support of the University Grants Committee and the nine universities in Hong Kong. I am confident that the conversations and initiatives born from the Summit will allow our esteemed guests from across the globe to advance academic excellence, foster innovation and promote further international collaborations.

I wish the event a resounding success and I look forward to the fruitful discussions and unique achievements that will arise from the Summit.





The Hon Mr. Christopher HUI Ching-yu

GBS, JP

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

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Congratulatory Messages



Prof. The Hon Dong SUN

JP

Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

I would like to express my warmest congratulations to the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship for hosting the inaugural Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit ("GUPLS") in Hong Kong.

Under the principle of "One Country, Two Systems", Hong Kong enjoys the unique advantage of having strong support from the motherland and being closely connected to the world. This distinctive positioning not only fosters global innovation and technology (I&T) collaboration, but also positions Hong Kong as a multilateral bridge for international education and knowledge exchange. I am delighted that the GUPLS will bring both local and international high-level talents and leaders to Hong Kong, facilitating continuous exchanges that bolster Hong Kong's important roles as a "super-connector" and a "super value-adder".

Talent is the primary resource and an essential element in driving I&T development. With five Universities ranked among the world's top 100 and numerous world-class experts and scholars, Hong Kong has a solid foundation and a robust network to support our vision of becoming an international I&T centre and develop Hong Kong into a global hub for high-calibre talent. By adhering to our principle of "promoting technology with talent, leading industries with technology, and attracting talent with industries," we are committed to perfecting Hong Kong's I&T ecosystem and enlarging our talent pool.

Our Universities are not only the centre of learning, but also the powerhouse of innovation and the source of groundbreaking research. The GUPLS is a testament to our shared commitment to the globalisation of knowledge and our collaborative efforts to shape the future of education and innovation. The Hong Kong SAR Government will continue its steadfast commitment to support higher education institutions in cultivating I&T talent and preparing them to thrive in our rapidly changing knowledgeable society. I am confident that this summit will lead to valuable exchanges, enriching our talent pool and contributing to a more vibrant I&T ecosystem in Hong Kong and the world.

I wish the GUPLS a great success. May this gathering spark innovation, forge partnerships, and advance our collective pursuit of knowledge.





Mr. Tim LUI Tim-leung

GBS, JP
Chairman, University Grants Committee

It is with great honour that I extend my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit. This remarkable event, organised by Professor Priscilla Leung and the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship, brings together esteemed leaders in higher education as well as students from around the world. I express my deepest gratitude for their tremendous efforts in making this summit a reality.

The University Grants Committee (UGC) is very much inspired by the Government's vision in transforming our city into an international hub for post-secondary education. We are privileged to play a part in supporting the "Study in Hong Kong" brand which aims at raising wider and deeper global awareness of the immense opportunities for young people around the world, especially those from Belt and Road countries.

Quality is key to our global reputation and the enduring appeal of our higher education institutions. This is becoming more challenging when transformative technologies such as generative AI are providing exciting opportunities and immense challenges to our sector. The UGC and our eight publicly-funded world class universities are dedicated to addressing the new challenges for quality teaching and innovative research. The UGC, for example, through the Fund for Innovative Technologies-in-Education, a HK\$100 million scheme, is supporting pedagogical innovation in the age of generative AI and breakthrough technologies.

As participants gather for this summit, I would encourage you not only to strengthen existing well-established partnerships, but also explore new partnerships. Let's work together to build a better world through knowledge and dialogue at a time when humanity is facing common challenges highlighted by the different themes on our agenda for this event. I am sure the special gathering here will foster fruitful discussions and inspire innovative ideas in addressing the common problems we face. May I wish the Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit a great success.

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University Grants Committee





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Prof. Freddy BOEY Yin-chiang

President and University Distinguished Professor,
City University of Hong Kong

Thank you for attending the Global University Presidents and Leaders' Summit.

In a rapidly internationalised world, it is crucial that we reach across borders and join hands to tackle the modern-day issues that we face as a society. I believe that universities play a critical role in knowledge exchange as we explore new models for international partnerships, interdisciplinary research, and global collaboration. Together, we are stronger and can stand against any challenge.

At City University of Hong Kong, we are dedicated to our mission of global excellence, and we continue to strive towards a brighter future. I am honoured to be part of this wonderful event, and to be chairing a session on "University Governance and Innovation" with our partners at the University of Cambridge, the University of Surrey, and CentraleSupélec Paris-Saclay University, as well as with senior leaders of Ghent University, O.P. Jindal Global University, University of Warsaw and University of the Witwatersrand.

Once again, thank you all for attending and I am confident that the summit will yield fruitful discussions and allow us to foster closer relations.





Prof. Alexander WAI Ping-kong

JP
President and Vice-Chancellor, and Chair Professor in Photonics,
Hong Kong Baptist University

On behalf of Hong Kong Baptist University, I would like to congratulate the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship, the University Grants Committee and nine universities in Hong Kong, for successfully connecting academic leaders from around the world through the inaugural Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit.

Universities play a crucial role in driving change and leveraging opportunities arising from AI, technology, and globalisation through our research and teaching endeavours. Notably, transdisciplinary curricula and collaborations will play a pivotal role in equipping our youth with the skills and mindset needed to thrive in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

The valuable insights shared at this inaugural Summit will contribute to identifying innovative and transdisciplinary approaches to education and research that benefit the community at large. I am therefore most honoured to be part of this pertinent discussion and shall look forward to fostering stronger ties with friends and experts across different realms. Through our collective efforts, we can help shape a promising future that addresses the diverse needs, opportunities, and challenges faced by individuals in this dynamic and interconnected world.





Congratulatory Messages



Prof. S. Joe QIN

President and Wai Kee Kau Chair Professor of Data Science,
Lingnan University

I am deeply honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the first Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit. By joining hands with eight local universities and leaders from renowned institutions worldwide, we have established this pivotal platform to promote global peace and development via intellectual synergy and cultural exchanges.

Lingnan University fully supports the HKSAR Government's vision in promoting the "Study in Hong Kong" initiative, reinforcing the city's commitment to becoming a world-class education hub. Our cross-border partnerships in more than 50 countries and regions not only elevate Hong Kong's academic standing, but also attract the brightest minds from all around the world to pursue their academic and professional goals here.

Through the intercultural dialogue between local and international students, this summit serves as a vital conduit, connecting universities through shared knowledge and innovative ideas. I am confident that our discussions will further confirm Hong Kong's position in international education, and contribute to the growth and prosperity of our society.

I sincerely thank the organising committee for their efforts in making this landmark event a reality and we are honoured in co-sponsoring and participating the event. I wish the summit every success in reaching its far-sighted objectives and building ever-stronger partnerships.





Prof. Rocky S. TUAN

Vice-Chancellor and President,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the successful organization of the Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit. This event holds significance for the promotion of global dialogue, as it gathers esteemed university leaders from more than 20 countries and regions. The Summit underscores Hong Kong's commitment to establishing itself as an international hub for post-secondary education.

As a top-50 university of the world, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is consistently recognized for its research performance, innovation endeavours, education paradigm, civic responsibility, and international engagement. Our dedication to cultivating global connections and achieving excellence with purpose and responsibility contributes to realizing the aspirations of Hong Kong to become an influential nexus for knowledge and innovation.

As a proud supporter and participant of the Summit, CUHK is delighted to be part of this occasion. I look forward to the stimulating discussions at the event.



Congratulatory Messages



Prof. John LEE Chi-Kin

JP

President and Chair Professor of Curriculum and Instruction
The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK)

On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK), I extend our warm congratulations to the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship on the successful launch of the inaugural Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit. The focus on significant issues such as the globalization of knowledge, ethics in AI, data sciences' role in shaping international relations, and demographic changes is both timely and profoundly relevant for the future of education.

For over a century, EdUHK has contributed to shaping Hong Kong's educational landscape, nurturing talent that resonates locally, nationally and globally. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary with the theme "Education, Talent, Virtue," we continue our commitment to fostering knowledgeable and ethically grounded professionals.

We hope this Summit serves as a vibrant forum for visionary dialogues, inspiring discussions and innovative collaborations that will lead us toward a promising future. We look forward to engaging in and contributing to these important conversations.

Thank you for Professor Priscilla Leung's leadership in initiating this important dialogue.





Prof. Jin-guang TENG

BBS, JP
President, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

On behalf of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), I would like to extend my congratulations to the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship for successfully organising the Global University Presidents & Leaders Summit. In today's fast-paced world, the importance of global connectivity and knowledge exchange cannot be overstated. This landmark event, supported by the collaborative efforts of universities in Hong Kong, unites esteemed university leaders and educators from around the world in our vibrant city for invaluable discussions and collaborations on pressing global issues.

As you engage in these meaningful dialogues, I hope you also take the opportunity to experience the dynamic energy of Hong Kong, a metropolitan city and a vital educational hub known for its innovative spirit and cultural richness.

May this summit be a great success, filled with impactful discussions and fruitful collaborations. I am confident that the insights and partnerships formed here will lead to meaningful initiatives that benefit our broader community, in line with PolyU's motto: "To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind".





Congratulatory Messages



Prof. Nancy Y. IP

SBS, MH, JP

President, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

On behalf of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship on the successful organization of the inaugural Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit. This distinguished event, marked by the presence of esteemed university presidents and academic leaders from across the globe, serves as a powerful testament to the Association's dedication to enhancing international collaboration in higher education.

As an institution committed to the pursuit of excellence and innovation, HKUST recognizes the critical role of knowledge exchange and collaborative endeavors in advancing the frontiers of science and education. Over the past three decades, HKUST has emerged as a global leader in tertiary education, driven by robust international outreach, vigorous academic programs and research, and unwavering commitment to advancing technological innovation.

The Summit provides an unparalleled platform for thought leaders to exchange ideas, address contemporary challenges, discuss innovative solutions, and cultivate partnerships that will undoubtedly shape the future landscape of international education. Once again, we applaud and thank the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship for orchestrating such a remarkable event and wish the Summit every success.





Prof. Xiang ZHANG

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President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Hong Kong

On behalf of the University of Hong Kong, it is my honor and privilege to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the opening of the Global University Presidents and Leaders Summit. This gathering of distinguished minds and visionary leaders from around the world signifies a powerful commitment to advancing education, fostering innovation, and shaping the future of higher education on a global scale.

The challenges we face in today's complex landscape require collaborative efforts and out-of-the-box thinking. Together with our partners and friends worldwide, we are here to drive positive change and make a lasting impact on the communities we serve through meaningful dialogue and cooperation.

This high-level summit also offers a unique opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to creating inclusive, diverse, and sustainable learning environments that empower students to thrive in an ever-changing world.

This summit will be a catalyst for innovative solutions and transformative initiatives that will enrich our institutions and societies. Let us seize this moment to inspire and empower each other in our pursuit of academic excellence and societal impact.



Congratulatory Messages



Prof. Paul LAM Kwan-sing

SBS, JP

President and Chair Professor of Environmental Chemistry,
Hong Kong Metropolitan University (HKMU)

Hong Kong Metropolitan University (HKMU) is honoured to support and be part of this Summit, which brings together some of the world's leading academic minds. As a platform for fostering international partnerships and knowledge exchange, this event exemplifies Hong Kong's commitment to academic excellence and educational diplomacy, marking a significant milestone in its pathway toward establishing itself as a prominent international education hub.

As Hong Kong's first university of applied sciences, HKMU embraces its role in elevating vocational and professional education and training (VPET) in post-secondary education and is also dedicated to exploring new and meaningful ways to collaborate with industry stakeholders in the development of future talent for Hong Kong. The themes presented at this Summit address various challenges faced by educators worldwide. We look forward to sharing insights and experiences that will inspire us to rethink how universities can engage with and contribute to society in an increasing dynamic world.

On behalf of HKMU, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Hong Kong Association for External Friendship for their vision and dedication in orchestrating this impactful event. The meaningful exchanges and intellectual synergies that emerge from this Summit will undoubtedly advance global higher education and inspire collaborations that transcend borders.



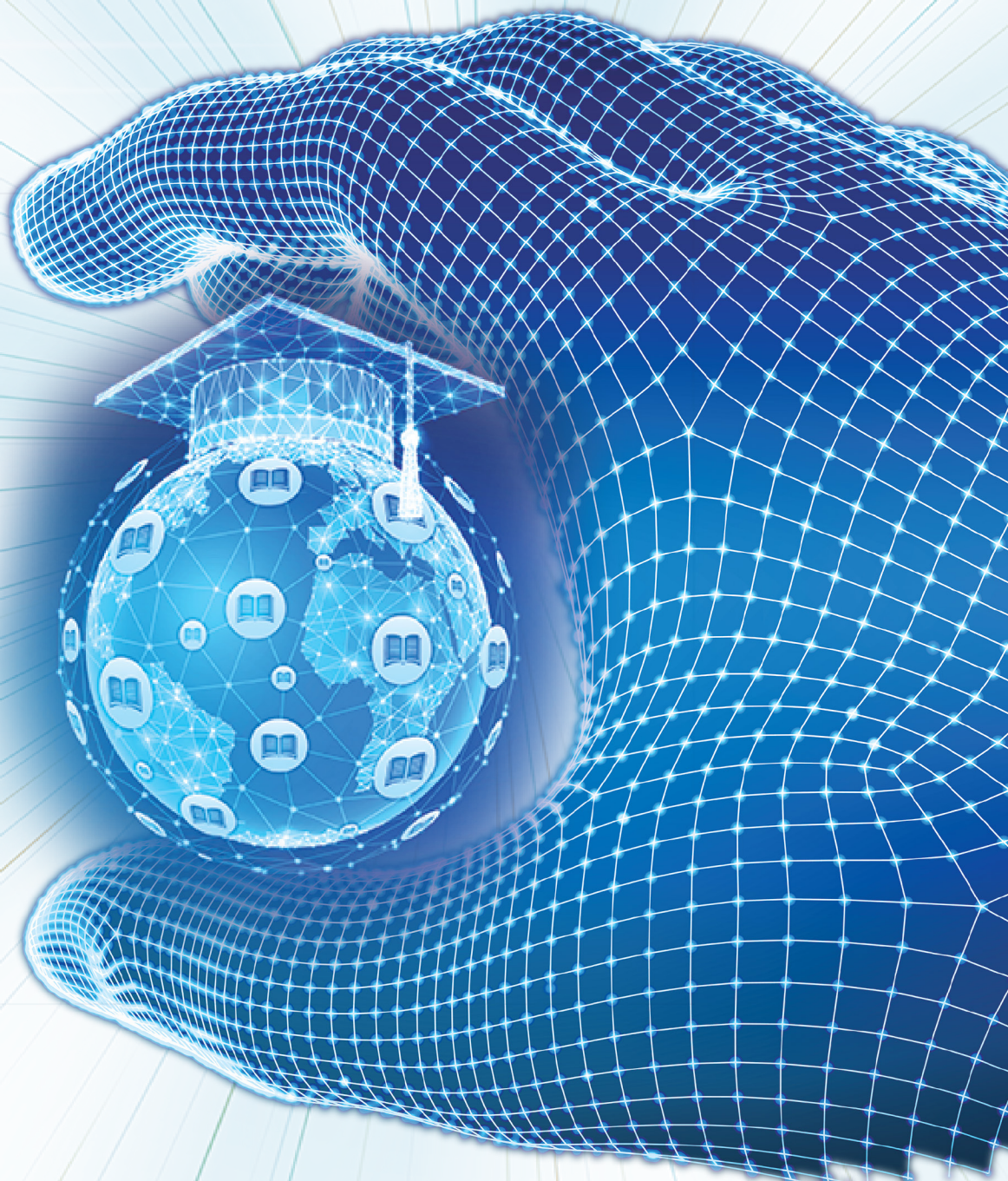
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Programme Overview

02.12.2024 (Monday)

Time	Programme
08:30 - 09:30	Registration & Welcome
Opening Ceremony	
09:30 - 10:15	Welcome speech Prof. Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, <i>Founding President, Hong Kong Association for External Friendship</i> Speech by Guest of Honour The Hon John LEE Ka-chiu, <i>GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China</i> Officiating Guests The Hon John LEE Ka-chiu, <i>GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China</i> Mr Jin-peng HUAI, <i>Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China</i> Mr Yan-xiong ZHENG, <i>Director, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</i> Mr Jian-chun CUI, <i>Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</i> The Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, <i>GBM, GBS, JP, President, Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</i> Mr Tim LUI Tim-leung, <i>GBS, JP, Chairman of the University Grants Committee</i> Officiating Ceremony and Group Photo
Session 1 - The Importance of Knowledge Globalization for Humanity	
10:15 - 11:20	Session Chair Prof. Nancy Y. IP, <i>President, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong, China)</i> Speakers Prof. Jiang-feng DU, <i>President, Zhejiang University (China)</i> Prof. Pradeep K. KHOSLA, <i>Chancellor, University of California, San Diego (U.S.)</i> Prof. Dame Nancy ROTHWELL, <i>Former President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Manchester (U.K.)</i> Prof. Ahmed Ali ALRAEESI, <i>Vice-Chancellor, United Arab Emirates University (UAE)</i> Prof. Yujin YAGUCHI, <i>Vice-President and Director of Center for Global Education, The University of Tokyo (Japan)</i>
11:20 - 11:30	Coffee Break

Session 2 - Data Science and a New International Order

11:30 – 12:30	Session Chair Prof. Xiang ZHANG, <i>President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China)</i> Speakers: 1. Prof. Zheng YOU, <i>President, Huazhong University of Science and Technology (China)</i> 2. Prof. Brad MACKAY, <i>Deputy Principal and Vice-Principal, University of St. Andrews (U.K.)</i> 3. Prof. Lily KONG, <i>President, Singapore Management University (Singapore)</i> 4. Dr. Peter Q. BLAIR, <i>Associate Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education (U.S.)</i>
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13:00 - 14:30

Luncheon (By invitation only)

Session 3 - Ethics and Value Building of AI Technology in Society

14:30 – 15:35	Session Chair Prof. Jin-guang TENG, <i>President, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Hong Kong, China)</i> Speakers: 1. Prof. Zhe-min TAN, <i>President, Nanjing University (China)</i> 2. Prof. Shu-cai LI, <i>President, Shandong University (China)</i> 3. Prof. Tim JONES, <i>Vice-Chancellor, The University of Liverpool (U.K.)</i> 4. Prof. Sir Anton MUSCATELLI, <i>Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Glasgow (U.K.)</i> 5. Prof. Ilaria VALENTE, <i>Vice-Rector for International Affairs, Politecnico di Milano (Italy)</i>
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15:35 - 15:50

Coffee Break

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Session 4 – Art Technology & Youth Psychology	
15:50 – 16:55	Session Chair Prof. Alexander WAI Ping-kong, President and Vice-Chancellor, Hong Kong Baptist University (Hong Kong, China) Speakers: 1. Prof. Jie-cai HAN, President, Harbin Institute of Technology (China) 2. Prof. Michele ACUTO, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Global Engagement, University of Bristol (U.K.) 3. Prof. Ji-hong YU, President, Beijing Normal University (China) 4. Prof. Thomas BRADBURY, Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles (U.S.) 5. Prof. Jon GARIBALDI, Provost and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Nottingham Ningbo China (China)
18:45 – 22:00	Dinner (By invitation only)

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Programme Overview

03.12.2024 (Tuesday)

Time	Programme
08:45 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome
Session 5 - University Governance and Innovation	
09 : 00: – 10:40	Session Chair Prof. Freddy BOEY Yin-chiang, <i>President and University Distinguished Professor, City University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China)</i> Speakers: 1. Prof. Dame Madeleine ATKINS, <i>President, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge University (U.K.)</i> 2. Prof. Xin-kai ZHU, <i>Executive Vice-President, Renmin University of China (China)</i> 3. Prof. G. Q. Max LU, <i>President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Surrey (U.K.)</i> 4. Prof. Ruksana OSMAN, <i>Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (South Africa)</i> 5. Prof. Franck RICHECOEUR, <i>Director of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees, CentraleSupélec Paris-Saclay University (France)</i> 6. Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj KUMAR, <i>Vice-Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University (India)</i> 7. Prof. Alojzy Z. NOWAK, <i>Rector, University of Warsaw (Poland)</i> 8. Dr. Dieter DE BRUYN, <i>Senior Policy Advisor at Rector's Office, Ghent University (Belgium)</i>
10:40 – 10:50	Coffee Break
Session 6 – Artificial Intelligence in Meeting Biomedical and Societal Challenges	
10:50 – 11:55	Session Chair Prof. Rocky S. TUAN, <i>Vice-Chancellor and President, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China)</i> Speakers: 1. Prof. Bin YANG, <i>Vice-President, Tsinghua University (China)</i> 2. Prof. Dawn FRESHWATER, <i>Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Auckland (New Zealand)</i>

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10:50 – 11:55	Speakers: 3. Prof. San LING, Deputy President and Provost, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) 4. Dr. Jun WANG, Assistant Provost, University of California, Riverside (U.S.) 5. Prof. Tony F. CHAN, Immediate Past President, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (Saudi Arabia)
12:15 - 13:45	Luncheon (By invitation only)
14:00 - 14:05	Cyberport Presentation
Session 7 – AI Development and its Law and Ethics	
14:05 – 15:10	Session Chair Prof. S. Joe QIN, President, Lingnan University (Hong Kong, China) Session Co-Chair Prof. Gui-guo WANG, Chairman of the Hong Kong WTO Research Institute (Hong Kong, China) Speakers: 1. Dr. David LASSNER, President, University of Hawaii at Mānoa (U.S.) 2. Prof. Bipin ADHIKARI, Professor of Law, Kathmandu University School of Law (Nepal) 3. Prof. Dr. Farhana Helal MEHTAB, Professor of Law and Dean, School of Arts & Social Sciences, Southeast University (Bangladesh) 4. Datuk Supperamaniam MANICKAM, Former Ambassador/ Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the World Trade Organisation (Malaysia) 5. Prof. Nohyoung PARK, Former Dean of Korea University Law School (South Korea)

Time	Programme
Session 8 – Demographic Change & Education in Future	
15:10 - 16:10	Session Chair Prof. John LEE Chi-Kin, <i>President, The Education University University of Hong Kong, (Hong Kong, China)</i> Session Co–Chair Dr. Peter Q. BLAIR, <i>Associate Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education (U.S)</i> Speakers: 1. Dr. Haji Abdul Hanif bin Dato Paduka Haji MAHADI, <i>Assistant Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research, Innovation and Sustainability), University Brunei Darussalam (Brunei)</i> 2. Prof. Bert J. TUGA, <i>President, Philippine Normal University (Philippine)</i> 3. Prof. Zhanseit TUIMBAYEV, <i>Rector, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Kazakhstan)</i> 4. Dr. Kashif Imran Zadi, <i>Acting Director and Associate Professor, School of Law & Policy, University of Management and Technology, Lahore (Pakistan)</i>
16:10- 16:20	Coffee Break
16:20- 16:25	Micro movie “Legislator Walking into 2036”

Time	Programme
Session 9 – Applied Science and New Age Development	
16:25 - 17:30	Session Chair Prof. Paul LAM Kwan-sing, <i>President, Hong Kong Metropolitan University (Hong Kong, China)</i> Session Co–Chair Prof. Priscilla LEUNG Mei–fun, <i>GBS JP, Education Panel Chairman, Legislative Council</i> Speakers: 1. Prof. Xu-hong QIAN, <i>President, East China Normal University (China)</i> 2. Dr. Cary ANDERSON, <i>Executive Vice-Chancellor, Wenzhou–Kean University (China)</i> 3. Dr. Rajesh SHARMA, <i>Associate Professor, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (Australia)</i> 4. Hyang I. MIHARDJA, <i>Representative, Pusat Mediasi Nasional (Indonesian Mediation Centre); and Board Member, Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (Indonesia)</i> 5. Prof. Jun HU, <i>President, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (China)</i>
	Closing Remarks
17:40 - 17:45	Dr. Christine CHOI Yuk-lin, <i>JP, Secretary for Education of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China</i>
Dinner (By invitation only)	

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Session

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The Importance of Knowledge Globalization for Humanity

By fostering interconnectedness and interdependence across countries, globalization has become an essential process in shaping our collective future. This session will explore the philosophies, values, and economic, cultural, and political ideas behind globalization. The increasing integration of economies through free trade and global supply chains, the exchange of cultural practices, and political collaboration through international organizations highlight globalization's profound impact on society. Universities play a central role in shaping these values through their research, curriculum development, knowledge distribution, and advocacy efforts.

In this session, speakers will discuss how to sustain academic cooperation in a rapidly changing world, emphasizing the importance of virtual collaboration and innovative knowledge exchanges. Additionally, globalization's critical influence on human social values is highlighted as it is critical in promoting diversity, inclusion, and ethical responsibility. We will delve deeper into these topics, offering valuable insights into the role of knowledge globalization in driving human progress and how we can continue to foster academic collaboration and social change in an interconnected world.

Prof. Nancy Y. IP

President, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
(Hong Kong, China)



香港科技大學
THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Prof. Nancy Y. Ip is the President of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and the Morningside Professor of Life Science. Taking office in October 2022, she is the first female president of a publicly funded university in Hong Kong.

Prof. Nancy Ip received her PhD degree in Pharmacology from Harvard University, after which she held the position of Senior Staff Scientist at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. in New York. She joined HKUST in 1993 and served as Head of Biochemistry, Dean of Science, and Vice-President for Research and Development.

Prof. Nancy Ip is world-renowned for her significant contributions to the field of neuroscience. Her outstanding research has resulted in 334 scientific papers and 70 patents. She is an elected member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the US National Academy of Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, among other academies, and is a recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the National Natural Science Awards, the L'OREAL-UNESCO for Women in Science Award, and the 10 Science Stars of China by Nature.

In addition to conducting pioneering neuroscience research, Ip helps shape research policy on a global level. She is a member of various strategic initiatives such as the Leadership Group of the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative. She also actively serves on local committees, such as the Chief Executive's Council of Advisers, to help steer the strategic development of Hong Kong.





Prof. Jiang-feng DU

President, Zhejiang University (China)

Prof. Jiangfeng Du, fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, serves as President of Zhejiang University. He is also an alternate member of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

As a physicist, Prof. Du specializes in experimental research on quantum physics and its applications. Through the independent development of a series of high-performance magnetic resonance experimental equipment, his groundbreaking work has elevated the sensitivity and resolution of magnetic resonance detection to world-leading status and has led to innovative advancements in quantum physics experimental techniques, particularly in the areas of spin quantum control and dynamic decoupling. Notably, his research has yielded remarkable progress in the application of quantum physics to precision measurement science and information science.

Recognized for his exceptional work, Prof. Du has received numerous accolades, including the second prize of the State Natural Science Award, the first prize of the Ministry of Education Natural Science Award, the Huang Kun Physics Award of the Chinese Physical Society, the Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation Prize for Scientific and Technological Progress, the Zhou Guangzhao Foundation Award for Basic Science, among other notable distinctions.



Prof. Pradeep K. KHOSLA

Chancellor, University of California, San Diego (U.S.)

As UC San Diego's Chief Executive Officer, Prof. Pradeep K. Khosla provides vision and strategy, leading a campus of more than 43,000 students within 11 academic, professional and graduate schools and eight undergraduate residential colleges; a preeminent health system; and the prestigious Scripps Institution of Oceanography.



Prof. Khosla initiated and led UC San Diego's first-ever Strategic Plan and the ambitious 10-year, US\$2 billion Campaign for UC San Diego. The Campaign raised US\$3.05 billion, exceeding its original goal by more than US\$1 billion, and making UC San Diego the youngest institution ever to complete a multi-billion-dollar fundraising campaign. UC San Diego and UC San Diego Health are currently undergoing a US\$5 billion construction boom to expand healthcare services, classrooms, research space and double the number of on-campus housing units.

Under Prof. Khosla's leadership, UC San Diego has expanded college access and affordability for underserved students, initiated campus-wide interdisciplinary research initiatives to foster collaboration and solve societal challenges, and strengthened university and community partnerships to drive regional impact.

Prof. Khosla is active in groups that promote and advance engineering and electronics knowledge. He is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, National Academy of Engineering and the American Society for Engineering Education. He was honored with a lifetime achievement award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Association for Advancement of Science, the American Association of Artificial Intelligence, the Indian Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Inventors. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Indian Academy of Science.



Prof. Dame Nancy ROTHWELL

Former President and Vice-Chancellor
The University of Manchester (U.K.)

Prof. Dame Nancy ROTHWELL graduated from the University of London with BSc, PhD and DSc in Physiology. After a period of research in London, she moved to the University of Manchester in 1987 on a Royal Society University Research Fellowship. Her early research demonstrated the role of brown fat in body weight regulation and thermogenesis and studied the causes of obesity and weight loss in disease. Later she identified the role of inflammatory mediators in neurological disorders such as stroke. She has trained over 50 PhD students.



In 2004, with the merger of two universities in Manchester, she became Vice-President for Research. In 2008, she became Deputy President and Deputy Vice-President for the University of Manchester, then in 2010 she was appointed President and Vice-Chancellor, a role she held until July 2024. In this role she led on global partnerships, including with Hong Kong.

Prof. ROTHWELL was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2004 and was made a dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005. She was a non-executive director of AstraZeneca for nine years, was co-chair of the Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology for eight years and was chair of the Russell Group of Universities for three years. She has served on the Councils for many organisations including the Royal Society, MRC, BBSRC, NESTA, Cancer Research UK, UK Biobank and Health Innovation Manchester, and the UK government's Industrial Strategy Council.

She has been a strong advocate for public communication and has made many media appearances.

Prof. Ahmed Ali ALRAEESI

Vice-Chancellor, United Arab Emirates University (UAE)



Prof. Ahmed Alraeesi holds the position of Acting Vice-Chancellor and Associate Provost of Research and Professor of Hydrogeology at United Arab Emirates University. With an extensive academic background spanning over two decades, he brings a wealth of experience in teaching and mentoring graduate students. Throughout his career, Prof. Alraeesi has held various significant roles, including Chair of the Geology department from 2006 to 2010, Dean of the College of Science from 2016 to 2020, and Acting Dean for the College of Education from 2018 to 2019.

His primary research interests lie in hydrogeology, water resources, and isotope hydrology. Prof. Alraeesi is deeply involved in various initiatives aimed at enhancing water management and sustainability in the UAE. He is a founding member of the UAE's Intergovernmental Hydrological Program National Committee and has served on the board of the UAE Water Aid Foundation since 2018. He was a member of the Permanent Consultation Mechanism of the Groundwater Governance Project and served on the Emirates Scientists Council in the UAE government (2016–2018).

Prof. Alraeesi also served as a member of the National Committee on Combating Desertification. UNESCO appointed him as a Member of the Advisory board for Open Science in July 2020. Prof. Alraeesi spearheaded the UAEU initiatives at COP28. His scholarly output includes over 70 papers published in internationally peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings. Moreover, he has engaged in and delivered presentations at more than 100 national and international conferences since 2005.

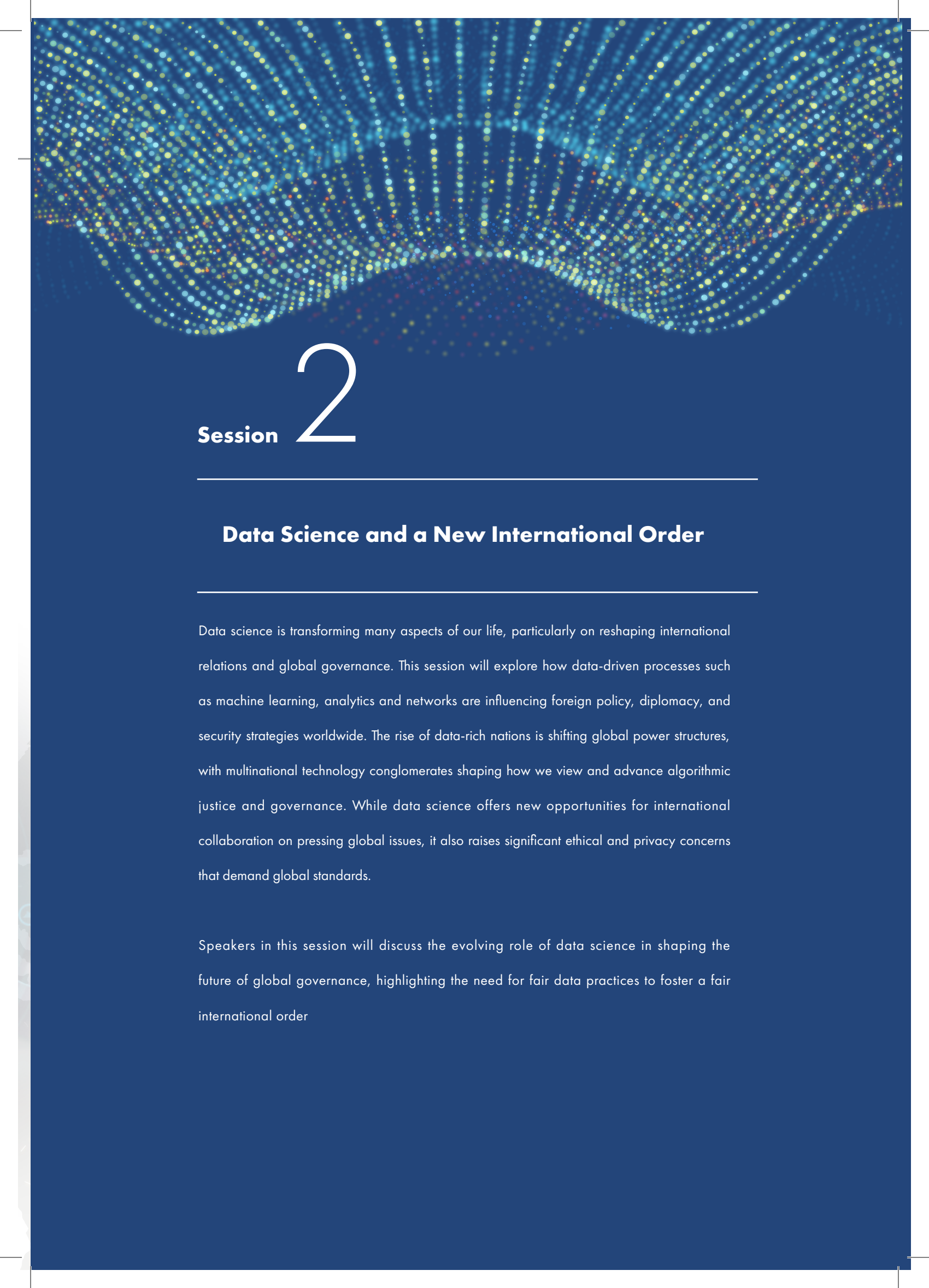


Prof. Yujiin YAGUCHI

Vice-President and Director of Center for Global Education,
The University of Tokyo (Japan)

Prof. Yujiin Yaguchi is the Vice-President for Global Education and a Professor in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tokyo. He holds a Ph.D. in American Studies from the College of William and Mary and has published extensively on U.S.-Japan cultural relations, particularly with a focus on the politics of war memory. His insights have been featured in major media outlets, including The New York Times, CNN, BBC, and Asahi Shimbun. In addition to his academic work, Prof. Yaguchi has been instrumental in advancing the globalization of education at the University of Tokyo. He served as the inaugural chair of the English-medium undergraduate degree program (PEAK), established in 2012. He is also the Founding Director of the Center for Global Education (GlobE) and oversees various global education initiatives, including the university-wide student exchange program (USTEP), the university's for-fee summer program (UTokyo GUC), and the Global Leadership Program.





Session 2

Data Science and a New International Order

Data science is transforming many aspects of our life, particularly on reshaping international relations and global governance. This session will explore how data-driven processes such as machine learning, analytics and networks are influencing foreign policy, diplomacy, and security strategies worldwide. The rise of data-rich nations is shifting global power structures, with multinational technology conglomerates shaping how we view and advance algorithmic justice and governance. While data science offers new opportunities for international collaboration on pressing global issues, it also raises significant ethical and privacy concerns that demand global standards.

Speakers in this session will discuss the evolving role of data science in shaping the future of global governance, highlighting the need for fair data practices to foster a fair international order



Prof. Xiang ZHANG

President, The University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China)

Professor Xiang Zhang is HKU's President and Vice-Chancellor. He is the sixteenth leader appointed to this role, beginning in July 2018. Born in Nanjing in China's Jiangsu province, he credits his parents for embedding discovery and divergent thinking at the center of his learning experience. He studied at Nanjing University (BS and MS), then moved to the United States where he earned further degrees at the University of Minnesota (MS) and University of California, Berkeley (PhD). He taught as an assistant professor at Pennsylvania State University, and associate professor and full professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. In 2004, he returned to UC Berkeley. At Berkeley, he served as the inaugural Edward S. Kuh Endowed Chair Professor, Director of the Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center, and Director of the Material Science Division at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. XLab, his team of students, researchers, and visiting scientists, was so named "not because we're mutants, but because we're searched deeply for non-traditional research topics", he says. "X stands for explore, for experiment, and for excellence." A world leader in nanophotonics and material physics, Professor Zhang developed the first optical superlens — breaking the diffraction limit and transforming understanding of imaging technology. He also pioneered the field of plasmonic lithography with important implications for microelectronics and data storage. Notably, he invented the world's first optical "invisibility cloak", achieving a historic leap from imagination to reality. This earned him a place on TIME's "Top 10 Scientific Discoveries" of 2008 alongside NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander and China's first spacewalk. Professor Zhang sees his role not only as President and Vice-Chancellor, but as "mentor, colleague, and friend". He



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is committed to fostering an intellectually vibrant landscape at HKU that is underpinned by curiosity, critical thinking, and compassionate values. This, he says, will allow students, staff, and faculty to thrive together in a new and complex global century. Among others, he is a recipient of the Fitzroy Medal, Julius Springer Prize, Max Born Award, and the Eringen Medal which includes five Nobel laureates among its past winners. He is an elected member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, and an elected foreign member of organizations including the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Academia Sinica.



Prof. Zheng YOU

President,
Huazhong University of Science and Technology (China)



Professor Zheng You is the President of Huazhong University of Science and Technology and academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. Before he took the role of President of HUST, he used to be the Vice-President of Tsinghua University. His main research area is intelligent microsystem technology and its application, and he was awarded 3 second prizes of the National Award for Technological Invention as well as 2 second prizes of the National Award for Science and Technology Progress. In addition to national awards, he also received more than 10 provincial and ministerial science and technology awards and over 90 authorized national invention patents. He has also published more than 400 SCI/EI papers, four monographs and two translated works. His other major social appointments include the Vice-Chairman of China Association for Science and Technology, the Executive Deputy Director of Science and Technology Commission of Ministry of Education, the Convener of Instrumentation Discipline Review Panel of the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council, the Chairman of China Instrument and Control Society, and the Vice-Chairman of Chinese Mechanical Engineering Society.



Prof. Brad MACKAY

Deputy Principal and Vice-Principal,
University of St. Andrews (U.K.)

Prof. Brad MacKay is Professor of Strategy in the University of St Andrews School of Management. Formerly, he held a Chair in Strategic Management at the University of Edinburgh Business School, where he was also Director of Engagement (Associate Dean) on the Executive (2014-2016), Head of the Strategy and International Business Group (2011-2014), and Director of the MBA programmes (2009-2011). He also held an ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) Senior Fellowship in the Future of the UK and Scotland program (2013-2014). He earned a BA in International Development Studies from Dalhousie University, in Halifax, Canada, an MLitt (Distinction) in Management, Economics and Politics (MEP) and a PhD in Strategy from the University of St Andrews, Scotland. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA).

Brad is Deputy Principal and Vice-Principal (International Strategy and External Relations) in the Principal's Office of the University. Prof. Brad's research, teaching and consultancy interests include strategy development, execution and implementation, contingency planning, scenario planning and the political economy of strategy-making.

He was recently appointed by the ESRC (Economic Social Research Council) as a Senior Fellow for the Scotland Analysis, to investigate the impact of the independence debate in Scotland and the United Kingdom on business decision-making. He has published in a range of scholarly journals including the Academy of Management Journal, Organization Studies, Human Relations, the European Management Review, Futures, International Studies of Management and Organization, Management and Organization History, and Technological Forecasting and Social Change. He is also co-editor of the Edward Elgar Handbook of Research on Strategy and Foresight (2009).



His research is interdisciplinary in nature, importing sensibilities from economics, history, philosophy, psychology and sociology for the purpose of better understanding the mechanisms underpinning wealth creation. He is also a co-founder of the Strategic Foresight Special Interest Group (SIG) of the British Academy of Management, of which he served as its Chairperson between 2003 and 2007. His research has been widely covered in the press, including the Financial Times and Wall Street Journal. He is a regular commentator on business related issues in the media.

Prof. Lily KONG

President, Singapore Management University (Singapore)

Professor Lily Kong was appointed President of Singapore Management University in 2019, the first Singaporean to lead the institution and the first woman to head any university in Singapore. She has spearheaded significant strategic initiatives, focusing on Digital Transformation, Sustainable Living, and Growth in Asia. Under her leadership, SMU launched new colleges, research centres and institutes, and overseas centres, boosting its standing and reputation significantly. Enrolment, research funding, industry partnerships, and philanthropic support have surged during her tenure, along with new infrastructure to support SMU's growth. During her tenure, SMU has been recognised as the best employer in the Singapore university sector by The Straits Times. The university is ranked first in the world for archival research in accounting, second in the world for software engineering, second in Asia for research in business schools, and has won best accelerator/incubator programme and best co-working space in Southeast Asia.



An award-winning academic, Professor Kong has received prestigious honours including the Victoria Medal from the Royal Geographical Society, the Robert Stoddard Award from the American Association of Geographers, and Foreign Fellow from the Geographical Society of China. She is consistently ranked in the top 1-2% of her field in studies by Stanford and has been recognised in Forbes Asia's Power Businesswomen list, Forbes inaugural 50 over 50 (Asia) and Tatler's Asia's Most Influential. She has been inducted into the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame. Her national awards include the Public Service Medal (Silver) and Public Service Star.



Dr. Peter Q. BLAIR

Associate Professor of Education,
Harvard Graduate School of Education (U.S.)

Prof. Peter Q. Blair is on the faculty at the Harvard Graduate School of Education where he co-directs the Project on Workforce. He serves as a faculty research fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and the principal investigator of the BE-Lab — a research group with partners from Harvard University, Clemson University, and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. His group's research focuses on the link between the future of work and the future of education, labor market discrimination, occupational licensing, and residential segregation.

Blair received his Ph.D. in applied economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, his M.Sc. in theoretical physics from Harvard University, and his B.Sc. in physics and mathematics from Duke University. He is the youngest of his parents' seven sons, and got his start understanding markets by selling fruit and vegetables in the Bahamas in the Nassau Straw Market with his brothers.





Session 3

Ethics and Value Building of AI Technology in Society

Artificial intelligence has significantly transformed our society. As AI systems become more integrated into daily life, concerns are rising about issues such as algorithmic bias, data privacy, and the lack of accountability and transparency. Given the societal impact of these technologies, it is crucial to establish ethical frameworks for AI to ensure its development aligns with societal values like equity and inclusivity. Additionally, AI's role in decision-making, from healthcare to criminal justice, underscores the importance of building AI systems that reflect ethical standards and avoid perpetuating harmful biases.

This session will explore the ethics and value-building surrounding AI technology in society. Speakers will discuss the critical need for transparent AI governance, responsible innovation, and collaborative efforts between policymakers, technologists, and civil society to ensure AI's development benefits humanity while upholding ethical principles. Through these discussions, we will gain valuable insights into shaping the future of AI to serve the common good responsibly and equitably.



Prof. Jin-guang TENG

President, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
(Hong Kong, China)

Professor Jin-guang Teng, President and Chair Professor of Structural Engineering at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, is a Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering, a Member of the Hong Kong Academy of Sciences and a Corresponding Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Professor Teng's main research areas include the structural use of fibre-reinforced polymer (FRP) composites in civil engineering and steel structures. Many of his research findings have been adopted by relevant design codes/guidelines in China, the US, Europe, the UK, and Australia. The research awards he has received include the State Natural Science Award of China (Second Class) and the inaugural IIFC Medal from the International Institute for FRP in Construction (IIFC). He has an engineering degree from Zhejiang University in China and a PhD degree from the University of Sydney, Australia.



Prof. Zhe-min TAN

President, Nanjing University (China)

Professor TAN Zhe-Min was appointed President of Nanjing University (NJU) in April 2023. Prior to this position, he served as Executive Vice-President, Vice-President, and Associate Vice-President of Nanjing University.

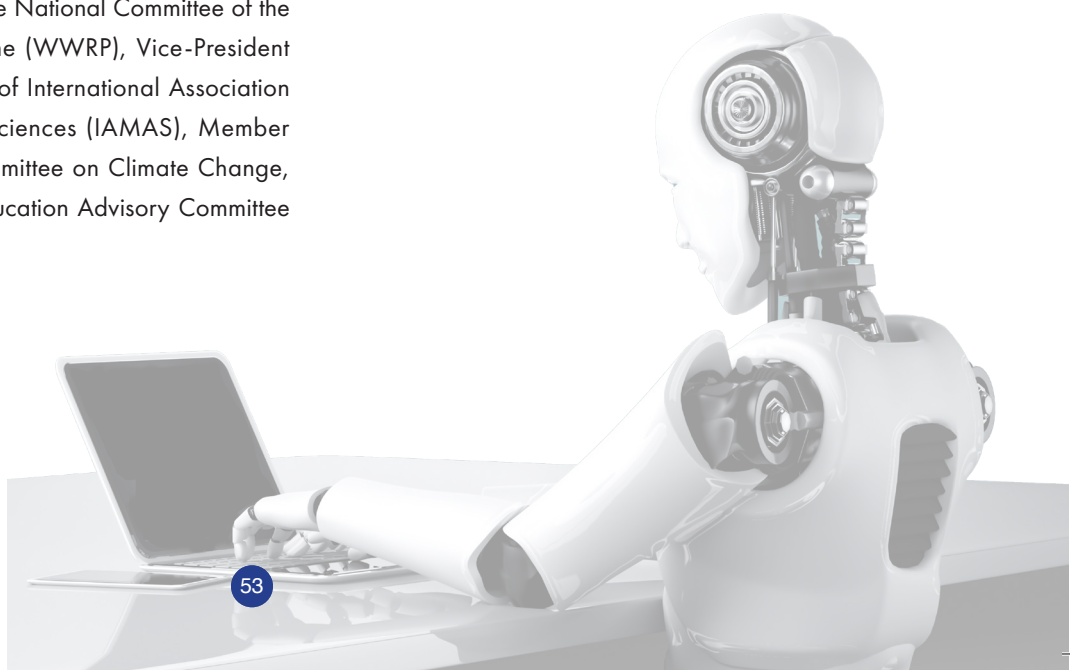
Professor TAN is an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chair Professor of Meteorology, and Professor of Atmospheric Science at the School of Atmospheric Sciences of NJU. He received his Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degrees in meteorology at NJU in 1985, 1989, and 2000 respectively. Joining the faculty of Nanjing University in 1989, he was awarded a full professorship in 1999, and served as the Head of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences from 1998 to 2006, and Director of the Key Laboratory of Mesoscale Severe Weather of the Ministry of Education from 2000 to 2010.

Professor TAN's research focuses on the fundamental theoretical research in the atmospheric dynamics, tropical cyclone, and atmospheric predictability. His expertise has led him to prominent roles within the scientific community, including served as President of the Chinese Meteorological Society, Member of the International Commission for Dynamic Meteorology (ICDM), Vice-Chairman of Chinese National Committee for THOPREX, Co-Chair of the Discipline Evaluation Group for Atmospheric Science of the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council, and Member of the Advisory Committee of the Earth Science Division of National Natural Science Foundation of China. He now serves as the Chairman of the Chinese National Committee of the World Weather Research Programme (WWRP), Vice-President of the Chinese National Committee of International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences (IAMAS), Member of the Chinese National Expert Committee on Climate Change, Director of Atmospheric Sciences Education Advisory Committee



of the Chinese Ministry of Education, and Member of Program Establishment and Education Advisory Committee in Higher Education of the Chinese Ministry of Education. He also serves as the Chair of Jiangsu Western Returned Scholars Association.

In his capacity as the President, he has garnered considerable acclaim for his exceptional contributions to higher education. He promoted the implementation of "3+3 Talent Training Model" for undergraduate Students in Nanjing University, and relevant achievements have won the Top Award of National Higher Education Achievements and had a profound impact in the field of higher education in China and in the international community.





Prof. Shu-cai LI

President of Shandong University, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering (China)

Professor Li Shucui, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, is an expert on disaster prevention and control in tunnel and underground engineering. He has been engaged in research on disaster prevention and control of water and mud inrush disaster control in tunnel and underground engineering. He established and innovated the theory and method of advance forecasting of unfavorable geological conditions in tunnel construction, established key technologies of tunnel water balance and disaster management for environmental protection, and made significant contributions to the prevention and control of tunnel and underground engineering disasters.

He has been awarded 4 second prizes of the National Scientific and Technological Progress Award, and 1 second prize of the State Technological Invention Award, and won the National Innovation Award, Guanghua Engineering Science and Technology Award and the Highest Science and Technology Award in Shandong Province.



Prof. Tim JONES

Vice-Chancellor, The University of Liverpool (U.K)

Professor Tim Jones took up post as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool on 1 January 2023. He moved from the University of Birmingham, where he was Provost and Vice-Principal. Previously, he held several senior leadership positions at the University of Warwick, including Interim Provost, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Science, Engineering and Medicine, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, Knowledge Transfer and Business Engagement.

Tim is an alumnus of the University, having gained both his undergraduate degree and PhD at Liverpool. After spending nearly 17 years at Imperial College London he moved to the Chemistry Department at Warwick as part of the University's strategic investment in advanced materials research. Tim's research interests are focused on the surface and thin film properties of a wide variety of advanced electronic materials, with applications in areas such as photovoltaics.

Tim is Chair of the Liverpool Health Partners Board and a member of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Business & Enterprise Board, the N8 Research Partnership, Liverpool Knowledge Quarter Board and Sciortec Board as well as a Director of the Russell Group and member of Universities UK.



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Prof. Sir Anton MUSCATELLI

Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Glasgow (U.K.)

Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli has been Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Glasgow since October 2009. An economist, his research interests are monetary economics, central bank independence, fiscal policy, international finance and macroeconomics.

Sir Anton is a member of the University Grants Committee, Hong Kong and chairs its Research Group. From 2017-2020 he was Chair of the Russell Group of UK research-intensive universities. He has been a member of the Scottish Government's Council of Economic Advisers, a special adviser to the UK House of Commons Treasury Select Committee on monetary policy and has advised the European Commission and the World Bank.



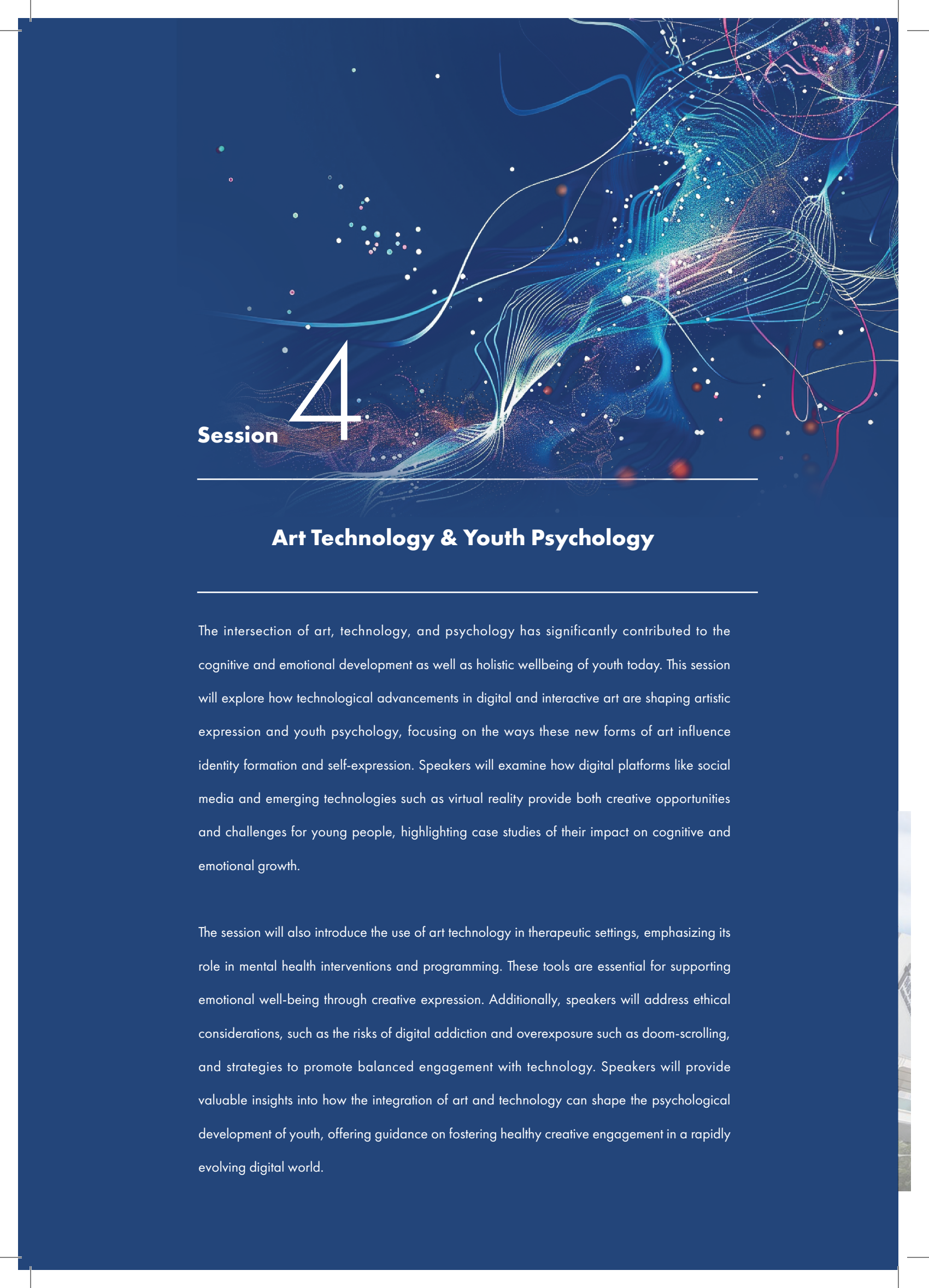
Prof. Ilaria VALENTE

Vice-Rector for International Affairs,
Politecnico di Milano (Italy)

Ilaria Valente is Full Professor of Architectural and Urban Design at the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies at Politecnico di Milano. She graduated in Architecture from the same university and obtained her PhD in Architectural Composition from Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia.

She currently serves as Vice-Rector for International Affairs at Politecnico di Milano and is Delegate for the New European Bauhaus @Polimi project, having previously held numerous institutional roles. Member of the Academic Board for the PhD program in Architectural Urban Interior Design – DASTU and head of the ARS Lab – Architecture Resources Strategies research laboratory of DASTU, she is also external member of the Committee for Design Quality at the Italian Public Property Agency. She has developed theoretical and design contributions on tools and methodologies for interventions in marginal urban areas, focusing on the form and figure of open and public spaces, as well as on urban morphology and architectural typology studies, and architecture of infrastructures. She is author of numerous essays and articles and has published and edited several monographs. Speaker at numerous international seminars and conferences, she has also been Visiting Critic and has delivered lectures and talks at various schools of architecture in Italy and abroad.



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Session

Art Technology & Youth Psychology

The intersection of art, technology, and psychology has significantly contributed to the cognitive and emotional development as well as holistic wellbeing of youth today. This session will explore how technological advancements in digital and interactive art are shaping artistic expression and youth psychology, focusing on the ways these new forms of art influence identity formation and self-expression. Speakers will examine how digital platforms like social media and emerging technologies such as virtual reality provide both creative opportunities and challenges for young people, highlighting case studies of their impact on cognitive and emotional growth.

The session will also introduce the use of art technology in therapeutic settings, emphasizing its role in mental health interventions and programming. These tools are essential for supporting emotional well-being through creative expression. Additionally, speakers will address ethical considerations, such as the risks of digital addiction and overexposure such as doom-scrolling, and strategies to promote balanced engagement with technology. Speakers will provide valuable insights into how the integration of art and technology can shape the psychological development of youth, offering guidance on fostering healthy creative engagement in a rapidly evolving digital world.

Prof. Alexander WAI Ping-kong

President and Vice-Chancellor, Hong Kong Baptist University
(Hong Kong, China)

Professor Wai is the President and Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU). Prior to joining HKBU, Professor Wai was the Deputy President and Provost at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Over the years, he has spared no effort in education, academia and research. He is committed to pioneering innovation and technology and translational research as well as making contributions to the development of Hong Kong, the Nation and the world.

Professor Wai received a bachelor's degree, majoring in Physics, from The University of Hong Kong in 1981, followed by a master's degree and a doctoral degree in Physics from the University of Maryland, College Park in the US in 1985 and 1988 respectively. With academic interests in the field of optical fibre communications, Professor Wai has a rich array of impactful and patented research achievements to his name. He has been elected as a Fellow of the Optical Society of America (OSA), a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and a Fellow of Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences (HKAES). With the approval of the State Ministry of Science and Technology, he is also listed as one of the experts in the National Science and Technology Programme Expert Database.





Prof. Jie-cai HAN

President, The Harbin Institute of Technology (China)

Han Jiecai, President of Harbin Institute of Technology, academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, winner of the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars, and head of the innovation research group of the National Natural Science Foundation of China. Executive Vice Director of the Materials Department of the 8th Science and Technology Commission of the Ministry of Education, and the Honorary Director of Chinese Society for Composite Materials. He is also the regional editor of Composites Science and Technology and the associated editor-in-chief of Science China Technological Sciences. He has published multiple articles on the cultivation of top-notch talents with international vision in important national newspapers and periodicals, and he is committed to expanding the opening up of education in the new era and creating a diversified cultivation mode of top-notch talents. He has won one second prize of the National Natural Science Award as main winner, two second prizes of the National Technological Invention Award, and one nomination of the top ten scientific and technological advances in universities of the Ministry of Education of China. He has 4 major works, and more than 400 papers published in domestic and international journals, including 9 in Science and Nature Research Journals.



Prof. Michele ACUTO

Pro Vice-Chancellor of Global Engagement,
University of Bristol (U.K.)

Professor Michele Acuto is Pro Vice-Chancellor for Global Engagement at the University of Bristol, UK, where he is also Professor of Urban Resilience in the School of Geographical Sciences. He was previously Professor and Director of the Melbourne Centre for Cities at the University of Melbourne, where he taught the Melbourne School of Design's Studio N on night-time design and planning, having worked before that at University College London, USC, Australian National University, and the University of Oxford.



A keen researcher and practitioner of urban policy and innovation – not least after dark – and a renowned voice on the international dimensions of city leadership, he recently authored *Managing Cities at Night* (Bristol University Press, 2021) and *How to Build a Global City* (Cornell University Press, 2022). He leads several research programmes centred on urban policy and how cities tackle global challenges, has been co-host and co-producer of the University of Melbourne's *Cities After Dark* podcast miniseries, and is a regular speaker at major international forums and summits.

Michele regularly serves as an expert on a variety of government initiatives on urban policy, for instance as an advisor on the Australian Government National Urban Policy network and UN-Habitat's Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAGe). He has worked with numerous city networks, UN agencies, and mayors around the world supporting city diplomacy across climate, health, resilience and migration.



Prof. Ji-hong YU

President, Beijing Normal University (China)

Prof. Jihong Yu is the President of Beijing Normal University. She was the Vice President of National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC). She received her BS (1989), MS (1992), and PhD (1995) from Jilin University, and worked as a postdoctoral fellow first at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and then at Tohoku University in Japan during 1996-1998. She has been a full Professor in the Chemistry Department, Jilin University since 1999. She was elected as the Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2015, the Fellow of TWAS in 2016, the Member of Academia Europaea in 2019, and the Foreign Member of Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in 2021.

Her main research interest focuses on the designed synthesis and application of zeolitic nanoporous materials in energy, environment and other emerging fields. She has co-authored over 400 research papers including Science, Nature, Nat. Rev. Mater., J. Am. Chem. Soc., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., Chem, Adv. Mater., etc.; obtained over 40 authorized Chinese Invention Patents; co-published 8 books. She was the winners of the National Prize for Natural Science, the IUPAC 2017 Distinguished Women in Chemistry/Chemical Engineering Award, and the Ho Leung Ho Lee Science and Technology Progress Award. She was the Associate Editor of Chemical Science during 2012-2020. Since 2021, she serves as the Executive Editor of JACS. Currently, she is the Editorial/Advisory Board Members of Chemical Reviews, Accounts of Chemical Research, JACS-Au, Advanced Materials, Chem, Matter, ACS Nano, National Science Review, etc. She is the Chair of Chinese Zeolite Association, and Vice President of Chinese Chemical Society.



Prof. Thomas BRADBURY

Distinguished Professor and Chair,
Department of Psychology,
University of California, Los Angeles (U.S.)



Prof. Thomas Bradbury is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Following undergraduate studies at Hamilton College, he earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Illinois in 1990 and subsequently moved to UCLA to establish the Marriage and Close Relationships Laboratory.

Bradbury's lab team has conducted numerous longitudinal studies that explore the dynamics of marriage and offer insights into how couples can maintain healthy, enduring relationships. With funding from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the John Templeton Foundation, Bradbury has published over 200 research articles, garnering more than 40,000 scientific citations. His contributions also include an undergraduate textbook on intimate relationships, a popular book on relationships and health, and three edited volumes, including *The Psychology of Marriage*.



Prof. Jon GARIBALDI

Provost and Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
University of Nottingham, Ningbo (China)

Prof. Jon Garibaldi is currently the Provost of the University of Nottingham Ningbo China, and a member of the University of Nottingham Executive Board (UEB). He is Head of the Intelligent Modelling and Analysis (IMA) Research Group and was a Founding Director of the University of Nottingham Advanced Data Analysis Centre (ADAC). Prof. Garibaldi obtained a BSc in Physics from University of Bristol in 1984, and an MSc in Intelligent Systems and PhD from University of Plymouth in 1991, and 1997, respectively.

After joining the School of Computer Science University of Nottingham in 2002, he became a full Professor in 2012, and held a variety of administrative roles including Admissions Tutor, Director of Teaching and then Head of School from 2016 to 2023. His main research interest is in developing intelligent techniques to model human reasoning in uncertain environments, with a particular emphasis on the medical domain. He has particular interest in using non-standard fuzzy sets and systems, such as type-2 fuzzy sets and systems, to model human reasoning processes. He has published over 300 papers in internationally peer-reviewed venues, and has led or participated in a wide range of multi-disciplinary research projects worth over £80M. He is a Fellow of the IEEE, was the Editor-in-Chief of IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems from Jan 2017 to Dec 2022, and is currently a member of the IEEE CIS Administrative Committee.





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Session 5

University Governance and Innovation

University governance plays a critical role in promoting knowledge exchanges in a globalized world. This session will explore the increasing significance of governance in higher education, focusing on how universities adapt to globalization while balancing local autonomy and global collaboration. With innovative governance models such as international partnerships, interdisciplinary research, and technology, global collaboration can be fostered and sustainably maintained. These models are essential for addressing modern day challenges that we face as a society together. Additionally, the role of visionary leadership in driving innovation within academic governance will be discussed, along with strategies to foster a sense of global academic citizenship and inclusivity among university campuses.

In this session, speakers will provide valuable insights into how effective governance can shape the future of higher education, fostering global engagement and collaboration within the academic community.

Prof. Freddy BOEY Yin-chiang

President and University Distinguished Professor,
City University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China)

Professor Freddy Boey Yin Chiang is President and Distinguished University Professor of City University of Hong Kong. He was previously Deputy President (Innovation & Enterprise) at the National University of Singapore, and Provost and Chair of the School of Materials Science and Engineering at the Nanyang Technological University.

Professor Boey was conferred Singapore's highest Scientific Award, the President's Science & Technology Medal for lifetime achievement, and the prestigious Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine Fellow award, both in 2013, for his biomedical research achievements. His research team also won the 2014 Singapore President's Technology Award. In 2016, Professor Boey received the Singapore National Day Public Administration Gold Medal.





Prof. Dame Madeleine ATKINS

President, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge University (U.K.)

Madeleine became the 9th President of Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge University, on 1st October 2018.

Madeleine's background includes reading Law and History as an undergraduate at Cambridge, teaching in a large comprehensive school in Huntingdon, and completing a Ph.D. and post-doctoral research contracts at the University of Nottingham.

Following various senior positions at Newcastle University, including Pro-Vice-Chancellor, she was Vice-Chancellor of Coventry University between 2004 and 2013. Madeleine then joined the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) as its Chief Executive in January 2014, retaining that post until March 2018.



Prof. Xin-kai ZHU

Executive Vice President, Renmin University of China (China)

Prof. Xin-kai ZHU was born in December, 1974. He holds a PhD in Management. He is a Distinguished Professor of the Yangtze River Scholars Award Program and an expert with special government subsidies under the State Council. He is currently Executive Vice President of Renmin University of China. He also serves concurrently as the Convener of the Agricultural Economics Discipline Review Group of the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council, the Vice-President of the Chinese Society of Agricultural Economics, and the Vice-President of the Chinese Society of Rural Development.



His main research areas are the history of Marxist agricultural thought, history of Chinese agriculture, agriculture and food economics. He has lectured on Agricultural Economics, Technical Economics of Agriculture, Consumption of Rural Household and Rural Markets and other courses, and published more than 100 academic papers in academic journals such as the Economic Research Journal and Management World. He gave a special one-time lecture on "National Food Security Strategy" for the Standing Committee of the 11th National People's Congress. He was selected to join the national Millions of Talents Project, "100 Talents Project" for theoretical talents in the area of social sciences in the Beijing Municipality and New Century Talent Support Program of the Ministry of Education. He was awarded as Beijing Outstanding Young Intellectual and was awarded the Beijing Youth May Fourth Medal by the Communist Party of China, the People's Government, and the Communist Youth League of Beijing Municipality. He was also awarded as a Middle-aged Expert with Outstanding Contributions by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security and recognized as a China Agricultural Talent by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.



Prof. G.Q. Max LU

President and Vice-Chancellor,
University of Surrey (U.K.)

Professor Max Lu has been President and Vice-Chancellor of University of Surrey since April 2016. His responsibility is to lead the University, shaping its vision, mission and strategy.

As a Highly Cited Researcher in both Materials Science and Chemistry he has published over 600 journal papers on nanomaterials, photocatalysis, hydrogen production and storage (h=158 and over 104,500 citations @google scholar). He is co-inventor of more than 25 granted international patents. He has been honoured with numerous awards including Orica Award, RK Murphy Medal, Le Fevre Prize, ExxonMobil Award, China International Science and Technology Award, Japan Chemical Society Lecture Award, Chemeca Medal, and P.V. Danckwerts Lecture. He was also recently honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia (Officer) for his distinguished service to higher education and international research.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Institution of Chemical Engineers, Royal Society of Chemistry, Australian Academy of Science, Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering, World Academy of Science, National Academy of Inventors, and a Foreign Fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Corresponding Member, National Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences, Argentina.



Prof. Ruksana OSMAN

Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic,
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (South Africa)

Professor Ruksana Osman is the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic at the University of the Witwatersrand. In this position she is responsible for the broad coordination of the academic project across all divisions of the University. The five faculty deans report to her, and she oversees the University's online and blended-learning academic strategy.

Prior to this appointment, she served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Advancement, Human Resources and Transformation, as the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, and as the Head of the School of Education. Her experience in higher education, and her 40-year association with Wits University therefore spans the full range of roles at all levels of institutional management, governance, and leadership. These have included internally- and externally facing foci on enabling staff capacitation, directing the academic project, intellectual leadership, fundraising, contributing to policy development and implementation, and being centrally involved in institutional strategy development.

A Professor of Education, Prof. Osman has extensive teaching and research experience in the field of teacher education and higher education. She has an established reputation for impactful scholarly work in the broad fields of higher education policy, pedagogy and students' lived experiences of equity and access to higher education. She is known for the connections she has made between research centred and research led approaches to learning and teaching and the transformative practices of learning contexts like schools and universities.

Prof. Osman holds the UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education for Diversity and Development and has established a global network to support the research and development work of the Chair. She is widely published in the academic and popular press, and is the author or co-author of multiple papers, journal articles and books. She is the co-editor of *Research-led teacher education: Case studies of possibilities* (2012); *Large Class Pedagogy: Interdisciplinary perspectives for quality higher education*



(2013); *Service Learning in South Africa* (2013); *Transforming Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: Towards a Socially Just Pedagogy in a global context* (2017); *Teacher Education for Diversity: Conversations from the Global South* (2018) and *pedagogical responsiveness in complex contexts* (2022).

Outside of South Africa, Professor Osman has been at the forefront of building several transnational partnerships particularly with UK, European and African universities. She has spearheaded Wits' partnership in several strategic academic initiatives including the Diversifying the Academy programmes, the Wits Edinburg Sustainable African Futures (WESAF) doctoral program, the AFRETEC (African Engineering and Technology) network that aims to drive digital transformation on the African continent, The Future Materials Project which involves collaborating with a number of global universities working on the social, engineering and scientific problems in the future of mining and the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) on collaborative doctoral degree programs. An elected member of the Academy of Sciences of South Africa, Professor Osman is recognised for the quality and relevance of her work in higher education as a teacher and researcher in pursuit of socially-just education.



Prof. Franck RICHECOEUR

Director of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees,
CentraleSupélec Paris-Saclay University (France)

Franck Richecoeur is a renowned researcher in combustion and fluid mechanics. He is the Head of the Graduate School of Engineering and Systems Sciences at the University of Paris-Saclay and the Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Dean at CentraleSupélec Engineering School.

He earned his PhD from École Centrale Paris (now CentraleSupélec, University Paris -Saclay) in 2006, where he worked on high-frequency combustion instabilities in cryogenic rocket engines. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the French National Centre for Space Studies (CNES), he joined CentraleSupélec as a faculty member.

His research focuses on flame dynamics, thermoacoustic instabilities, and combustion noise, with applications in rocket engines and gas turbines.



Prof. (Dr.) C. Raj KUMAR

Vice-Chancellor
O.P. Jindal Global University (India)

Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar, a Rhodes Scholar, is the Founding Vice-Chancellor of O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) in India. He was appointed as the VC at the age of 34 in 2009 when the university was established. Professor Kumar has academic qualifications from the University of Oxford, Harvard University, University of Hong Kong, University of Delhi and Loyola College. Professor Kumar conceived the idea of establishing India's first 'Global University' and with the philanthropic support (US\$ 100 Million) of Mr. Naveen Jindal, established JGU in Sonapat, Haryana in 2009. JGU has been ranked as India's Number 1 Private University for three years in a row by the prestigious QS World University Rankings 2023. JGU is also recognized among the Top 150 universities globally under 50 years by the QS Young University Rankings. In 2020, JGU was recognized as an 'Institution of Eminence' by the Ministry of Education, Government of India – a recognition that is given only to 10 public and 10 private universities among 1000 universities in India. Professor Kumar is an accomplished scholar in the fields of human rights and development, comparative constitutional law, terrorism and national security, corruption and governance, law and disaster management, legal education and higher education with more than 200 publications to his credit.





Prof. Alojzy Z. NOWAK

Rector, University of Warsaw (Poland)

Professor Alojzy Z. Nowak is Rector of the University of Warsaw, the largest university in Poland and a leading national research university, serving over 40,000 students across 25 faculties and supported by a workforce over 8,000.

Professor Nowak has held a variety of leadership positions at the University of Warsaw, including Director of the Centre for Europe, Dean of the Faculty of Management, and Vice-Rector for Research and Liaison.

He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Warsaw in 1991, and in 1995. He received his post-doctorate. His research focuses on finance, banking, and international economics. Author and co-author of over 250 papers and books published both in Poland and abroad. He has been a visiting scholar at many universities worldwide including the University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign (USA), the University of Exeter (UK), RUCA in Antwerp (Belgium), and the Free University of Berlin (Germany).

Professor Nowak serves as a member of many supervisory boards in national and international companies. In 2018 together with 22 eminent economists from around the world (which included 4 Nobel Prize winners), he became a member of the Scientific Council of the Institute for New Structural Economics at Peking University.

Since 2018 he has been serving as chair of the Academic Sports Association – a mass students' sport organisation, one of the biggest sports associations in Poland.



Dr. Dieter De BRUYN

Senior Policy Advisor at Rector's Office,
Ghent University (Belgium)

Dieter De Bruyn holds an MA and a PhD in East European Languages and Cultures from Ghent University (2006), where he also pursued an academic career (with a specialization in Polish literature and culture) until 2011. He then started working as a coordinator of the Ghent University Doctoral Schools, supporting doctoral candidates in terms of onboarding, (research) training and employability.

Since 2019, he works as a senior advisor at the same institution's Rector's Office. Throughout his career, he has contributed to, and advocated for, interuniversity and intersectoral collaboration at his alma mater and in academia at large.





Session 6

Artificial Intelligence in Meeting Biomedical and Societal Challenges

Artificial intelligence is increasingly playing a crucial role in addressing biomedical and societal challenges, from accelerating research to developing technologies in advancing areas such as personalized medicine, innovative biotherapies, mental health intervention, climate change modelling, risk assessment, and education and training. Additionally, emerging markets, cross-sector partnerships, interdisciplinary research, and international partnerships continue to drive innovation. However, regulatory complexities, high research costs, and ethical concerns represent obstacles and issues such as intellectual property disputes, data privacy and security, and a shortage of specialized talent further complicate the landscape.

In this session, speakers will explore these pivotal issues, providing insights into the evolving role of AI in different fields and their combined future impact on global health and society.

Prof. Rocky S. TUAN

Vice-Chancellor and President,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China)

Professor Rocky S. Tuan began his term as the eighth Vice-Chancellor and President of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) on 1 January 2018. He is concurrently Lee Quo Wei and Lee Yick Hoi Lun Professor of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine. Prior to joining CUHK in 2016 as a distinguished visiting professor and the founding director of the Institute for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine, Professor Tuan was Distinguished Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Director of the Center for Cellular and Molecular Engineering in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Professor Tuan is a world-leading biomedical scientist specializing in stem cell science and regenerative medicine. His work covers both basic science and engineering, as well as translational and clinical applications. His research accomplishments are in the areas of cell and developmental biology, stem cells, biomaterials, tissue engineering, regenerative medicine, 3D printing, and tissue chip technologies. Professor Tuan is a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, the Chinese Association of Inventions, and the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society, among other professional societies.



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Prof. Bin YANG

Vice-President, Tsinghua University (China)

Professor Yang Bin is Vice President of Tsinghua University since September 2014. He is a professor of the School of Economics and Management, and Director of the Center for Leadership Development and Research. He is also Secretary-General of China National MBA Education Supervisory Committee.

Professor Yang was admitted to Tsinghua University in 1987, and received his Bachelor's degree in Engineering and Ph.D. degree in Management Science. He has a long and outstanding record as an educator, researcher, and senior administrator at Tsinghua University. He was Council Chairman of the School of Economics and Management (SEM), Dean of the Graduate School, Dean of Shenzhen International Graduate School (SIGS), President of Tsinghua University Education Foundation (TUEF), Dean of the School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM), and Provost.

Professor Yang's research interests focus on organizational leadership, ethics and social responsibility, and higher education. He has published many papers and books, and won a number of national and municipal prizes and awards.



Prof. Dawn FRESHWATER

Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Auckland (New Zealand)

Professor Freshwater is a globally recognised leader, having worked in world-class universities for almost two decades. She became the University of Auckland's first female Vice-Chancellor in March 2020, after serving at the University of Western Australia as Vice-Chancellor and Chair of the Go8 in Australia. She is Vice-Chair for Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Steering Committee, and Presidential Champion for the Asia Pacific Women in Leadership (APWiL), Deputy Chair of Research Australia, Chair of Universities New Zealand Research Committee, and recent Chair of Worldwide University Network (WUN).

Prof. Dawn has been elected to the Academia Europaea (MAE), is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland (FRCSI) and Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing (FRCN). She was listed in the top 2% of researchers in Stanford-Elsevier List 2023 in Public Health, Clinical Psychology and Nursing.





Prof. San LING

Deputy President and Provost,
Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)

Prof. San Ling is Deputy President and Provost at NTU Singapore. Currently President's Chair in Mathematical Sciences, he joined NTU in April 2005 as the Founding Head of the Division of Mathematical Sciences in the School of Physical & Mathematical Sciences (SPMS). He was Chair of SPMS from April 2008 to December 2010, and Dean, College of Science, from August 2011 to December 2017, before being appointed Provost on 1 January 2018. Prior to joining NTU, he spent 13 years at the National University of Singapore (NUS).

Between August 2022 and July 2024, Professor Ling also served concurrently as the Chief Scientific Advisor for the National Research Foundation, Singapore. He is also a member of the Committee of Government Scientific Advisors, Singapore.

Professor Ling's research interests are in applications of algebra and number theory to combinatorial designs, coding theory, cryptography and sequences. He has published about 250 journal and conference papers and two textbooks, and edited several conference proceedings. His research has clinched more than S\$25 million in funding.

A visiting scholar at institutions such as the University of California, Berkeley, CNRS, ESSI Sophia Antipolis, INRIA, ENS Lyon, Macquarie University, the Technion, and Hanyang University, he is a recipient of the Singapore Youth Award (Science & Technology) in 2001, National Science Award (Team) in 2003, Service to Education Award from the Singapore Ministry of Education in 2010, Public Administration Medal (Silver) from the President of the Republic of Singapore in 2013, Fellowship of the Singapore National Academy of Science in 2014, and Public Administration Medal (Gold) from the President of the Republic of Singapore in 2024. A passionate educator, he has also won numerous teaching excellence awards at both NTU and NUS.



Active in serving the professional community, he has previously been a Vice-President of the Singapore National Academy of Science, President of the Southeast Asian Mathematical Society and the Singapore Mathematical Society, and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association for Cryptologic Research. He currently serves on the Management Board of the Institute for Mathematical Sciences at NUS and the International Board of Overseers of Sabanci University. Professor Ling has also served as a reviewer for research funding agencies in Singapore and abroad.

He obtained his BA and MA in Mathematics from the University of Cambridge, and has a PhD in Mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Jun WANG

Assistant Provost, University of California, Riverside (U.S.)

Dr. Jun Wang was appointed Assistant Provost for Strategic Initiatives and International Recruitment at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) on July 1, 2019. In this role, he collaborates closely with the Provost and Executive Vice-Chancellor to provide leadership in advancing UCR's short- and long-term strategic goals. His efforts focus on raising the university's profile and enhancing its ranking at local, national, and international levels. Jun is responsible for overseeing international student recruitment strategies, ensuring that UCR attracts top talent from around the world. He develops and implements initiatives to engage with peer educational institutions, both within the U.S. and globally, creating partnerships that facilitate student recruitment pipelines. These collaborations are instrumental in expanding UCR's global reach and influence. Additionally, Jun leads efforts to plan and execute programs that strengthen relationships with UCR's international alumni. By fostering these connections, he helps build a supportive global network that enhances UCR's standing in the international academic community. His work extends across various campus-wide international initiatives, aligning them with UCR's broader strategic priorities. Through his leadership and strategic vision, Jun plays a crucial role in positioning UCR as a competitive institution on the global stage, contributing to its continued growth and success in the international education arena.



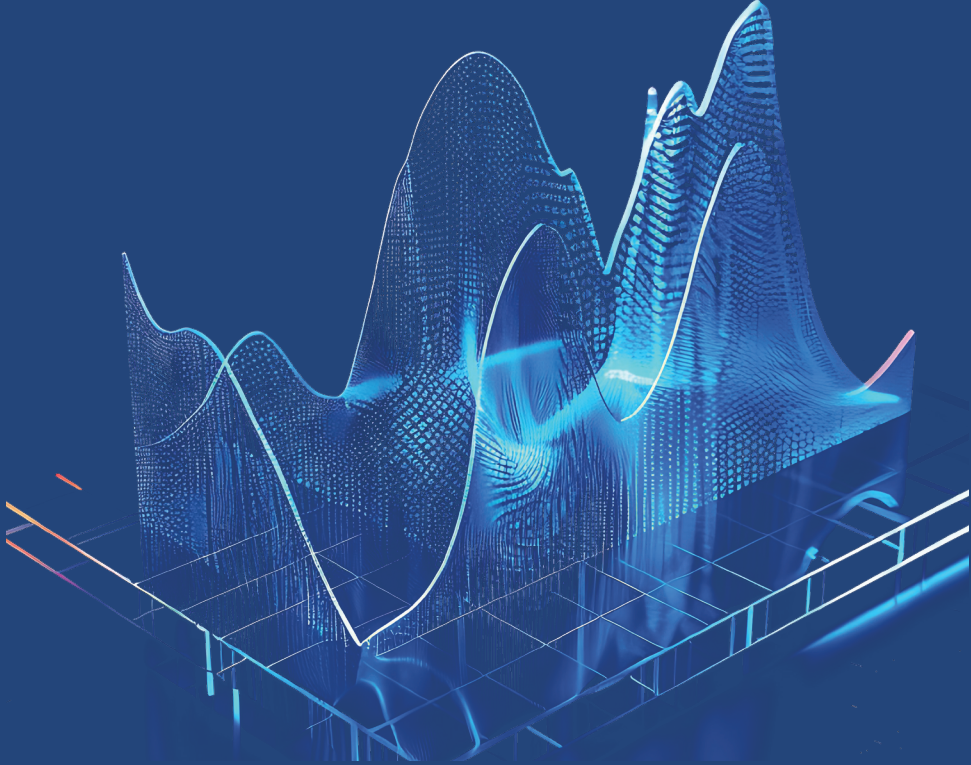


Prof. Tony F. CHAN

Immediate Past President,
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology,
Saudi Arabia (also the Former President of The Hong Kong
University of Science and Technology) (Saudi Arabia)



Tony Chan was the 3rd president of KAUST from 2018-2024. He was the 3rd president of HKUST from 2009-2018. He is on the board of trustees of the Hong Kong Academy of Science, the Future Investment Initiative (Saudi Arabia) and Skoltech (Russia). He is on the advisory board of RIKEN (Japan), KAIST (Korea), KFUPM (Saudi Arabia), National Center for AI (Saudi Arabia) and SUSTech (Shenzhen). He received his undergraduate degrees in engineering from Caltech and his PhD in computer science from Stanford University. He is a member of the US National Academy of Engineering.



Session

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AI Development and its Law and Ethics

The intersection of law and artificial intelligence (AI) is constructing a new way of how we practice law and how the capacity of law and order can be furthered with the addition of AI technologies. These emerging tools are revolutionizing legal systems and frameworks and influencing all aspects from automating criminal justice decision-making processes to aiding due diligence and compliance in the commercial legal space. However, as AI starts to carry increasing weight in powers of decision, it raises major concerns about its transparency, lack of accountability and overall, the general consumption and involvement of these technologies in a field that values confidentiality and fairness. Ensuring that AI's development and presence in upholding and furthering justice and order is crucial for maintaining trust in the justice systems.

This session will explore the role of AI in law and order and its implications for the quality and outlook of legal systems in the future. Our speakers will discuss the importance of building robust and ethical AI guiding frameworks in law that promote transparency, fairness, and security.



Prof. Joe S. QIN

President and Wai Kee Kau Chair Professor of Data Science
Lingnan University (Hong Kong, China)

Prof. S. Joe Qin is the President and Wai Kee Kau Chair Professor of Data Science of Lingnan University in Hong Kong. He obtained his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Automatic Control from Tsinghua University in Beijing and his Ph.D. degree in Chemical Engineering from University of Maryland at College Park. Prof Qin's research interests include data science and analytics, statistical and machine learning, industrial AI, process monitoring, model predictive control, system identification, smart manufacturing, smart cities, and smart energy management.

Prof. Qin is a Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences, Fellow of the U.S. National Academy of Inventors, the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC), AIChE, and IEEE. He is the recipient of the 2022 CAST Computing in Chemical Engineering Award by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) and the 2022 IEEE CSS Transition to Practice Award, the U.S. National Science Foundation CAREER Award, the 2011 Northrop Grumman Best Teaching award at Viterbi School of Engineering, and the IFAC Best Paper Prize for a model predictive control paper published in Control Engineering Practice.

Prof. Qin has published over 470 international journal papers, book chapters, conference papers etc. He is the inventor of 12 U.S. patents. He received over 39,000 Google Scholar citations with an h-index of 87.



Prof. Gui-guo WANG

Chairman of Hong Kong WTO Research Institute
(Hong Kong, China)

Guiguo WANG is President of Zhejiang University Academy of International Strategy and Law, and University Professor of Law, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China; President of International Academy of the Belt and Road; Member of the International Commercial Expert Committee of the Supreme People's Court of China; Chair and Member of the International Commercial Expert Committee of the Intermediate People's Court of Suzhou, China; Member of the Academic Committee of the International Commercial Tribunal of the Intermediate People's Court of Wuxi, China.

Professor Wang worked at City University of Hong Kong for more than 25 years serving as Dean of School of Law, Chair Professor of Chinese and Comparative Law, and Director of the Centre for Judicial Education and Research at different time until 2015 when he left the University, and also worked at School of Law, Tulane University in the United States serving as Eason-Weinmann Chair of International and Comparative Law till 2020. Professor Wang is also Chairman of the Hong Kong WTO Research Institute, Chairman of the National Committee (HK) and Titular Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, Vice President of the Chinese Society of International Economic Law.

As an experienced arbitrator, Professor Wang is a Committee Member of Beijing Arbitration Commission and Beijing International Arbitration Commission and on the arbitrators' list of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, Beijing Arbitration Commission, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Panel of Arbitrators of Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, etc.

Professor Wang, holder of the JSD degree from Yale Law School and LL.M. degree from Columbia Law School, is the first one from the Mainland of China to obtain the JSD degree from Yale Law School since 1949. He is also the first Chinese recipient of the fellowship of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in 1980, which enabled him to participate in the seminars offered by the International Court of Justice and to study at The Hague Academy of International Law, the United Nations Legal Affairs Office and the World Bank.

In the summer of 2010, Professor Wang served as a special lecturer at The Hague Academy of International Law and gave a series of lectures on Radiating Impact of WTO on Its Members' Legal System: The Chinese Perspective.



Professor Wang has published more than 20 books and more than 100 journal articles in both Chinese and English, including *Sino American Economic Exchanges The Legal Contributions* (1985), Praeger Publishers; *The International Trade Legal Order* (1987), Law Press, one of the earliest books on GATT in Mainland China; *International Banking and Financial Law* (1988), Law Press; *The Evolving International Investment Legal Order* (1988), Law Press; *China's Investment Law: The New Directions* (1988), Butterworths, Singapore; *International Economic Law* (1992), Wide Angle Press; *Wang's Business Law of China* (4rd Ed., 2003), Butterworths; *The Law of WTO* (2003), Law Press; *International Trade Law* (2004), Peking University Press; *The Law of the WTO – China and the Future of Free Trade* (2005), Sweet & Maxwell; *International Monetary and Financial Law* (3rd Ed., 2007), Law Press; *International Investment Law* (2nd Ed., 2008), Law Press; "Radiating Impact of WTO on Its Members' Legal System: The Chinese Perspective", *Collected Courses of The Hague Academy of International Law*, vol. 349, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers (2010); *International Investment Law: A Chinese Perspective* (in English), Routledge (2015), *International Law Perspectives on the Belt and Road Initiative* (Co-ed.), Zhejiang University Press (2016); *The Dispute Resolution Mechanism for the Belt and Road* (Co-ed.), Zhejiang University Press (in both English and Chinese 2017); *Essentials of the Laws of the Belt and Road Countries* 11 volumes, in both English and Chinese, Zhejiang University Press (2019), *International Economic Law from a Chinese Traditional Culture Perspective* (in Chinese), Law Press (2022), *The Belt and Road Cooperation and Partnership Model Agreement*, Joint Publishing (H.K.), Co., Ltd, 2023, etc



Dr. David LASSNER

President, University of Hawaii at Mānoa (U.S.)

David Lassner is the 15th president of the University of Hawaii (UH). He has served UH for 47 years, the last eleven as president. In that capacity he leads Hawaii's flagship research university, UH Mānoa, and the 10-campus UH system that provides all public higher education across the Hawaiian islands. Under Lassner, UH has become the foremost indigenous-centered university in the U.S. with unparalleled strengths in island sustainability. He earned an AB in economics and MS in computer science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a PhD in communication and information sciences from the University of Hawaii.



Prof. Bipin ADHIKARI

Professor of Law,
Kathmandu University School of Law (Nepal)

Professor Bipin Adhikari is a constitutional law expert, academic, and legal scholar with over three decades of experience in Nepal's legal field. His areas of research and interest encompass constitutional law, rule of law, federalism, public policy, infrastructure law, and regulatory bodies. He has worked extensively on issues related to Nepal's legal system and democratization process.



Prof. Adhikari holds a Doctorate in Constitutional Law and has been designated as a senior advocate by the Supreme Court of Nepal. He has worked on the interpretation of constitutional law in Nepal and has been involved in academic discourse in this area. He has authored several publications on constitutional law, federalism, governance, and legal reforms. Adhikari currently serves as a professor of law at Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Nepal.



Prof. Dr. Farhana Helal MEHTAB

Professor of Law and Dean of School of Arts & Social Sciences
Southeast University (Bangladesh)



Professor Dr. Farhana Helal Mehtab is the first female Dean of the Faculty of Law among the private universities in Bangladesh. Currently, she is the Dean of the School of Arts & Social Sciences at Southeast University. Prof. Dr. Mehtab served as the Chairperson of the Department of Law for twelve consecutive years at three universities; among those, the last one was the Daffodil International University. Dr. Mehtab obtained her LLB (Honors) and Master of Laws (LLM) degrees from the Department of Law, University of Dhaka (DU).

She received a Master of Education degree from the Institute of Education and Research (IER), DU. Combining her core subjects, i.e., Law and Education, she received her PhD from the University of Dhaka. Her teaching areas are Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law, Criminology, Good Governance, Gender & the Law, International Environmental Law, International Organization, Refugee Law, and Administrative Law.

Dr. Mehtab has authored four books titled: "Terrorism and Counter Terrorism: Legal Issues, Challenges and Responses," "An Introduction to ADR Mechanism: Bangladesh Perspective," "Human Trafficking: International and Bangladesh Perspective," and "Law & Legal English." She received collaboration training on arbitration from the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) and International Law Institute (ILI), Washington DC, in 2013.

Dr. Mehtab is a committee member of the Asian Association of Law Professors (AALP), Nepal; and a member of the International Advisory Board of the International Academy of the Belt and Road, China. She received the "One Belt One Road Fellowship" in 2016 in Hong Kong. Dr. Mehtab is a Visiting Faculty at Chandigarh University, India. She is also the Academic Council Member of the Bangladesh Army International University of Science & Technology (BAIUST). She is the Syndicate Member of Southeast University.

Datuk Manickham SUPPERAMANIAM

Former Ambassador/ Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the World Trade Organisation (Malaysia)

Mr M Supperamaniam joined the Malaysian Administrative and Diplomatic Service in 1970 and served the Ministry of International Trade and Industry for a period of 34 years in various capacities including Senior Trade Commissioner of Malaysia to Hong Kong and China, Director, Department of International Trade, Deputy Secretary-General (Trade) and Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the World Trade Organization. During the tenure of service he was mainly charged with responsibilities and functions relating to the development of national trade policy and export development strategy.



He represented Malaysia at various bilateral, regional international conferences which included his participation in various senior official meetings as well as in Ministerial conferences of ASEAN, APEC, UNCTAD and UNESCAP. He was assigned a key role in representing Malaysia in various negotiations at GATT/WTO/UNCTAD. APEC ASEAN as well at the bilateral level. During his tenure of service in Geneva he held various positions in the WTO including Chairman WTO Budget and Finance Committee, Chairman WTO Council for Goods and Chairman Informal Group of Developing Countries.

Since his official retirement from Government he is now actively engaged as a resource person/consultant to many workshops, and conferences organized by UN Agencies, regional and international organizations and think tanks. Currently, he is a Distinguished Fellow of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia and Adjunct Professor at the International Islamic University Malaysia. He is also a Board Member of a couple of public listed companies in Malaysia.



Prof. Nohyoung PARK

Former Dean of Korea University Law School (South Korea)

Prof. Nohyoung Park, professor emeritus at Korea Univ. Law School, studied law and international law at College of Law, Korea University (LL.B., 1981), Graduate School, Korea University (LL.M., 1983), Harvard Law School (LL.M., 1985), and University of Cambridge (Ph.D. in International Law, 1990). He was awarded the honorary doctoral degree in law by the Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok, Russia in October 2018. He has been studying legal aspects of data protection, cybersecurity, and AI as well as international economic law as his original major.



He is the founding president of Korean Society of International Economic Law, and the chairperson of Korea International Mediation Centre (KIMC). He was vice-president of academic affairs at Korea Univ. as well as dean of Korea Univ. Law School. He has been advising Korean governments and businesses in the matter of cybersecurity, data protection, AI and international commercial mediation.





Session 8

Demographic Change & Education in Future

Demographic changes are reshaping the future of education, presenting both challenges and opportunities for adapting modes of learning to a rapidly evolving global population. Falling birth rate, aging society, urbanization, emerging patterns of migration have all in various ways influenced the composition of student populations and their consequent education needs. In a post-COVID era, educational institutes continue to encounter unique challenges of new learning systems, declining enrollment, shifting government funding, and so on. Specifically, enrollment cliff, a term used to describe the expected decline in the number of traditional-age college students, is an obstacle faced by many universities. Nevertheless, these challenges pave the way for new opportunities - innovative approaches that can address how education is provided and received in diverse learning environments that could lead to lifelong learning opportunities. At the same time, technological advancements are offering new ways to personalize education and make it more accessible to different demographic groups.

This session will explore how demographic changes are impacting the future of education and the strategies needed to adapt. Our speakers will discuss how educational institutions can adapt to meet the demands of a shifting population, focusing on building diverse and equitable learning environments for the future generation.



Prof. John LEE Chi-Kin

President, The Education University of Hong Kong
(Hong Kong, China)

Professor John C. K. Lee, President and Chair Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, joined The Education University of Hong Kong (the then Hong Kong Institute of Education) in 2010. He was Vice-President (Academic) from 2010 to 2019, and Vice-President (Academic) and Provost from 2019 to 2023. Professor Lee was previously Dean of Education and a Professor at the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). He was also the Director of the Centre for University and School Partnership and served as a Fellow of United College and Morningside College at CUHK. Professor Lee was a recipient of The Vice-Chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award 1999 at CUHK. Before that, he worked as a secondary school teacher and as a Lecturer in the Sir Robert Black College of Education.



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Dr. Peter Q. BLAIR

Associate Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education (U.S.)



Prof. Peter Q. Blair is on the faculty at the Harvard Graduate School of Education where he co-directs the Project on Workforce. He serves as a faculty research fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and the principal investigator of the BE-Lab — a research group with partners from Harvard University, Clemson University, and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. His group's research focuses on the link between the future of work and the future of education, labor market discrimination, occupational licensing, and residential segregation.

Blair received his Ph.D. in applied economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, his M.Sc. in theoretical physics from Harvard University, and his B.Sc. in physics and mathematics from Duke University. He is the youngest of his parents' seven sons, and got his start understanding markets by selling fruit and vegetables in the Bahamas in the Nassau Straw Market with his brothers.



Dr. Haji Abdul Hanif bin Dato Paduka

Haji MAHADI

Assistant Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research, Innovation and Sustainability) Universiti Brunei Darussalam (Brunei)



Dr. Abdul Hanif Mahadi is the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Sustainability) of Universiti Brunei Darussalam. His role involves leading and developing research and innovation strategy, and also promoting sustainability initiatives of the university. Previously, Dr. Hanif was the Director of Centre of Advanced Material and Energy Sciences (CAMES), UBD where he was leading the research centre for developing technologies and scientific expertise for green energy with innovative advanced materials. Dr. Hanif's primary research area focuses on the utilisation of carbon dioxide to valuable products and sustainable production and storage of hydrogen energy. He started this research interest since his PhD studies in Chemistry at Wolfson Catalysis Centre, University of Oxford. To date, Dr. Hanif has published numerous high-impact publications in his research field, including patents. He is also an advocate for Science and Technology development within Brunei's youth, where he provides lectures and supervision to nurture their scientific thinking and skills.



Prof. Bert J. TUGA

President, Philippine Normal University (Philippine)

Dr. Bert J. Tuga, the 11th President of the Philippine Normal University (PNU), exemplifies transformational leadership in Philippine education as head of the country's National Center for Teacher Education. Prior to his presidency, Dr. Tuga held pivotal leadership roles at PNU, including Vice-President for Finance and Administration, Vice-President for University Relations and Advancement, and Campus Executive Director & Provost of PNU Visayas, driving strategic initiatives and strengthening university operations.



A seasoned educator and innovator, Dr. Tuga earned his PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at PNU, with advanced research completed at Ohio State University. His leadership extends internationally, with training in higher education policy through the KOICA Fellowship, the Asian Development Bank's Program on Education Reform, and specialized courses in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of Sussex.

Dr. Tuga's impact as a leader is highlighted by his work with UNESCO, SEAMEO, and CHED on influential projects, such as UNESCO Bangkok's Global Citizenship Education initiative, where he served as International Lead Consultant. Additionally, he teaches in the PNU Graduate School, preparing future leaders in curriculum and instruction.

His exceptional contributions have earned him awards, including the Carriedo Bahaghari Award for Leader in Education and Gawad Banyuhay para sa Karunungan. Recently, Dr. Tuga was invited as Visiting Professor at Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta and selected as a Jury member for the prestigious Wenhui Award for Educational Innovation in the Asia-Pacific, reflecting his enduring commitment to leadership in education.



Prof. Zhanseit TUIMEBAYEV

Rector, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Kazakhstan)

Zhanseit Tuimebayev is a Kazakhstani statesman, politician, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Doctor of Philology, and Professor.

He graduated from the Faculty of Philology at the Kazakh State University named after S. M. Kirov in 1980 and the Faculty of Law at the Moscow State Social University in 2000. Zhanseit Tuimebayev is Candidate of Philological Sciences, Institute of Linguistics, Academy of Sciences of the Kazakh USSR (1987); Doctor of Philological Sciences (2008); Professor of Linguistics; Honorary Doctor of Niğde University, Republic of Turkey (2014); Honorary Doctor of Hatay Mustafa Kemal University, Republic of Turkey (2015); Honorary Academician of the Shyngys Aitmatov Academy of the Kyrgyz Republic (2023); Honorary Doctor of Saint-Peterburg Polytechnical University, Russian Federation (2024).

Throughout his career, he has held several key positions, including Chief of Protocol for the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey, Governor of the South Kazakhstan Region and Turkestan Region, Deputy Chairman of the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan, and Head of the Secretariat of the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan within the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

AWARDS: Orden of "Kurmet" (2003); Orden of "Parasat" (2011); Medal "10 years of Astana" (2008); Medal "20 years of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan" (2011); Medal of the Association of Entrepreneurs and Businessmen of Turkey "For contribution to strengthening friendship between Kazakhstan and Turkey" (2011); Award of the International Platform for the Development of Tourism in Turkey (TÜTAP) "For Special



achievements in International Relations" (2011); Jubilee Medal "20 years of the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan" (2015); Jubilee Medal "25 years of the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan" (2020); Jubilee medal "25 Years of the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan" (2020); Gold medal of the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan "Birlik"; Order of "Barys", Second Class (2022); Order of Friendship of the Kyrgyz Republic (2024).

Author of many scientific works in the field of Kazakh linguistics and Turkic studies.

In 2021, Zhanseit Tuimebayev was appointed Chairman of the Board – Rector of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University.

Dr. Kashif Imran Zadi

Acting Director and Associate Professor, School of Law & Policy,
University of Management and Technology, Lahore (Pakistan)

Dr. Kashif Imran Zadi is an Associate Professor and Director, School of Law and Policy, University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan with a robust academic and professional background. He holds the Doctoral degree of Legal Sciences (SJD in Law) from the prestigious Guanghua Law School, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. Dr. Zadi began his academic journey at Punjab University Law College, University of the Punjab where he earned both his LL.B. and LL.M. He is an approved supervisor by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan for supervising PhD and MPhil research. Furthermore, he is an Executive Editor of Law Journal named "Law and Policy Review" approved and recognized by Higher Education of Pakistan. His transition into academia is followed by a successful career as an Advocate of the Lahore High Court, Lahore where he gained extensive experience in handling variety of cases at both trial and appellate levels. His deep commitment to legal education and research led him to join the faculty of law in various universities in Pakistan. His area of research centered on the legal aspects of Belt and Road Initiative and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He has worked as an Initiator and Member of Expert Drafting Group for the drafting and publication of 'Belt and Road Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (Model Agreement)' published in 2023 by Zhejiang University Academy of International Strategy and Law and Guanghua Law School. He has published many research articles and attended several national and international conferences.



Session 9



Applied Science and New Age Development

Artificial technology has emerged as a powerful tool that both drives innovation and disruption across many sectors and aspects of our society. While there is debate over whether technology is truly an applied science, there is no denying AI's rapid rise and its profound impact on how we pursue scientific inquiries. New age challenges such as global warming, space exploration, preventative medicine, alternative energy sources and exploratory robotics can all potentially be addressed with the support of AI. As exciting as it sounds to envision its full potential, AI has also raised concerns about its disconnect and lack of rootedness in the more pressing issues underserved but most impacted communities face.

This session will focus on how technology combined with applied science will impact or facilitate issues of new age development in our life. It will also examine whether it is time to discuss the creation of a global multi-disciplinary framework where science, technology, society, environment, policies and regulations evolve together, each informing and progressing on the other's needs. Our speakers will discuss how universities can help facilitate such a comprehensive framework to support this integrated approach.

Prof. Paul LAM Kwan-sing

President, Hong Kong Metropolitan University
(Hong Kong, China)



Professor Paul LAM Kwan-sing is the President of Hong Kong Metropolitan University (HKMU) and a Chair Professor of Environmental Chemistry. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Hong Kong and completed his doctorate at the University of Sheffield, UK.

Prior to joining HKMU, Professor LAM was the Executive Director of Special Projects, Jeanie Hu Professor of Science and Chair Professor of the Department of Chemistry (formerly the Department of Biology and Chemistry) at City University of Hong Kong (CityU). During his long service at CityU, he had also served as Acting Vice-President (Undergraduate Education), Vice-President (Student Affairs), as well as Chief-of-Staff and Director of the State Key Laboratory of Marine Pollution.

A renowned expert in environmental chemistry, ecotoxicology, and environmental risk assessment, he has published over 500 scientific papers and led over 35 government consultancy projects. He was awarded the Natural Science Award (Second Class) multiple times by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

Professor LAM is also actively involved in community service, serving as Chairman of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, Ex-officio Member of the Education Commission, Member of the Advisory Committee on the Northern Metropolis, Member of Global STEM Professorship Scheme Assessment Panel, and more. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2008 and awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2014.





Prof. Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun

GBS, SBS, JP

Member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong

Hong Kong delegate to the National People's Congress

Member of the Basic Law Committee of the National People's
Congress Standing Committee



Prof. Priscilla Leung is a member of the Hong Kong SAR Basic Law Committee under NPCSC. She is a legislator in the HKSAR and is a practicing barrister in Hong Kong. She has taught at the Law School of City University of Hong Kong for three decades and is specialized in Chinese Law, Hong Kong Basic Law and conflicts of law amongst Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Prof. Leung served as the Chairman of the Panel of the Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee of the Legislative Council in Hong Kong for 7 years. Since 2020, she has served as the Chair of the Education Panel at the Legislative Council.

Prof. Leung has practiced as a barrister-at-law in Hong Kong since 1997. She is specialized in handling cross-border disputes between Hong Kong and the mainland of China and has handled hundreds of cases in relation of such nature. She has been appointed as an arbitrator of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) since 2015 and has been appointed as a panel expert of the CIETAC Online Dispute Resolution Centre for years. She has been admitted to the Panel of Arbitrators of AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre (AALCO) and appointed as a Senior Certified International Arbitrator by the International Dispute Resolution and Risk Management Institute (IDRRMI) this year. Prof. Leung is a qualified lawyer for the Greater Bay Area and has also been appointed as an expert assessor for foreign law applications for the Higher People's Court of Guangdong Province in 2023. She received the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award of the year 2000.

Prof. Leung is actively engaged in public services. She has served as the founding chairman of the Green Council from 2000 to 2018. Prof. Leung is also one of the founders of Hong Kong World Trade Organization Research Institute, dedicated to advancing understanding and innovation within the World

Trade Organization (WTO) framework focusing on China's development after its entry. With a commitment to fostering evidence-based legal insights and promoting fair trade practices, she has spearheaded initiatives that bring together researchers, industry stakeholders, and policymakers to address pressing challenges in law and global trade.

Prof. Leung published a number of articles and books on the aforementioned areas both in English and Chinese including the Hong Kong SAR Basic Law: From Theory to Practice (Chinese) 2015, China Law Reports series (English) 1992 - 2015, the China International Economic and Trade arbitration Commission Awards Series (English) and the Hong Kong Basic Law: Hybrid of Chinese Law and Common Law published in 2007 (English). Her publications also include Comparative Studies of Family Law between Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong published by the joint Publishing House in June 2003 (Chinese), Legal Reform of China (co-ed) in 1994.

Prof. Xu-hong QIAN

President, East China Normal University (China)

Qian Xuhong, a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering (since 2011), currently serves as the President of East China Normal University (since 2018). He concurrently holds multiple positions, including Editor-in-Chief of Chinese Chem. Lett., a journal of the Chinese Chemical Society since 2012; Director of the Expert Committee of China Green Manufacturing Alliance since 2017; President of Shanghai Institute of Chinese Engineering Development Strategies since 2019; Project leader and Chief Scientist of the "Ultra-Limit Manufacturing" major science and technology project of Shanghai since 2020; Vice-Chairman of Shanghai Association for Science and Technology since 2023; Vice-Supervisor of the Chemical Industry and Engineering Society of China since 2022; Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry in the UK; Honorary Professor of the University of Bath in the UK; Honorary Doctor at Queen's University Belfast in the UK.



He served as the President of East China University of Science and Technology from 2004 to 2015, Chief Scientist of the National "973 Program" from 2003 to 2008 and from 2010 to 2014, a member of the Expert Advisory Committee of the Chemistry Division of the National Natural Science Foundation of China, Chairman of the Shanghai Popular Science Writers Association from 2015 to 2023, Vice-President of the Chemical Industry and Engineering Society of China, President of the Asian Pacific Confederation of Chemical Engineering from 2007 to 2009, Humboldt China Academic Ambassador of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Executive Editor-in-Chief of Engineering, journal of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, from 2016 to 2018, and an advisory editorial board member for several international journals, including J. Agri. Food Chem..



Dr. Cary ANDERSON

Executive Vice-Chancellor, Wenzhou–Kean University (China)

Dr. Cary Anderson is the Executive Vice-Chancellor at Wenzhou-Kean University (WKU), a Sino-US cooperative institution. In this position, he collaborates to internationalize the student and faculty population, expand the research enterprise, maintain educational excellence, and ensure student success.

Prior to joining WKU, he was the Vice-President for Student Life and Associate Provost at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. While there, he led student and faculty exchange, joint program development, study abroad and international student recruitment and support, primarily focusing on China. He held various University roles overseeing institutional effectiveness, online education, institutional research, academic budgets, served as Interim Dean of the College of Professional and Liberal Studies, and was the Middle States Institutional Accreditation Liaison Officer. He taught history, law and policy courses in the Interdisciplinary Doctor of Education Program.

In addition to numerous conference presentations, workshops and addresses to a variety of academic and professional organizations, Dr. Anderson was the Editor of the NASPA Journal and has served as a member of various editorial boards. He has served as on numerous accreditation visits, and has consulted in the area of accreditation. Dr. Anderson graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and earned a Master of Arts degree at Loyola University Chicago. He completed his doctorate at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. In 2010, Dr. Anderson completed a program at Harvard University Graduate School of Education Institute for Educational Management.



Dr. Rajesh SHARMA

Associate Professor,
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Professor Sharma is the Winner of the ADR Teacher Award 2022 and 2024 in Australia and he is the first Indian to hold PhD in Law from China. He holds PhD from the Chinese University of Political Science and Law.

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Prof HU is the National High-Level Talent devoted to computational electromagnetics, antennas, and scattering areas with more than 300 publications. Prof HU obtained the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars from the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC); was recognized as the Distinguished Professor by the Ministry of Education under the Chang Jiang Scholars Program; was honoured as an Academic Leader by the National NSFC's Science Fund for Creative Research Groups.

Inspired by the motto of UESTC, "to seek fact and truth, to be noble and ambitious," Prof HU adheres to a student-cantered, general and professional combined educational philosophy. It is committed to cultivating students' national identity, global awareness, knowledge integration and creative innovation so that they can become future leaders.

Prof HU dedicated his career to teaching, research, and nurturing talent, and his contributions have been recognized with numerous prestigious awards, including the National Teaching Achievement Award, National Scientific and Technological Progress Award, IEEE APS Sergei A. Schelkunoff Transactions Prize Paper Award, etc.

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