6th ASEF Rectors’ Conference & Students’ Forum (ARC6)
2017, Singapore

Future-ready Universities and Graduates: Quality Education Beyond the Horizon

Students’ Forum 9-12 October
Rectors’ Conference 12-13 October

Rectors’ Conference Programme

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# Remarks by the Organisers

Prof Arnoud DE MEYER  
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Ms Kamini RAMACHANDRAN  
Director  
MoonShadow Stories and The Storytelling Centre

## DAY 0 - WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2017

### Arrival of Participants

Tour by the SMU Ambassiodoral Corps (ASMU)

### The Faces and Spaces of Singapore Management University (SMU)

Walking Tour on the SMU campus (optional)

### Welcome Reception

Remarks by the Organisers

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

Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN  
Director, Education Department  
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

## DAY 1 – THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2017

### Registration

Mochtar Riady Auditorium, SMU  
Admin Building,  
Level 5, 81 Victoria Street

### OPENING

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### KEYNOTE STORY

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<td><strong>Prof Lily Kong</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mr Vincent Quah</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Ms Safi Sabuni</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Prof Wang Libing</strong></td>
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WORKING GROUPS – ASIA-EUROPE EXCHANGE

Objective:
Share innovative practices across Asia and Europe on the key issues that surround quality education, and provide input to Policy Recommendations for the 6th ASEM Education Ministers’ Meeting (ASEM ME6)

Theme #1:
Interdisciplinarity in Education and Research
How can education/research build upon the diversity and inherent interdependencies of academic disciplines?

Working Group A:

Moderator:
Ms Thérèse ZHANG
Deputy Director for Higher Education Policy
European University Association (EUA)

Discussion Initiators:
Prof Urszula BOBRYK
Pro-Rector for Student Affairs
Maria Curie Skłodowska University

Dr Loretta O’DONNELL
Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs
Nazarbayev University

Prof G. RAGHURAM
Director
Indian Institute of Management Bangalore

Prof Paulin STRAUGHAN
Dean of Students
Singapore Management University (SMU)

Working Group B:

Moderator:
Dr Christopher TREMEWAN
Secretary General
Association of Pacific Rim Universities

Discussion Initiators:
Mr Don CARLSON
Director – APAC Education
Microsoft

Prof Kosta GOULIAMOS
Rector
European University Cyprus

Prof Dr Pomthong MALAKUL
Vice-President for Academic Affairs
Chulalongkorn University

Prof Nina WAALER
Vice-Rector for Education
Oslo & Akershus University College of Applied Sciences (HiOA)

1 Rectors can choose their 1 out of 3 topics.
Theme #2:
Lifelong Learning: Holistic and Global Education
What are the suitable approaches in combining values, knowledge and skills training to make universities a hotspot for building more socially and environmentally responsible universities and graduates? Is learning on-the-go the future of education?

Working Group A:
Moderator:
Ms Marijke WAHLERS
Head of International Department
German Rectors’ Conference (HRK)
Host of ARC1, 2008, Berlin, Germany

Discussion Initiators:
Prof Caroline BENTON
Vice-President for Global Affairs
University of Tsukuba

Dr LIM Lai Cheng
Executive Director of SMU Academy
Singapore Management University (SMU)

Prof Dato’ Ir. Dr. Riza Atiq Abdullah O.K. RAHMAT
Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic & International Affairs
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Dr Heon Joo SUH
Executive Director
National Institute for Lifelong Learning (NILE)

Prof Bruce WILSON
Director
EU Center
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

Working Group B:
Moderator:
Dr Choltis DHIRATHITI
Executive Director
ASEAN University Network (AUN)

Discussion Initiators:
Prof Dr Syed Saad ANDALEEB
Vice-Chancellor
BRAC University

Prof Ulf-Daniel EHLERS
Vice-President for Quality & Academic Affairs
Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University / Vice-President
EURASHE

Prof Francois GERMINET
President
University de Cergy-Pontoise, Greater Paris / President
Committee for Training & Professional Insertion of the Conference of University Presidents (CPU)

Prof Pradeep NAIR
Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Chief Academic Officer
Taylor’s University

Prof WEI Minghai
President
Guangzhou University
Theme #3: Access to Quality Education
Which strategies could universities adopt to integrate disability, technology and financial issues in ensuring an inclusive education curriculum and what could be the role of the students in this process?

Working Group A:

Moderator:
Ms Magalie SOENEN
Higher Education Policy
ASEM Education Secretariat 2017-2021
Flemish Government
Department Education & Training

Discussion Initiators:

Prof Juan LLOPIS
Vice-President for International Relations
University of Alicante

Prof Dr Ir Muhammad Anis M MET
Rector
Universitas Indonesia

Prof Remus PRICOPIE
Rector
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)

Dr WONG Meng Ee
Associate Professor
National Institute of Education (NIE)
Singapore

Working Group B:

Moderator:
Dr Chantavit SUJATANOND
Director
Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) RIHED

Discussion Initiators:

Prof Eithne GUILFOYLE
Vice-President for Academic Affairs
Dublin City University

Prof San LING
Dean of College of Science & Provost Designate
Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

Brother Raymundo SUPLIDO FSC
President
De La Salle University

Ms Mary TUPAN-WENNO
President, European Access Network (EAN) / Executive Director, ECHO, Center for Diversity Policy

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee & Tea Break

16:00 – 17:30 Working Groups – Asia-Europe Exchange (continued)

17:30 – 18:00 Refreshment period

18:00 – 20:00 Dinner

SMU School of Law (SOL) Activity Plaza & Foyer L2
DAY 2 - FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2017

REVERSE-MENTORING SESSION

Objective:
For ARC6 Rectors’ Conference participants to immerse in action-focused workshops thematically linked with the 3 thematic areas. The workshops are conducted by student leaders and young academics.

| Theme 1: Interdisciplinarity in Education and Research | 1A | Mr Kelvin Fan Shih LEI  
President of the SMU Ambassadorial Corps (ASMU)  
Singapore Management University  
“How can universities involve students as co-facilitators of learning to develop ‘hard skills’ & ‘heart skills’?” |
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| 1B | Ms Inês MOREIRA  
Erasmus+ Trainer  
Erasmus+ Student and Alumni Association (ESAA)  
“How can Universities engage and benefit from the experience of returning students from exchange programmes?” |
| 1C | Mr Max PEERS  
Student Assistant at the Bologna Lab of Humboldt University/Member of the EUA Thematic Peer Group on Links between Research and Reaching  
“How can universities design learning experiences for students that connect learning, teaching and research?” |

| Theme 2: Lifelong Learning: Holistic and Global Education | 2A | Ms Saina ABESHZADEH  
Student Assessor at the Board of the University  
University of Groningen |
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| 2B | Ms Katherine HERMANS & Ms Sabina NOWAK  
Director, Global Changemakers  
Teach for Australia Associate |
| 2C | Ms Kaho SHINOHARA  
Joint Master’s programme in International Development and Peace through Sport, Tokyo 2020 Olympics & Paralympic Games  
University of Tsukuba |
PLENARY – PANEL DISCUSSION

11:00 – 12:00

“Measuring” Quality Education

Objective:
An Asia-Europe perspective on quality assurance and education benchmarks to measure ‘quality education’

10:30 - 10:45
Walk over to SMU Admin Building

10:45 – 11:00
Coffee & Tea Break

12:00 – 13:45
Luncheon in the Dark (Group B) & Lunch (Group A)

In collaboration with the Singapore Association for the Visually Handicapped (SAVH)

Theme 3: Access to Quality Education

3A
Mr Jack Yong HO
Senior Assistant Director, Office of Dean of Students
Singapore Management University
“How can universities develop and leverage on an accessible university environment?”

3B
Ms Safi SABUNI
Former President Erasmus Student Network
“How can universities utilise gains from returning students of international exchange programmes?”

3C
Mr Helge SCHWITTERS
President
European Students’ Union (ESU)

Prof Jacques LANARÈS
Steering Committee Member
Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA)

Mr Helge SCHWITTERS
President
European Students’ Union (ESU)

Prof TAN Eng Chye
President Designate
Deputy President (Academic Affairs) & Provost
National University of Singapore (NUS)

Ms Aurelija VALEIKIENE
Deputy Director
Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education
Head of Lithuanian ENIC/NARIC

Moderator:
Ms Yojana SHARMA
Regional Editor, Asia
University World News
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<td>Dr Janil PUTHUCHEARY (Senior Minister of State, Singapore)</td>
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DAY 4 - SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2017

9:30 – 12:30
Organisers will be at the hotel lobby of Carlton, Hotel G and Rendezvous Hotel

Future-ready Singapore:
Singapore – Smart City / Singapore – Member of the UNESCO Creative City Network
Guided tour of the Singapore NEWater Centre or Asian Civilization Museum (ACM) (optional)

17:00 – 17:15
Hand-over of the ARC6 Rectors’ and Students’ Policy Recommendations to Dr Choltis DHIRATHITI
Professor Muhammad NASIR
Minister of Research, Technology and Higher Education of Indonesia
Host of the ASEM Education Secretariat (AES) (tbc)

17:15 – 17:30
Group Photo

17:30 – 17:45
Walk to the Dinner Venue

17:45 – 19:30
Nature Meets Education – Farewell Dinner
At SMU Campus Green
Farewell Remarks by the Organisers
Prof Arnoud DE MEYER
President
Singapore Management University (SMU)
Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE
Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Keynote
The Next Chapter of ASEM Education Collaboration: An Outlook

Mr Liviu-Marian POP
Minister of National Education
Romania
Host of the 7th ASEM Education Ministers’ Meeting (ASEM ME7) in 2019
The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, sustainable development, economy and public health.

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

ASEF runs more than 25 projects a year, consisting of around 100 activities, mainly conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures, publications, and online platforms, together with about 125 partner organisations. Each year over 3,000 Asians and Europeans participate in ASEF’s activities, and much wider audiences are reached through its various events, networks, and web-portals.

For more information, please visit www.ASEF.org

A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its world-class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU’s mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact and produce broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. SMU education is known for its highly interactive, collaborative and project-based approach to learning, and for its technologically enabled pedagogy of seminar-style teaching in small class sizes.

Home to around 10,000 undergraduate, postgraduate, executive and professional, full- and part-time students, SMU is comprised of six schools: School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Economics, School of Information Systems, School of Law, and School of Social Sciences. SMU offers a wide range of bachelors’, masters’ and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with the six schools, as well as in interdisciplinary combinations of these areas.

SMU has an emphasis on generating rigorous, high-impact, and relevant multi-disciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance. SMU faculty members collaborate with leading international researchers and universities from USA, Europe, China and India, as well as with partners in the business community and public sector, through its research institutes, centres and labs. SMU’s city campus is a state-of-the art facility located in the heart of downtown Singapore, fostering strategic linkages with business, government and the wider community.

For more information, please visit www.smu.edu.sg
The ARC6 design combines 2 components: measuring tools as used across various academic disciplines and tangram puzzle pieces. The measuring tools portray methodical calculations while the tangrams portray creativity and disruption. The contrasting use of these elements depicts two divergent views of quality education: 1) that quality education can be measured through fixed parameters, and 2) that quality education is a process with outcomes that go beyond mere assessment tools. Historically, tangrams were invented in China and then taken to Europe by sea voyagers in the early 19th century. This resonates with the role of ARC in promoting intellectual, people-to-people exchanges between Asia and Europe.

A measuring jug, as used in chemistry to measure the volume of a liquids or solids, was selected for the ARC6 programme design. Mixing diverse and unusual elements, the programme invites participants to be creative as they consider the composition of quality education in the future.

ASEF’s contribution is with the financial support of the European Union.