

29th UNICA General Assembly & Rectors Seminar

**Capital cities' ecosystems and university structures
to foster entrepreneurship and innovation**



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European graduates need to be equipped with the creative and entrepreneurial skills that will enable them to adapt to an ever-changing global job market, with complex political and economic landscapes. The Rectors Seminar will look at the mechanisms that universities can use to foster an entrepreneurial mindset, and how to engage with local ecosystems to provide opportunities for students to develop skills to be inter-culturally fluent, adaptable and responsive to a rapidly changing world. The Seminar will draw on best-practice case studies from across Europe and further afield, including King's initiatives such as King's London – connecting London to the world, the Entrepreneurship Institute and King's Global Leadership programme, which have contributed to King's being awarded "UK's most entrepreneurial university" in 2019 by the Times Higher.

Regular updates at: <http://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-general-assembly-2019>

For any questions, please contact: office@unica-network.eu

Preliminary Programme (as of 19 July 2019)

Wednesday, 27 November

Venue: Bush House, Strand Campus

13:00 – 17:30	UNICA Steering Committee meeting (SC members only)
18:00 – 20:00	<p>Welcome addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of King's College • Luciano SASO, UNICA President <p>Welcome reception</p> <p>Hosted by Vice-Principal International, Professor Funmi OLONISAKIN</p>

Thursday, 28 November

Venue: Strand / Bush House

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 11:00	<p>UNICA Administrative General Assembly</p> <p><i>A separate agenda will be provided two weeks before the General Assembly</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
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12:50 – 13:00	Time for a group picture
13:00 – 14:30	Buffet lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Parallel meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rectors meeting • Contact Persons/IROs meeting
16:00 – 18:30	Cultural visit (location TBC)
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner, Carlton House Terrace – Hosted by Principal Professor Edward BYRNE

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Friday, 29 November

Venue: Great Hall, Strand

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and coffee
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome & introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward BYRNE, Principal, King's College London • Luciano SASO, UNICA President
09:15 – 10:15	Keynote speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward BYRNE, Principal, King's College London • Georgina CAMPBELL, MIT Legatum Centre
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 - 12:15	Session I – Linking universities to their local ecosystems
	<p>Chair: Julie DEVONSHIRE, MBE, Director of King's Entrepreneurship Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an Investor Community, by Hayley ARD, King's Outreach Manager and investor Relations • Spaces for Entrepreneurship, by Anthony MELLALIEU MRICS, Development Director, UrbanEst Student Accommodation • London venture crawl, by Head of Entrepreneurial Skills, King's Entrepreneurship Institute
12:15 - 13.15	Lunch break
13:15 – 14:45	Session II – Developing an entrepreneurial mindset
	<p>Chair : Georgina CAMPBELL, MIT Legatum Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker to be confirmed • Speaker to be confirmed <p>Interactive discussion with the participants</p>
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee break

15:15 – 17:15	Session III – Innovation and knowledge transfer: partnerships with industry
	<p>Chair: Ben SOFFER, Director of Commercialisation, King's College London</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating knowledge-transfer hubs inside universities, by Prof Sebastien OURSELIN, Head, School of Biomedical Engineering and Imaging Sciences • Speaker to be confirmed • Speaker to be confirmed <p>Interactive discussion</p>
17:15 – 17:30	Closing remarks by Funmi OLONISAKIN, Vice-Principal International, King's College and Luciano SASO, UNICA President
17:45 – 19:00	UNICA Steering Committee meeting (outgoing and incoming SC members)