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SPEAKERS & CHAIRS BIOGRAPHIES*

Peter-André Alt, President, Freie Universität Berlin

Peter-André Alt took office as the seventh president of Freie Universität Berlin in June 2010. Professor Alt, a Berlin native, studied German language and literature, political science, history, and philosophy at Freie Universität Berlin. He earned his doctorate in 1984 and completed the habilitation process in 1993. Since 1995, Professor Alt has been a full professor of German language and literature, first at Ruhr-Universität Bochum (1995 – 2002), then at the University of Würzburg (2002 –2005), and since 2005 at Freie Universität Berlin. Alt has published numerous books on the literary culture of the 17th, 18th and 20th centuries, including works on the aesthetics of evil, the literary and cultural history of dreams, the Enlightenment, Friedrich Schiller and Franz Kafka. From 2007 to 2009, Alt served as the Dean of the Department of Philosophy and Humanities, and from 2007 to 2010 he was a member of the Academic Senate of Freie Universität. He was the spokesperson of the Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies from 2007 until 2010 and has been the Director of the Dahlem Research School since 2008. Alt is President of the German Schiller Society and Vice-Chairman of German U15, a newly founded association of leading German research universities.

Inga Bostad, Pro-Rector, University of Oslo, Member of UNICA Steering Committee

Inga Bostad gained her master's degree in philosophy in 1989 and her doctorate in 2005 from the University of Oslo. She has been associated with the Department of Philosophy, Classics and History of Art and Ideas. She specializes in language philosophy, skepticism and pedagogical philosophy, especially philosophy as a method in general education and liberal arts in current academia. She has published several books and articles within her field.

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Inga Bostad was the leader of both a government-appointed committee for new objective clause education in Norway (2006-2007), as well as the National Commission on General Education and Liberal Arts in Higher Education (2007 – 2009).

Inga Bostad also has experience as an editor and publisher. She is an active writer and publishes regularly in the press, academic periodicals and textbooks. Inga Bostad was also a Vice-Rector in the period 2006-2009.

Mattias Buess, International Relations Coordinator, Scholars At Risk institutional contact person, University of Lausanne

Mattias Buess was born in Basel (Switzerland). After having lived in several places throughout the country, he enrolled at the University of Bern for 4 years of Law studies. He then moved to Geneva in order to get his MA of Arts in Political Science. Following his graduation, he did an internship at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (conflict prevention department), worked as a teacher and translator, and later joined the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (human security department). For 5 years, he has been working at the the International Relations Office of the University of Lausanne (Switzerland), where he is in charge of bilateral agreements and research projects with specific countries.

Marit Egner, Senior Adviser in the Department of Research Administration, Scholars At Risk institutional contact person, University of Oslo

Marit Egner works as Senior Adviser in the Department of Research Administration at the University of Oslo (UiO), Norway, where she is the institutional contact person for North South Research Cooperation. She is also the Institutional Contact Person for the Scholars at Risk network and member of the steering committee of Scholars at Risk - Norway Section. Since 2010 she is Chair of the EAIE Professional Section on Educational Cooperation with Developing Countries (EDC) and she is member of the Norwegian KOMpakt, the Government's consultative body on matters relating to Corporate Social Responsibility. Before joining the University of Oslo in 2007, she worked for nine years at the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT) as Credential Evaluator specialising in Africa, Western Europe and recognition of refugee qualifications. She holds a Master degree in Human Geography from the University of Oslo with specialisation in Development Geography.

Carrie Getman, English Theatre Berlin

Carrie Getman came to Berlin from New York City. She has worked with several NYC based theatre companies, and has also made appearances in film, television, and commercial productions. Since moving to Europe she has performed in Berlin, Düsseldorf, Tübingen, and Vienna. Her recent theatre credits include: *Time Stands Still* (Vienna's English Theatre) and *Summer and Smoke* (English Theatre Berlin).

Herbert Grieshop, Managing Director for the Centre of International Cooperation, Freie Universität Berlin

Dr Herbert Grieshop is Managing Director for the Centre of International Cooperation at Freie Universität Berlin, a position he has held since January 2009. His responsibilities include the development of an internationalisation strategy, the management of the university's offices abroad and the development of new international research cooperation and strategic partnerships. Dr Grieshop previously worked for the British Council in Germany as Head of their Education and Science team for five years. Prior to that, he worked as a Cultural Affairs Specialist for the US Embassy in Berlin and as manager for cultural events at the Berliner Festspiele, the largest organiser of cultural events in Germany's capital. From 1994 to 2000 Dr Grieshop was a lecturer in the German department of University College London.

Markus Heintzen, Professor, Freie Universität Berlin

Prof. Dr. Markus Heintzen studied law and philosophy at the University of Bonn and graduated by passing the First State Exam in 1984. He was employed as a research assistant to Prof. Dr. Isensee (chair in public law at the University of Bonn) from 1985 to 1988. In 1987 he obtained his Ph.D. with a thesis on "Foreign relations of private organizations" at the University of Bonn. After that, he passed the Second State Exam in 1989.

In 1994, having spent five years as academic assistant to Prof. Dr. Isensee at the Institute for Public Law at the University of Bonn, he finished his habilitation thesis on "The category of competence in federal state law".

He then functioned as Professor for Public Law at the Martin-Luther-University of Halle-Wittenberg from 1994 to 1997. In October 1997, he was appointed Professor for Public, Administrative and Tax Law at the Free University of Berlin. During the years 2007 and 2009 he served as Dean of the Law Faculty at the Free University of Berlin.

Berend Jonker, International Policy Officer, Foundation for Refugee Students

Berend has 18 years of experience working in the field of refugees and asylum. At present, he works as a Policy Officer International Affairs at the Foundation for Refugee Students UAF in the Netherlands. UAF supports around 3100 refugees and asylum seekers from 77 countries in their studies with: scholarships and financial support, individual advice and guidance, job counseling and consultation of governmental and educational institutions. In addition, UAF in cooperation with Scholars at Risk and higher education institutions in the Netherlands provides sanctuary to professors, lecturers, researchers and other intellectuals who suffer threats in their home country. Before, Berend worked for the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), a European lobby network with 65 member organisations in 30 European countries that works for the protection and integration of refugees in Europe. He also worked as European Programme Manager for the London based Education Action International and has experience of working in a reception centre for asylum

seekers in the Netherlands. In 1994, he graduated at the Utrecht University in Social Science on the topic of Intercultural Management.

Felix Kaputu, Professor, Ghent University

Dr. Felix Kaputu is a professor of comparative modern and post-modern literature, mythology, religious literature, and gender issues. He received his MA in Ugaritic and Middle East Mythology and his PhD in Bible-Based Literature. His research covers many fields: gender issues, old and new religion and social development, HIV-AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa, and university pedagogy and new technologies. He has received several awards for his work on oral history, religion and university pedagogy. Dr. Kaputu was SAR fellow at Harvard University's Du Bois Institute and a visiting professor at Purchase

College, SUNY, in New York. In 2008-2009 he was a research fellow at the International Research Center of Japanese Studies in Kyoto, and at the Christian University of Tokyo, Japan. He was recently a visiting professor at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and is currently a professor at Ghent University and conducting research at the the Royal Institute of the Netherlands as a fellow at the Africa Studies Centre, Leiden University.

Sinead O'Gorman, Director, Scholars At Risk Europe

Sinead O'Gorman is Director of Scholars at Risk Europe. Scholars at Risk is an international network of over 300 higher education institutions in 34 countries dedicated to protecting threatened scholars, preventing attacks on higher education communities and promoting academic freedom worldwide. Based in The Hague, Ms. O'Gorman leads SAR's international outreach efforts, including the design and implementation of SAR's strategy for Europe, establishing national and regional SAR sections and increasing global participation in SAR's protection and prevention activities, with a current focus on participation in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Ms. O'Gorman has over 12 years' experience in higher education, international development and human rights. Prior to joining SAR, Ms. O'Gorman served as Program Officer-Africa at the Institute of International Education (IIE) and held program and research positions at the Council for Assisting Refugee Academics (CARA) in London and at the Irish Council for International Students (ICOS) in Dublin. She holds an MSc in Development Studies from the London School of Economics, an MA in French from the Université de Montréal, a BA in English and French from Trinity College Dublin and was a pensionnaire étranger at the Ecole normale supérieure (ENS), rue d'Ulm.

Sarah Willcox, Deputy Executive Director, Scholar Rescue Fund

Sarah Willcox, Deputy Executive Director of the IIE Scholar Rescue Fund, oversees program operations, including scholar-grantee selection, scholar placement, grant administration, program policy development and

implementation, outreach and general publications. Sarah joined the Scholar Rescue Fund in 2003 after three years with IIE as an advisor to international Fulbright students. Sarah has studied and worked in North and Southern Africa, Europe and the Middle East. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Human Rights at Columbia University and holds a B.A. in international relations from Vassar College.

Nenad Zakošek, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Representative of the SAR Network at the University of Zagreb

Nenad Zakošek, b. 1957 in Slavonski Brod/Croatia, professor of political science at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb. Since 2010 Dean of the Faculty. He received his Bachelor degree in Political Science from University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Science and his Doctoral degree in Political Science from Freie Universität Berlin, Otto Suhr Institut. His research focus is the comparative analysis of elections and parties, democratic transition and consolidation in Eastern Europe, theories of modernization. He was a Research Fellow of the Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation in 1998/99 (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) and in 2007 (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin). Since 2010 he assumes the function of the Scholars At Risk representative at the University of Zagreb. Since 2012 he is an external member of the Committee for Constitution, Standing Orders and Political System of the Croatian Parliament.

Stavros A. Zenios, UNICA President

Stavros A. Zenios served as the Rector of the University of Cyprus during the period 2002-2010, and is now serving his second four-year term as President of UNICA (Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe). He served as the first Chairman of the Cyprus Rectors Conference, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Cyprus NARIC, and served as Vice Chairman of the Cyprus Science Foundation. He holds a B.Sc. in Mathematics (London University), a B.Eng. in Electrical Engineering (Council of Engineering Institutions), M.A. and Ph.D. in Engineering-Management Systems (Princeton University), and an Honorary M.A. (University of Pennsylvania). Before returning to Cyprus to serve as the first Dean of the School of Economics and Management he was a tenured faculty member at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, USA and held visiting appointments at several universities around the world. He is known for his work in computational finance and financial services, high-performance and parallel computations, and operations research. He has published several publications and received awards for his his scientific work at numerous occasions. He served as consultant for several financial institutions and government agencies.