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29th UNICA General Assembly & Rectors Seminar

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



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King's College London, 28-29 November 2019

Rectors Seminar "Capital cities' ecosystems and university structures to foster entrepreneurship and innovation"

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

Programme

Wednesday, 27 November (Venue: 8th floor, North East Wing Bush House, Strand)

14:30 – 17:30	UNICA Steering Committee meeting (SC members only)
18:00 – 20:00	<p>Welcome reception (hosted by Funmi OLONISAKIN, Vice-Principal International, King's College)</p> <p>Welcome addresses by Funmi OLONISAKIN, Vice-Principal International, King's College and Luciano SASO, UNICA President</p> <p>Talk by Anand MENON, Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs, King's College London, Director of the ESRC project "The UK in a Changing Europe"</p>

Thursday, 28 November (Venue: Bush House, North Wing)

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 11:00	UNICA Administrative General Assembly
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:50	UNICA Administrative General Assembly
12:50 – 13:00	Time for a group picture
13:00 – 14:15	Buffet lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Parallel meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rectors meeting • Contact Persons/IROs meeting
16:00 – 17:40	Social programme: Guided tour at the Shakespeare Globe Theatre (registration required via the online registration form to the General Assembly)
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner , Carlton House Terrace – Hosted by Principal Professor Edward BYRNE

UNICA RECTORS SEMINAR

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Overall Chair: Luciano SASO, UNICA President

Friday, 29 November (Venue: Great Hall, Strand Building Strand Campus)

08:30 – 09:00	Registration and coffee
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome addresses by Luciano SASO , UNICA President and Edward BYRNE , Principal, King's College London
09:15 – 10:15	Keynote speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward BYRNE, Principal, King's College London • <i>STATION F: the world's largest startup campus from the inside</i>, by Roxanna VARZA, Director of Station F, Paris and Maxine ROPER, co-founder of Connecting Food, Paris
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 - 12:15	Session I – Linking universities to their local ecosystems
	Chair: David WALSH , Entrepreneur-in-Residence and advisor to the Entrepreneurial Institute, King's College London <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie DEVONSHIRE, OBE, Director of King's Entrepreneurship Institute • <i>Developing an Investor Community</i>, by Hayley ARD, King's Outreach Manager and investor Relations • <i>Spaces for Entrepreneurship</i>, by Anthony MELLALIEU MRICS, Development Director, UrbanEst Student Accommodation • <i>London venture crawl</i>, by Rachel STOCKEY, Head of Entrepreneurial Skills, King's Entrepreneurship Institute
12:15 - 13.15	Lunch break

13:15 – 14:45	Session II – The role of universities as strategic drivers of entrepreneurship, innovation and societal engagement
	<p>Chair: Chris WHITE, Director of the Institute for Industrial Strategy, King’s College London</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sebastien OURSELIN, Head, School of Biomedical Engineering and Imaging Sciences • Andrew J DEEKS, President, University College Dublin • Jaak AAVIKSOO, Rector, Tallinn University of Technology • Svein STØLEN, Rector, University of Oslo <p>Interactive discussion</p>
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 16:45	Session III – The European Universities Alliance initiative: lessons learned and future opportunities
	<p>Chair: Luciano SASO, UNICA President</p> <p>Panel with representatives of UNICA member universities participating in selected European Universities Alliances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4EU+ Alliance, represented by Lenka ROVNA, Vice Rector for European Affairs, Charles University in Prague • ARQUS European University Alliance, represented by Raimonda MARKEVIČIENĖ, Head International Relations Office, Vilnius University • CHARM European University, represented by Imre HAMAR, Vice Rector International Affairs, Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest • CIVIS - a European civic university alliance, represented by Sorin COSTREIE, Vice Rector, University of Bucharest • EUTOPIA - European Universities Transforming to an Open, Inclusive Academy for 2050, represented by Jan DANCKAERT, Vice Rector Education & Student Affairs, Vrije Universiteit Brussel • UNA Europa, represented by Drew SCOTT, International Dean (Europe), University of Edinburgh • YUFE - Young Universities for the Future of Europe, represented by Tasos CHRISTOFIDES, Rector, University of Cyprus
16:45 – 17:00	Closing remarks by Funmi OLONISAKIN , Vice-Principal International, King’s College and Luciano SASO , UNICA President
17:00 – 18:00	UNICA Steering Committee meeting (outgoing and new SC members)