



UNICA RECTORS SEMINAR

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BIOGRAPHIES OF THE SPEAKERS & CHAIRS

 **Mark Rogers | Acting President, University College Dublin (UCD)**



Professor Mark Rogers is Acting President of UCD. He was Registrar and Deputy President from July 2014 until March 2022 and Dean of Science from June 2007 until August 2011. He graduated from Trinity College Dublin with a first-class honours degree in genetics and completed a PhD in genetics at the University of Glasgow. Awarded fellowships from the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) and the John Douglas French Foundation for Alzheimer's Research, he spent five years in as a researcher in prion diseases in the Laboratory of Nobel Laureate Professor Stanley Prusiner.

With over twenty years teaching experience at all levels, Professor Rogers strongly promotes a student-centred and student-led approach to education that encourages independent learning. During his term as Dean of Science, significant changes were introduced to the Science programme, including a revised structure and new approaches to assessment. He led student recruitment efforts to engage second-level students with science, resulting in year-on-year increasing demand for places on UCD's Science programmes.

 **Luciano Saso | UNICA President**



Professor Luciano Saso (Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy) received his PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Sapienza University in 1992. He is author of more than 220 scientific articles published in peer reviewed international journals with impact factor (SASO-L in www.pubmed.com, total impact factor > 500, H-index Google Scholar 45, Scopus 37). He coordinated several research projects in the field of pharmacology and has been referee for many national and international funding agencies and international scientific journals in the last 30 years.

Prof. Saso has extensive experience in international relations and he is currently Vice-Rector for European University Networks at Sapienza University of Rome. In the last 15 years, he participated in several projects including IMS2020, EGRACONS, IMOTION, BUCUM, UZDOC, TRAIN and has been speaker and chair at many international conferences organised by UNICA and other university networks. He coordinates the Sapienza



team in the European University CIVIS (www.civis.eu). Prof. Saso has been Member of the Steering Committee of UNICA for two mandates (2011-2015) and in November 2019 he has been re-elected President of UNICA for the second mandate (2019-2023).

Dolores O’Riordan | Vice-President for Global Engagement, University College Dublin | Guest speaker at the Welcome reception, 29 June



Professor Dolores O’Riordan is responsible for the development and implementation of UCD’s Global Engagement Strategy. She is a Professor of Food Science with a research focus on the physico-chemical properties of food ingredients and creating food structures that enhance health benefits. Her food research programme has active links with universities in Europe, the US, Australia and China. She has supervised over 40 postgraduate students to completion and has over 100 peer-reviewed publications. She is UCD’s principal investigator in two large technology centres, Food for Health Ireland and the Dairy Processing Technology Centre. She received the Enterprise Ireland 2012 Lifescience and Food Commercialisation Award in recognition of her exemplary contribution to innovation in the food industry. Prior to joining UCD she worked in a research and development capacity with a multinational food company servicing global markets. She is an advisor on a number of State boards.

 Rolf Tarrach | Former Rector, University of Luxembourg and former President, European University Association



Professor Rolf Tarrach has a remarkable career in Higher Education. He was President of Spanish Council of Scientific Research (2000 – 2003), Rector of the new trilingual University of Luxembourg (2005 – 2014). Moreover is former President of the Academic Cooperation Association and the European University Association. He is currently member of the Board of Regents and of the Governing Board of Nebrija University, Madrid. He studied Physics at the University of Valencia, Spain and obtained his PhD from the University of Barcelona. He served as a postdoctoral researcher at CERN, Geneva, and has been a professor of theoretical physics at the universities of Valencia and Barcelona. He has published more than 100 papers in theoretical high energy physics, quantum field theory, and quantum mechanics and has written two books on quantum information theory. He has been honored with a honoris causa degree from the University of Saint Peterburg Russia, and he is the recipient of eight official prizes. He was Dean of the School of Physics and Vice-Rector of the University of Barcelona.



in Sorin Costreie | Vice-Rector, University of Bucharest & Member of the UNICA Steering Committee



Professor Sorin Costreie is Vice-Rector for Public Relations and University Networks of the University of Bucharest. He was previously Vice-Rector for International Relations and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy in 2016 and 2017, and is a member of the University Senate since 2011. In between, in 2016, he was Adviser to the Minister and State Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research. He was the Head of the Quality Management Department (2008-2016). He is Associate Professor at the Department of Theoretical Philosophy, University of Bucharest. He holds a PhD in Philosophy (University of Bucharest, 2007), with a thesis in philosophy of mathematics, and pursued further doctoral studies in philosophy of language at the University of Western Ontario, Canada between 2000 and 2008. He has published articles, books and edited volumes with Routledge, Springer, Oxford University Press, Taylor & Francis, Elsevier, Humanitas, University of Bucharest Press, etc. He was awarded several scholarships and fellowships to study for extended periods in Canada, United States, Germany, Spain, and Italy. His area of interest has lately focused on mathematical cognition and critical thinking. He is member of various professional associations, and since 2014 he is member of the Steering Committee of the European Society of Analytic Philosophy.

Marian PREDA | Rector, University of Bucharest



Marian Preda is a professor of Sociology, Management & Social Policy, and the Rector of the University of Bucharest since December 2019. He is the former president of the Senate of the University of Bucharest (2015-19), former dean of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work (2008-15), former president of the Romanian Sociological Society (2010-12), president of the Presidential Commission for Social & Demographic Risks Analyses (2009-10). Prof. Preda has 29 years of experience in carrying out scientific projects on social issues in Romania both in his capacity of researcher at the Research Institute for Quality of Life and as a member of the academic and scientific life of the University of Bucharest. He has been a consultant for the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity, National Antipoverty and Social Inclusion Commission of the Romanian Government under projects financed by EU, DFID and The World Bank and in the Republic of Moldova (for UNICEF and for UNFPA). Prof. Preda had a Fulbright Research Grant hosted by the Sociology Department of the George Washington University (May – August 2017). As of 1 October 2020, Marian Preda has become the new president of the CIVIS alliance.



 **Tõnu Viik | Rector, Tallinn University**



Tõnu Viik is professor of Philosophy and Rector of Tallinn University. His academic work has been focusing on philosophy of culture and cultural theory, phenomenology, history of philosophy (primarily Plato, Aristoteles, Aquino Thomas, Kant, Hegel, Husserl, Heidegger, Foucault), culture-dependent meaning formation, collective emotions, happiness, love and self-deception. He published opinion articles and essays on topics of his research, book reviews, forewords and epilogues, textbooks and study materials. He has also spoken in public debates and discussions, many of these concern higher education and the role of university in the society. He participated in the creation process of Tallinn University in 2005. He was one of the signatories to Charter 12 and participants in the Ice Cellar Initiative, and one of the authors of the initiative A Viable State (Elamisväärne Riik).

Edita Sužiedėlienė | Vice-Rector and Pro-Rector for Research, Vilnius University



Professor Edita Sužiedėlienė graduated in 1986 from Vilnius University. Since 1986 she has been working at Vilnius University and since 1995 she has been teaching at the same university. She has been head of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology (1995–2012) and head of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (2012–2020), member of Scientific Committee and Chairwoman of the Academic Ethics Commission of Research Council of Lithuania (2013-2020). In 2020, she has become Vice-Rector of Vilnius University. Previously, Edita had internships at the Washington university, Saint Louis and M. Curie University in Paris and the Charles Institute in Stockholm. Since 2021 she is a member of Presidential Health Experts' Council. Her main areas of research are bacterial pathogenesis, antibiotic resistance, molecular mechanisms of adaptive responses, development of molecular detection and inactivation methods of pathogenic bacteria.



Sergii Ivanovich Sidorenko | Vice-rector of international relations at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute



Sergii Ivanovich Sidorenko is Vice-rector on international relations at the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute. He is Doctor of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Professor, Corresponding Member of NAS of Ukraine, Head of the Department of Physics of Metals. Honored Worker of Science of Ukraine (1998), he graduated from the Moscow Institute of Steel and Alloys in 1971. In 1987 he defended his doctoral thesis. His research is focused on the foundations of advanced technologies on the basis of theoretical and experimental studies of diffusion processes, phase formation and other physical phenomena in thin metal films of high-temperature superconductors, silicide, multi-component and multi-layer structures. He authored over 200 scientific papers.

Alojzy Z. Nowak | Rector, University of Warsaw



Professor Alojzy Z. Nowak is rector of the University of Warsaw. He has held a variety of leadership roles including Head of the Academic Subunit for International Economics and the Academic Unit for Economics at the Faculty of Management, Director of European Center. In years 1999-2006, Prof. Nowak was Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Management, and in 2006-2012 Dean of this unit. Next four years, he spent at UW working as Vice-Rector in charge of research and cooperation. In 2016, he was elected as Dean of the Faculty of Management. During his academic career, he was delivering lectures at universities in France, UK, USA, Russia, China and Korea. He also studied at the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign (USA), the University of Exeter (UK), in Antwerp and the Free University of Berlin (Germany). As of 2018, Prof. Alojzy Z. Nowak chairs the Academic Sports Association (Akademicki Związek Sportowy, AZS) – a mass students’ sport organisation, one of the biggest sports associations in Poland.



 **Luca Viganò | Global Envoy, King's College London and Member of the UNICA Steering Committee**



Luca Viganò is Global Envoy for King's College London, supporting the Vice President/Vice Principal International alongside the Global Engagement team to lead the College's international engagement. He is also the Vice Dean (Enterprise & Engagement) of the Faculty of Natural, Mathematical & Engineering Sciences, and a Professor and Head of the Cybersecurity Group at the Department of Informatics. His research focuses on formal methods and tools for the specification, verification and testing of cybersecurity and privacy.

 **João Sàágua | Rector of NOVA University Lisbon**



João Sàágua is the Rector of NOVA University Lisbon (NOVA), position for which he has been re-elected on 16 July 2021. With a PhD in Contemporary Philosophy, he is Full Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of NOVA (FCSH/NOVA). João Sàágua has been teaching at NOVA since 1980, accumulating a long experience as a professor at all levels of teaching - undergraduate, masters and doctoral, not only in Portugal but also abroad. In addition to an intensive teaching and research activity, João Sàágua also held several management positions, notably at FCSH/NOVA, where he was Director between 2005 and 2013 and President of the Scientific Council (between 2009 and 2013). From 2014 to 2017, João Sàágua held the post of Vice-Rector of NOVA for the Academic and International Relations areas. The Rector is the highest body of government and external representation of the university, with responsibility for carrying out the policy of the institution and the presidency of the Management Council.



 **Barbara Dooley | Acting Registrar and Deputy President, University College Dublin**



Barbara Dooley is UCD Acting Registrar and Deputy President and was appointed in March 2022. Prior to her appointment she was UCD Dean of Graduate Studies and Deputy Registrar. She has served as Vice-Principal for Teaching and Learning in the UCD College of Social Sciences and Law (2009-2014) and Head of the UCD School of Psychology (2005-2009). She is a member of the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention Evaluation Advisory Group, Vice-President of the International Association for Youth Mental Health, and a member of the HRB National Drugs Strategy Research Subcommittee. Professor Dooley holds a PhD in Psychology from UCD and is an active researcher in youth mental health with a particular interest in student mental health. In collaboration with the UCD School of Psychology and Jigsaw, the National Centre for Youth Mental Health, she was the Principal Investigator for the My World Survey (MWS). As a psychologist, educator, and researcher, Professor Dooley believes strongly in the role wellbeing plays in allowing a student to achieve their potential. As leader of the implementation of the UCD Education and Student Success Strategy, her current priorities also include developing a framework for academic advice for students, faculty development, and leveraging the VLE to enhance student learning and engagement.

Åse Gornitzka | Pro-Rector, University of Oslo



Åse Gornitzka is Pro-Rector at the University of Oslo. She has since 2017 been part of the top academic leadership. She heads the national strategic unit for research of Universities Norway (UHR-Research) and is member of The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities' Vice-presidents' group. Gornitzka holds a doctoral degree in Public Administration from the University of Twente, the Netherlands. She is Professor at the Department of Political Science at University of Oslo, specializing in public administration. Her main research interests are on governance at national and European level and the role that organisational factors play in the governance process and the link between expertise and policy making.



Anastas Gerdjikov | Rector, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski



Professor Anastas Gerdjikov is the Rector of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski. He gives lecture classes on Latin and Roman Literature. His scientific interests are in the field of Roman literature and the political theory of the Antiquity and the Middle Ages. He is the author of 4 monographs and more than 40 studies and articles on the topic of ancient literature and on the regulations of higher education. He is also the first person to translate Aristotle's "Politics" in Bulgarian. He is fluent in English, German, French, and Russian. Professor Gerdjikov was a Deputy Minister of Education and Science (2001-2003), Chairperson of the Fund for Scientific Research (2007-2008) and member of the specialised board for the theory of literature at the High Attestation Commission (2007-2010).

Hanna Snellman | Vice Rector, University of Helsinki and Member of the UNICA Steering Committee



Hanna Snellman, DPhil, is Vice-Rector of the University of Helsinki since August 2018. Her responsibilities include international affairs, strategic partnerships, alumni cooperation, international fundraising, and cultural heritage. She is Rector's deputy. Before appointment as Vice-Rector, she was full-time Vice-Dean and later Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the same university (2014-2018). Snellman is in the Board of Directors of UNA Europa university alliance, a Vice Chair of the ESFRI SWG Culture and Innovation, and a member of the Finnish Research Infrastructure Committee, Academy of Finland. She has been Professor of European Ethnology at the University of Helsinki since 2012, and Professor at the University of Jyväskylä before that. Her research has since the 1990s has focused on the ethnography of mobility.

Markéta Křížová | Vice Rector, Charles University



Markéta Křížová is the head of the Centre for African Studies FF UK secretary (administrative secretary) and vice-dean for international relations (member of the management) of the Faculty of Arts studied history and anthropology at Charles University. She has been teaching there ever since receiving her Ph.D. in Ibero-American Studies in 2002. Her doctoral dissertation focused on the mission as art of the "utopian" stream of European thinking of this period, was published in Prague in 2004. She is currently working on a project exploring the beginnings of Central European scientific interest in history and culture of America (end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century) within the broader context of nationalist competitions in the region. She is member of the steering committee



of ENIUGH (European Network in Universal and Global History); is lecturing in international programmes Erasmus, Erasmus Mundus TEMA, and summer school of the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico) on Central European history and culture. Markéta Křížová will co-supervise one MOVES research project: “Types of Migration in Their Relation to Forms of Slavery”.

Sari Lindblom | Rector, University of Helsinki



Sari Lindblom was appointed as Rector of the University of Helsinki on February 24th, 2022. From the strategic plan, Lindblom points to the objective of being a leader in responsibility and sustainability. While this year sees the publication of the University’s sustainability and responsibility programme for the coming years, several significant steps were taken in this area already last year. Sari Lindblom, DPhil, is a psychologist and professor of higher education. She has served as one of the vice-rectors and as the acting rector of the University of Helsinki since 2017. She attended to the duties of the rector during rector Jari Niemelä’s sick leaves in 2020–2022. In addition, she was the director of the Centre for University Teaching and Learning HYPE from 2004 to 2017.

Imre Hamar | Vice-Rector, Eötvös Loránd University



Professor Hamar graduated from ELTE majoring in Tibetan and Chinese in 1992. He received his Ph.D. in 1997, and his habilitation in 2004. He has been full professor since 2008, head of the Department of Chinese Studies since 2002, director of Institute of East Asian Studies since 2008, the head of the Department of Japanese Studies since 2012, and director of Confucius Institute since 2006. He teaches history of Chinese religions in BA program, and classical Chinese reading and Chinese Buddhism in MA and Ph.D. programs. He was Fulbright visiting professor at University of Virginia and Numata visiting professor at Hamburg University. He received the Pro Universitate award at golden grade in 2010, and the Confucius Institute Performance Excellence Award of the Year in 2011. Currently, Imre Hamar is Vice-Rector for international affairs at Eötvös Loránd University.



 Colin Scott | Vice-President of University College Dublin



Colin Scott is Professor of EU Regulation & Governance at University College Dublin where he currently serves as Vice President for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Principal of UCD College of Social Sciences and Law, and Dean of Social Sciences. He was a research associate of the ESRC Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR), based at the London School of Economics from 2000-2010. He was Director of the UCD Centre for Regulation and Governance, 2010-2013. He is a co-author of the Irish State Administration Database (2010-). He was Convenor of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 2016-2021 and Chair of the

Biennial Regulatory Governance Conference, 'Regulation in the Age of Crisis', held in Dublin in June 2010. He was appointed to the Editorial Board of The Conversation UK in 2017 and to the Irish Research Council in 2021. He was a member of the Board of Institute for Public Administration 2014-16. He has previously had editorial roles with Legal Studies (2011-2016) Law & Policy (2006-2011) and the Modern Law Review (1994-2007). He was Dean of Law at UCD between 2011 and 2014, Vice Principal for Research and Innovation for the UCD College of Business and Law between 2006 and 2009 and Associate Dean of the UCD School of Law from 2010-2011. He is married with two children, one born in London in 1998 and the other in Canberra in 2002. Colin Scott gave his inaugural lecture, Regulating Everything in February 2008.