



Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation

AN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE
ON THE INTERNATIONALISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION



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About the Centre

The Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation (CHEI) is based at the Milan campus of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

The Centre offers a PhD programme in the Internationalisation of Higher Education in conjunction with the Doctoral Schools of Education and Languages. We also conduct research and offer training in various aspects of the internationalisation of higher education through seminars and workshops for academics and professionals. Many of these initiatives are delivered through international partnerships, networks and projects.

"CHEI is a thriving research and educational centre in the heart of Europe that unites researchers with senior scholars on cutting edge and emergent issues in higher education internationalisation."

Professor Amanda Murphy, Director, CHEI

Current Themes in Focus

- Global national and institutional trends in internationalisation: policies and strategies for internationalisation; shifting rationales for internationalisation; internationalisation at home and of the curriculum; the international student experience (support services, satisfaction); mobility and transnational higher education; internationalisation and employability; international education and institutional development.
- Internationalisation of Italian universities in the European and global context; the international student experience in Milanese universities; the international classroom and the use of English as a medium of teaching and learning.

Faculty

Our academics are drawn from institutions worldwide as well as from Università Cattolica.

CORE FACULTY

Hans de Wit, Boston College, USA; **Stephen C. Dunnett**, State University of New York at Buffalo, NY, USA; **John K. Hudzik**, Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing, Michigan, USA; **Fiona Hunter**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy; **Elspeth Jones**, Leeds Beckett University (Emeritus professor), Leeds, UK; **Betty Leask**, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia (Emeritus professor); **Mario Maggioni**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy; **Amanda Murphy**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy; **Simonetta Polenghi**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy; **Christopher Ziguas**, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia.

AFFILIATED FACULTY

Francesca Costa, Università degli Studi di Bergamo, Italy; **John L. Dennis**, Università degli Studi di Perugia, Italy; **Cinzia Di Dio**, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy; **Karen M. Lauridsen**, Aarhus University, Denmark; **Catherine Montgomery**, University of Bath, UK; **Hiroshi Ota**, Hitotsubashi University, Kunitachi City, Japan; **Craig N. Shealy**, James Madison University, USA; **Helen Spencer-Oatey**, University of Warwick, UK.

PhD Programme

The Centre offers one of the few doctoral programmes in Europe with a focus on Higher Education Internationalisation. It is suitable for both career academics and scholar-practitioners working in administration, and attracts candidates internationally. Students are required to attend two research seminars a year, conduct original research and write a dissertation in English, supervised by international scholars and experts in the field.

CURRENT PHD STUDENTS

Brenda García, Director of International Projects, Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico; **Ann Hubbard**, Vice-President, AIFS Study Abroad, Stamford, Connecticut, USA; **Jennifer Malerich**, Executive Director for Academic and Global Engagement in the Office of the University Provost, Arizona State University, USA; **Amit Marantz-Gal**, Lecturer, Sapir College, Ashkelon, Israel; **Elena Ovchinnikova**, Head of International Affairs Office, the New Economic School, Moscow, Russia; **Liudmila Pliner**, Head of International Affairs Office, Ural Federal University, Ekaterinburg, Russia; **Dolly Predovic**, founder of Career Paths, consulting company in education, Milan, Italy; **Jérôme Rickmann**, Director International Talent Acquisition & Project Development, EBC Hochschule, Berlin Campus, Germany.

GRADUATES FROM THE PROGRAMME

Ravi Ammigan, Executive Director for International Services, University of Delaware, USA; **Jos Beelen**, Professor of Global Learning, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands; **Gabriele Weber Bosley**, Bellarmine University, Kentucky; **Jeanine Gregersen Hermans**, Vice Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor (International) Glasgow Caledonian University, UK; **Visnja Schampers-Car**, Lecturer, Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, the Netherlands; **Felix Wang**, Associate Executive Director, Center for Global Engagement, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

PhD Research Seminar

Held twice a year, this five-day seminar is aimed at a broad community of aspiring or current PhD students, international education practitioners and senior scholars. Workshops and seminars on key and emerging issues are held by core and affiliated faculty, and invited academics. At the same time it provides a forum for participants to present and discuss their research with peers and experts.

Current International Research and Training Projects

ERASMUS+ PROJECTS

RIESAL – a collaboration between Europe and Latin America for the development of an online diploma programme in internationalisation and the publication of new materials. CHEI is involved in webinars, on-line modules and publications.

SUCTI – a European project, focusing on the development of training in internationalisation for administrative staff in higher education. CHEI led the mapping project on the current state of training in Europe and a Università Cattolica team has now been trained to deliver workshops for administrative staff.

FORINT – a training project on internationalisation of higher education in Cuba and Panama. CHEI has led the initial mapping exercise and is involved in training throughout the project.

IMPALA – a project involving 9 countries and 19 partners that aims to improve quality of HE in Latin American institutions by fostering an impact-driven culture and improving their responsiveness to needs in their local environment.

PROGRAMA DE INTERCAMBIO DE EXPERTOS CUBA

This is the second phase of a European Union programme for the modernisation of Cuba, focussing on higher education engagement and based on training and capacity building activities related to internationalisation, university leadership and management education.

Internationalising the Classroom and English-medium Instruction (EMI)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of the mission of the Centre, we provide professional development modules designed to support Università Cattolica academic staff teaching international classes in English. The workshops deal with approaches, strategies and skills for the international classroom, including feedback and assessment.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA AND SEMINARS

We hold regular events on internationalising the classroom and the use of English-medium instruction aimed at practitioners in the field, academics and researchers.

RESEARCH

Our affiliated faculty carry out research into the delivery of courses in English with a focus on Italian institutions, present at international conferences and publish in national and international journals.

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