

Launch Event: Reimagining Research-led Education in a Digital Age – 4 June 2021 – speakers' bios



Jo Angouri, Academic Director for Education and Internationalisation, University of Warwick, lead author

Jo Angouri is Professor in Sociolinguistics, the University-level Academic Director for Education and Internationalisation at the University of Warwick, a Visiting Distinguished Professor at Aalto University, School of Business, Finland and Affiliate -Visiting Professor- at Monash University. She has published extensively on Leadership, Identity, Decision Making and Problem Solving. Jo is the author of *Culture, Discourse, and the Workplace* (Routledge, 2018), has co-edited *Negotiating Boundaries at Work* (EUP, 2017) and *The Routledge Handbook of Language, Gender, and Sexuality* (Routledge, 2021). In the last ten years she has published over 70 refereed papers, three special issues, two books, three edited volumes and two conference proceedings and is the Subject Chair for Linguistics, Language, Communication and Media on the Scopus board.

Jo is a National Teaching Fellow (UK) and committed to pedagogic innovation and education for global citizenship. She has significant experience in research-led education, multidisciplinary curriculum design and undergraduate and postgraduate programme leadership. At the University of Warwick, she leads on the development and growth of existing and new international education projects with the University's strategic partners. She is on The EUTOPIA University Alliance Education Team and is co-leading on the Learning Communities and Curriculum Development for the network. Her vision for student empowerment focuses on creating the conditions and support for students to take ownership of their learning and to develop a clear voice and a global outlook through their higher education journey.



Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Higher Education Unit, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), European Commission

Vanessa Debiais-Sainton is Head of the Unit in charge of Higher Education policies and programme at the European Commission's Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture. The unit is the lead service for European policies on reform and transformation of higher education, the new European Universities initiative, automatic mutual recognition of higher education qualifications, EU graduate tracking, the creation of the EU student card, and the higher education strand of Erasmus+.

In previous posts in the European Commission, Vanessa has worked in DG Research and Innovation. Before moving to the European Commission in 2006, Vanessa spent eight years working for several chemical companies.



Michael Gaebel, Director, Higher Education Policy, European University Association

Michael Gaebel joined the EUA (European University Association) in 2006, where he was first in charge of Global Dialogue and internationalisation, to become in 2009 Head and then later on the Director of the Higher Education Policy Unit. This unit focuses on issues related to higher education learning and teaching, including the Bologna Process, lifelong learning, e-learning and MOOCs, internationalisation and global dialogue. He worked for more than a decade in higher education cooperation and development in the Middle East, the former Soviet Union and Asia. From 2002 to 2006, he was the European Co-Director of the ASEAN-EU University Network Programme (AUNP) in Bangkok.



Rūta Eidukevičienė, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Vytautas Magnus University

Rūta Eidukevičienė has been since 2015 Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and since 2020 Deputy Chair of Senate at the Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania. As a member of several University bodies, her interests focus on current trends in higher education, the implementation of Artes liberales ideas, and international cooperation. As an Assoc. Prof. at the Department of Foreign Language, Literature and Translation Studies, she works in the field of literary and cultural studies, multilingualism and transculturality. In 2012-2013, she was a Visiting Europaicum Professor at the University of Saarland and in 2015 and 2017 a Visiting Professor at the University of Heidelberg. Rūta coordinates several multilateral study projects between VMU and German universities and has written research papers on literature, language, and culture issues.



Benoît Raucent, President of the Louvain Learning Lab, Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)

Prof. Raucent is Professor in the Institute of Mechanics, Materials and Civil Engineering of UCLouvain since 1993. He lectures in mechanical drawing and mechanical design for undergraduate and graduate students.

He is active in Problem and Project based learning. In 2014 he founded the new lecture in Innovation Classes. His research interests include factory automation, design for assembly, design of mobile robots, design of robots for surgical applications.

Since 2015 he has been leading the Louvain Learning Lab which offers support for UCLouvain staff members to improve the quality of students' education.



Jeroen Kooman, Director, Institute for Education Innovation (EDLAB), Maastricht University

I studied Medicine at Maastricht University from 1984-1990. After my PhD and residency in Internal Medicine and Nephrology, I became a staff member at Maastricht University Medical Centre at 1998 and was appointed as professor in 2012. Next to my clinical work and research, I have been very interested in education from the start of my professional career and have served in many educational roles such as tutor, planning group member and mentor. Next to this, I was coordinator of the Bachelor program of Medicine from 2007-2013 and chair of the Educational Program Committee from 2016-2020. I am director of EDLAB since September 2020 and am very excited to work with a highly motivated team in a professional and innovative environment. It is my strong belief that EDLAB will flourish further and play a vital role as a center of expertise and innovation for staff and students of our academic community.