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Full Professor of Geometry and Topology at the Department of Mathematics (Universidad de Salamanca) since September 1983 and former Rector of the University of Salamanca 2009-2017.

Dean of the Faculty of Science (1987-1990), Head of the Department of Mathematics (1992-1998 and 2004-2008) and Head of the University Institute for Fundamental Physics and Mathematics (2008-2009), all at the University of Salamanca, before becoming Rector for two terms between 2009 and 2017.

Acknowledgments: He is a correspondent Member of the Spanish National Academic Correspondent (Section of Exact Sciences) (2013), holds the Cross of Police Merit with White Emblem (2013), Order of Bernardo O'Higgins of the Republic of Chile, with the rank of Commander (2014), Sanmarquina Medal of Honor (Great Cross) from the National University of San Marcos (2015 Lima, Peru), Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, of Japan (2016), Gold Medal of his hometown, Peñaranda de Bracamonte (2016), Order of "Alfonso X the Wise" of Spain (2018).

International activity: One of the main focuses of his activity as rector of the University of Salamanca was to increase the international relations, influence and prestige of his university. He sat in the Rectors Advisory Committee of the Coimbra Group of historic European universities, assumed the Presidency of the Tordesillas Group (for one year). He also sits on the Board of UNIVERSIA (a portal of Spanish and Latin-American universities and the Bank Santander), the Board of several associations of universities, namely, the International Association of Universities (IAU-AUI), the Association of Arab and European Universities, or the CRUSOE group of universities from the South West of Europe. He also sat on the Executive Committees of SICELE (International System of Assessment of Spanish as a Foreign Language) and SIELE (International System of Evaluation of the Spanish Language).

He has participated actively in many international meetings aiming at the construction of a common Higher Education Area for Europe, Latin-American and the Caribbean (EU-LAC).

From 2014 until 2018, he was been the chair of the Committee for Internationalization and Cooperation of the National Conference of Spanish University Rectors (CRUE).

EVA EGRON-POLAK



Educated in the Czech Republic, Canada and France, Eva Egron-Polak studied French Literature, Political Science and International Political Economy. After nearly 20 years at the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, now known as Universities Canada, where she held several positions including as Vice President, International, she became the Secretary General of the International Association of Universities (IAU) in 2002. She held this position until 2017 and now continues as an IAU Senior Fellow.

At IAU, an independent, global association of higher education institutions and associations of universities, based at UNESCO in Paris, Eva Egron-Polak developed numerous new activities and services in various higher education policy areas, most especially in internationalization, but also promoting equitable access and success, the importance of sustainable development and a strong focus on ethics, academic values and higher education's responsibility to society.

Eva Egron-Polak serves on many committees in organizations such as UNESCO, the European Commission, or OECD, as well as on various university or national advisory committees in the Netherlands, Ireland, UK, Spain and Romania, among others. She is a member of the Magna Charta Observatory Council and a Member of the Executive Committee of GAPS. She has taken part in system level reviews of higher education in Egypt and Spain, co-authored the two last editions of the IAU Global Survey Report on Internationalization of Higher Education (2010 and 2014 respectively), and written and presented numerous papers on higher education topics. In 2015 she was awarded a Doctorate honoris causa by MykolasRomeris University in Lithuania.

FIONA HUNTER



Fiona Hunter is based in Italy where she is Associate Director at the Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation (CHEI) at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan. She also works as a higher education consultant helping universities to think more strategically, either for organisational improvement in general or with a specific focus on internationalisation. She is co-editor of the Journal of Studies in International Education (JSIE), holds a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) in Higher Education Management from the University of Bath in the United Kingdom and is Past President of the European Association for International Education.

MELITA KOVAČEVIĆ



MelitaKovacevic is a former Vice-Rector for Research and Technology at the University of Zagreb (2006-2014). She is a Full Professor at the Department of Speech and Language Pathology, the head of research laboratory and a director of Doctoral programme in Language and Cognitive Neuroscience. MelitaKovacevic held research and visiting positions at different European and American universities.

MelitaKovacevic has been involved in policy of higher education since the beginning of 2000. She has been a member of different national and European bodies related to higher education. She gave more than hundred speeches as a keynote or plenary speaker worldwide. She was EUA-CDE (European University Association Council for Doctoral Education) Steering Committee member (2009-2016) and Chair (2012-2016). MelitaKovacevic contributes largely to the debate on doctoral education in Europe and beyond. She was also Steering Committee member of UNICA, network of universities of the European capitals, presently she is a Vice-President of the PRIDE network, and a member of International Policy Board of the National Science Foundation, Georgia. She participated in number of projects related to doctoral education, research capacity, academic leadership and quality assurance in European Union, South-East Europe, China, Central Asia and Africa. She is participating individually and as a member of international teams in institutional evaluations and evaluations of study programmes.

KAREN M. LAURIDSEN



Karen M. Lauridsen is an associate professor and educational developer at Aarhus University (Denmark), specialising in international programmes and English Medium Instruction. She was the coordinator of *IntlUni – The Challenges of the Multilingual and Multicultural Learning Space* (2012-15), and is a partner in the *EQUiIP Project - Educational Quality at Universities for Inclusive International Programmes* (2016-2019). Most recently, she has also worked with evidencing the value (impact) of professional development activities.

KML serves as an advisor at several European universities. She is an honorary member of the European Language Council, and she is affiliated faculty at the Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation (CHEI) at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy.