



## IUC 1972 – 2022 CONFERENCE

### Fostering Inclusive Internationalization Role and Responsibilities of Science in Addressing Global Challenges

Thursday 29 September and Friday 30 September 2022

#### Call for Contributions

The crisis that we face, from climate change and migration to Covid-19 and violent conflicts, all demonstrate the need for open and inclusive scientific internationalization. Collaboration and communication between researchers as well as between research institutes and universities is needed on a global scale. It is not only needed within the scientific community but also between the scientific community and other spheres of society on different levels: from governments and international NGOs to the public and private sector as a whole. Joint collaborative efforts are needed to fight the pandemic, to fight climate change, to solve international conflicts and as well as for finding solutions to deal with the effects and consequences of these crises.

At the same time, we experience that internationalization is not inclusive at all. Economic interests or rationalities determine to a large extent who is in and who is out. Sometime directly, as is demonstrated for instance by the uneven distributions of vaccines across the globe. Sometime indirectly, as is visible for instance in the patterns of cooperation between universities where international alliances with the highest-ranking partner universities or with countries with the best paying students remain dominant. As a consequence, countries with less high ranked institutes and students with little financial means are excluded from the internationalization. And yet, all countries need new generations of researchers and of academically trained professionals that are able to collaborate in an international environment; that are able to address global challenges and to make meaningful steps in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

What roles and responsibilities does the academic community have, universities, research institutes and higher education in general, to foster inclusive internationalization? What barriers are there for open international scientific cooperation and for fulfilling these responsibilities? How can we organize international scientific cooperation in such a way that we can overcome barriers and fulfil these responsibilities? And how does that show in different societal spheres, sectors or in relation to specific topics?

These and other questions we will address in a two- day conference on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Inter University Centre Dubrovnik.

The topic of the conference is directly related to the history and mission of the IUC as an independent centre for advanced study. Since its foundation in 1972 the IUC serves as a bridge

between regions within Europe and between the European region and the world by connecting scientific communities and connecting communities through science.

### Topics

At the conference -in keynotes, seminars, presentations and discussions- we will look at

- the characteristics of (scientific or academic) international cooperation in different regions, countries, spheres of society and in relation to specific -global- societal challenges;
- the inclusivity or the lack thereof in scientific internationalization and its consequences;
- the impact of crisis on scientific internationalization, with specific attention on the Covid19 pandemic, and on opportunities for addressing global challenges and sustainable development;
- solutions and strategies for making international scientific cooperation more inclusive, including the -future- roles and responsibilities of higher education and academic institutions in general.

For the seminar sessions we are looking for both analytical and research-oriented contributions and papers from a variety of disciplines as well as for ideas and innovations in inclusive international scientific cooperation on topics such as, but not exclusively,

- digital communication and inclusive international scientific cooperation (iisc)
- iisc through innovative practices in higher education
- the need for reconnecting after the Pandemic
- challenges for iisc resulting from the Covid-19 crisis.
- human rights and iisc
- poverty and iisc
- inequality and iisc
- climate change and iisc
- et cetera

### Participants and contributions

Inclusive international scientific cooperation and its relation to -global- societal challenges is a relevant topic for researchers, teachers, as well as (university) administrators, policy makers, representatives of international scientific networks and societal partners. In discussing this subject, it is relevant to connect the academic domain with other stakeholders in society. Consequently, we are looking for three categories of contributions:

1. Presentation on *research* including conceptual or empirical work, on the topics of the conference;
2. Presentations on experiences with *innovative practices* of inclusive international scientific cooperation;
3. Presentations on *innovative strategies and policies* to enhance inclusive international scientific cooperation.

We are inviting all groups of professionals within this domain to send in abstracts for contributions. On the basis of the abstracts, we will organize the seminar sessions for the conference.

### Practical information

#### Abstracts

**Abstracts** should not be more than 500 words and submitted by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2022** latest.

Please submit your abstract using the online form below. The abstracts will be reviewed by the IUC conference committee: Prof. Sigmund Grønmo, Prof. Wieger Bakker, Prof. Kirstin Drenkhahn, Prof. Lee Kendall Metcalf, Dr. Nebojša Blanuša, Nada Bruer MA. Confirmation of **acceptance** will be communicated not later than **10<sup>th</sup> May**.

#### Publication opportunity: IUC Working Papers series

All presenters are invited to submit their paper, essay or report for publication in the IUC Working Papers Series. The IUC Working Papers in an inclusive platform aiming at generating interest for and debate on the ideas and research presented at IUC-activities. The working paper can be on work in progress and may have different characteristics: from a research paper, a position paper, an essay to a report. See for more information: <https://iuc.hr/iuc-working-paper-series>

#### Criteria for Review of Abstracts

The criteria used in reviewing the abstract are as follows:

- Directly related or fully transferable to the topics of the conference;
- Academic quality and originality;
- Reference to one of three categories of contributions (*Research, Innovative Practices, Innovative Strategies and Policies*);
- The conference language is English. Abstract, papers and presentation should be in English. Simultaneous translation will not be available;
- Please avoid the use of acronyms and do not use expressions which relate to your local situation without providing a contextualization.

#### Registration an organization

All presenters should register for the conference. Please find here the [registration form](#).

The conference itself is free of charge.

See for suggestions for accommodation: <https://iuc.hr/file/1367>.

See for contact and transport: <https://iuc.hr/about/how-to-reach-us>.

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