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U21:Connect

March 2017

Welcome to this month's news from the *Universitas 21* network

U21:Connect contains the latest news and items of interest to staff and students across the *Universitas 21* network.

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News and Events



AGM Registrations to close this week!

- Registrations for the U21 Annual Network Meetings and Presidential Symposium will **close on 31 March 2017.**
- The annual meeting open to Presidents and Senior Leaders from all U21 member institutions, will be held on Wednesday 3 May - Friday 5 May 2017 at the University of Nottingham.

- include 300 universities, up from 200 institutions last year, list the University of Hong Kong in 5th.
- Fudan University (16th), Shanghai Jiao Tong University (18th) and Korea University (20th) all ranked in the top 20.
 - Many congratulations to our members in Asia!

Educational Innovation



U21 Shared Online Course (U21 SOC) 2017

- The U21 SOC, “Planetary Urbanisation: Global Challenges in a Changing World”, will run again in a closed offering week commencing 3 April 2017.
- The 5-week online course (time demand of 2-3 hours per week) focuses on this intensifying large-scale planetary change.
- Through readings, discussion, videos and other activities, U21 students will be introduced to how humans are experiencing and being challenged by this major global shift.
- The course is suitable for students at or above first year undergraduate level and is also open to members of staff at U21 institutions.
- Whether you are a medic, a scientist, a social scientist, engineer or a scholar in the humanities, the questions we discuss will be relevant to the world you will work and live in!
- Follow the link below for more details:

www.universitas21.com/link/u21soc17

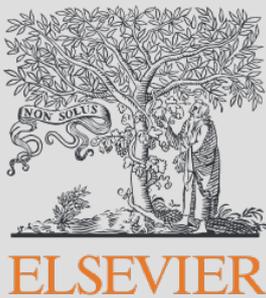


U21 Educational Innovation Conference 2017 - save the date!

- The EI Conference will be hosted by Tec de Monterrey at their Monterrey campus on 31 October - 2 November 2017 (with optional additional workshop on November 3).
- The annual event will this year be looking at

- “Challenging Traditional Thinking: Technology Enhanced Learning + Design Thinking”.
- Each U21 member institution is invited to send up to three senior delegates (normally the VP/PVC Education, other senior academic leaders and/or the Director of Teaching and Learning).
 - Further details, including registration information, will be available soon, but meanwhile, SAVE THE DATE and plan to join us in Mexico!

Researcher Engagement



Citations, Impact and International Ranking Symposium

- The University of Hong Kong, in partnership with Elsevier, is hosting a research management symposium on Citations, Impact and International Ranking.
- The symposium will allow pertinent and emerging issues to be discussed with various stakeholders and provide an opportunity to share ideas, findings, challenges and solutions in this important field.
- Several U21 members are represented in the list of speakers, including Professor Andrew Deeks, UCD President and Dr Martin Kirk, UBC's representative on the Research Collaboration Group.
- As hosts, the University of Hong Kong are offering to waive the registration fee for up to two nominees from each *Universitas 21* member university. Nominees will be collated by the U21 Research Leaders and must be confirmed with HKU by 15th April 2017.
- Full details of the conference programme and online registration, for those not covered by the fee waiver, can be found at: <http://vpr.hku.hk/colloquium>.
- For further details, please contact Christina

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Research Collaboration Group meeting – registration opens

- The next U21 Research Collaboration Group meeting will be hosted by the University of Johannesburg on 18-19 May 2017.
- The theme for this meeting will be 'Research and Innovation' and will include sessions covering industrial funding opportunities, research impact and issues around ethics and integrity.
- Faculty Deans from the University of Johannesburg will facilitate a panel discussion on Public-Private Research Partnerships.
- The University of Maryland will also be running their BRAKE (Borderless Research Administration Knowledge Exchange) workshops on Uniform Guidance for Foreign Entities prior to the meeting.
- Registration for the meeting is now open to members of the U21 Research Collaboration Group, for event information please click 'RCG 2017' and to register, click 'Register Here' below:

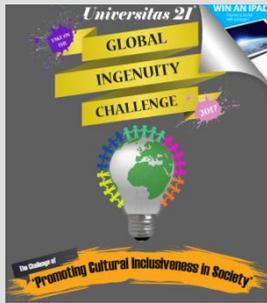
[RCG 2017](#)
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Student Experience



URC Nominations Deadline approaching!

- [Undergraduate Research Conference](#): The University of Edinburgh is hosting the U21 URC in 2017, on the theme of 'Future Societies, Global Citizens'. **Nomination Deadline: 31 March 2017**



2017 Global Ingenuity Challenge (GIC)

- The U21 [2017 Global Ingenuity Challenge](#) is currently in progress – it runs from March 6 – 31 this year.
- Fourteen institutions have registered to participate, and are working towards a solution for ‘Promoting Cultural Inclusiveness in Society’.
- The winning team will be announced in early May.

People & Places



Tecnológico de Monterrey appoint new Rector

- Professor David Garza Salazar (pictured) has been appointed Rector of Tecnológico de Monterrey.
- The appointment comes following Rector David Noel Ramírez Padilla's decision to retire following 100 uninterrupted semesters in the position.
- Professor Garza takes up the position as Rector starting July 1st 2017.
- Professor Garza will be well known to many across the U21 network, particularly the student experience cluster, having been an integral part of the SE Steering Group.
- Many congratulations to Professor Garza and best wishes to Rector David Noel Ramírez Padilla in his retirement.



Shanghai Jiao Tong appoint new President

- President ZHANG Jie has finished his tenure as the President of SJTU after serving two terms at the university.
- President ZHANG Jie will now take up the position of Associate President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

- Formal Senior Vice President LIN Zhongqin (pictured) has been appointed the new President of SJTU.
- Many congratulations from all at U21 to President LIN Zhongqin and best wishes to President ZHANG Jie for the future.

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