Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
Growing international student numbers in the UK - recruitment, visa reform, student experience and career progression
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 20th November 2019
Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR

Draft agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00  Registration and coffee
9.00 - 9.05  Chair's opening remarks
            Lord Lucas
9.05 - 9.35  The current landscape for international students in the UK
            Anne Marie Graham, Chief Executive, UK Council for International Student Affairs
            Questions and comments from the floor
9.35 - 9.50  Competing in the international students market - lessons from the US
            Dr Cheryl Matherly, Vice Provost, International Affairs and Vice President, Lehigh University, Pennsylvania and
            President, Association of International Education Administrators
9.50 - 10.50 Growing international student numbers - marketing the UK as an attractive study destination, developing competitive
            pricing strategies and the impact of visa policies
            Professor Simon Marginson, Director, Centre for Global Higher Education and Professor of Higher Education, University of
            Oxford
            Sasha Lal, Consultant and Trainee Solicitor, Gherson
            Alan Mackay, Deputy Vice-Principal International and Director of Edinburgh Global, University of Edinburgh
            Fiona Samson, Director, GREAT Britain Campaign, British Council
            Dhruv Krishnaraj, Founder, Student Circus
            Questions and comments from the floor with Dr Cheryl Matherly, Vice Provost, International Affairs and Vice President,
            Lehigh University, Pensylvania and President, Association of International Education Administrators
10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
11.20 - 12.05 Strategies for enhancing the international student experience
            Life as an international student in the UK
            Anisha Faruk, President, Oxford University Student Union
            Welcome to the UK - best practice on pre-arrival information, inductions and orientation
            Andy Winter, Campus Life Director, University of Nottingham
            Developing an inclusive and supportive learning environment
            Marc Lintern, Director of Student Experience, Newcastle University
            Life after graduation - managing the transition to the world of work
            Joe Fitzsimons, Student Membership Manager, Institute of Directors
            Questions and comments from the floor
12.05 - 12.55 Supporting international student progression: next steps for post-study work visas, career guidance and graduate
            employability, and alumni relations
            Philippa Hewett, Head of Careers Service, SOAS University of London
            Esther de Perlaky, International Employability Manager, Student Opportunity, University of Warwick
            Pat Saini, Partner, Head of Immigration, Penningtons Manches Cooper
            Harry Anderson, Senior Policy Adviser, CBI
            Questions and comments from the floor
12.55 - 13.00 Chair’s and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks
            Lord Lucas
            Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum