

**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:  
Challenges and opportunities for increasing outward student mobility**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The National Strategy: progress and remaining challenges**  
**Anne Marie Graham**, Head of Programme, Outward Student Mobility, UK HE International Unit  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.30 **Building ties to develop outward mobility opportunities**  
**Edyta Lachowicz-Santos**, Head of International Promotion, University of Economics in Katowice, Poland and Vice-Chair of EMPLOI EAIE  
**Edward Holroyd Pearce**, Co-Founder and Director, CRCC Asia  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Sajjad Karim MEP**
- 11.10 - 11.40 **Increasing UK engagement with Erasmus+**  
**Professor Rebecca Hughes**, Director of International Higher Education, British Council  
**Ruth Sinclair-Jones**, Director, UK National Agency Erasmus+  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.35 **Addressing barriers to outward mobility and helping students get the most out of their time abroad**  
*What more can universities and their partners do to improve the perception of outward mobility; how might the employability and personal development benefits be better highlighted? How sufficient is the level of pastoral support provided by UK universities to their outwardly mobile students; what can be learnt from best practice in this area? In light of the relatively low level of second language fluency in the UK, how can universities best provide a greater range of mobility opportunities for non-language students, including to countries where English is a language often used in academia or industry? What more can be done to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds or with additional support needs to engage with outward mobility programmes; how might increased financial support be provided for these students? Where should universities be looking to improve engagement with schools and colleges to encourage a more 'joined up' approach to promoting outward mobility? To what extent does a lack of credit-bearing status for many programmes reduce participation levels, and what measures - including any changes to current quality and accreditation systems - might enable or encourage more universities and their partners to offer credit-bearing modules to outwardly mobile students?*  
**Runa Gudmarsdottir**, Policy Officer, Higher Education - Erasmus+, European Commission  
**Frances Rix**, Business Management Student, Kingston University London  
**Dr Clive Souter**, Head of Study Abroad, University of Leeds  
**Will Archer**, Chief Executive Officer, i-graduate  
**Alexandra Rosenbach**, Strategic Advisor for Internationalisation to the Executive Board, Maastricht University, The Netherlands  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Quality and accreditation within an increasingly internationalised higher education system**  
**Dr Stephen Jackson**, Associate Director - International, QAA  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Sajjad Karim MEP**  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum