

THEA Ukraine X Final Conference: Transformative Leadership for Sustainable Higher Education

Date: 17.12.2024

Time: 09:00-15:30 CET / 10:00-16:30 EET

Registration:

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We are pleased to invite you to the final conference of the DAAD funded project [“THEA Ukraine X \(Multiplication Trainings for Higher Education Administrators in Ukraine\)”](#) organized by FH Münster University of Applied Sciences in cooperation with Sumy State University.

The project has been dedicated for over 5 years to empower Ukrainian higher education managers in building resilient, internationally active institutions, which are embedded in strong international networks. This final international online event will not only disseminate the project results, but in particular shed light on the importance of transformative leadership for sustainable higher education, as the topic resonates strongly with the current need for adaptable, forward-thinking management in Ukrainian higher education in times of change.

In light of today’s global challenges, this conference will delve into critical areas where leadership can drive transformative change, including digitalization, crisis management and international academic resilience, etc. Besides learning about impact highlights from the project THEA Ukraine X, attendees will gain insights from renowned international experts and peer institutions on navigating pivotal transformations for a sustainable future in higher education.

This conference is open to all higher education managers and other stakeholders interested in fostering sustainable, impactful change through higher education management. Don’t miss this opportunity to be part of a transformative dialogue and networking event!

We are looking forward to meeting you soon!
THEA Ukraine X team

For more information about our project, please visit the website <https://fh.ms/thea-x>

Agenda (17th December 2024)

09.00 – 09.30 CET
10.00 – 10.30 EET

Welcome & Introduction

- Welcome by FH Münster & Sumy State University (Dr. Sonja Mikeska & Dr. Alla Krasulia)
- Introductory words by DAAD (Katja Thevs)
- Introductory words by our “sister project” Management of Internationalisation at Leibniz U Hannover (Nataliya Butych)

09.30 – 10.30 CET
10.30 – 11.30 EET

Leadership and Transformation - Latest trends from European Universities

- Introductory Keynote (Thomas Estermann, European University Association)

10.30 – 12.00 CET
11.30 – 13.00 EET

THEA Ukraine (X): The years 2019-2024 and their impact

- Slide Show with THEA Ukraine X Highlights (Yvonne Waschitzek, FH Münster)
- Panel Discussion with “impact spotlights” from the perspectives of:
 - project founder (Petra Pistor, FH Münster)
 - project partner (Dr. Alla Krasulia, Sumy State University)
 - steering committee member (Dr. Yuliya Zayachuk, University of Oxford and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)
 - tandem trainer (Dr. Oleksandr Khyzniak, VU Amsterdam)
 - trainer & alumna (Dr. Olena Tupakhina, Ukrainian Zaporizhzhia National University)
 - participant of multiplication training (Dr. Olga Zaslavska, Khmelnytskyi National University)

12.00 – 12.30 CET
13.00 – 13.30 EET

Break

12.30 – 13:45 CET
13:30 – 14:45 EET

Transformative Leadership in Times of Crises: Case Study of Ukraine

- Presentation and interactive exchange (Dr. Selma Porobic, AURORA Alliance, Palacky University Olomouc)

13.45 – 14:00 CET
14.45 – 15:00 EET

Break

14:00 – 15:15 CET
15:00 – 16:15 EET

Embedding Sustainability in Higher Education Institutions




- Presentation and interactive exchange (Prof. Dr Tristan McCowan, University College London)

15:15 – 15:30 CET
16:15 – 16:30 EET


WrapUp & Closing Remarks






- Sharing of Insights & Farewell

Our Invited Speakers:

	<p>Thomas Estermann is Director for Governance, Funding and Public Policy Development with responsibilities for EUA's work aimed at strengthening universities' autonomy, governance, leadership, management and their financial sustainability. He is actively involved in various European and national committees, expert groups, editorial boards, and advisory boards, including those of European university alliances. He regularly contributes to higher education management programs. Thomas has provided guidance in multiple national higher education reform processes in Europe and beyond and has authored publications on university funding, governance, leadership, and management. Prior to joining EUA in 2007, he held the position of Deputy University Director at the University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna. During this time, he served as a member of the university's senate and was involved in several significant higher education reforms in Austria.</p>
	<p>Dr. Selma Porobić is the Aurora Alliance Institutional Coordinator and Head of the Aurora office at Palacky University in Olomouc. She heads the Aurora Capacity Development Programme for Central-Eastern Europe and Aurora Karazin University Peace Education Hub in Ukraine. She is also coordinating institutional support to Ukraine on behalf of 9 Aurora universities and cochairs the 'Non-EU Partnerships' for EU 2 working group that brings together 23 European university alliances.</p>
	<p>Dr. Tristan McCowan is Professor of International Education at the Institute of Education, University College London. His work focuses on higher education in the international context, including issues of access, curriculum, alternative models and sustainability. His books include Higher Education for and beyond the Sustainable Development Goals (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019), Education as a Human Right (Bloomsbury, 2013) and Rethinking Citizenship Education (Continuum, 2009). From 2015-2021 he was editor of Compare – a Journal of International and Comparative Education, and from 2020-2024 led the multi-country research project Climate-U (Transforming Universities for a Changing Climate).</p>

On the Panel from our THEA Ukraine X Project:

	<p>Petra Pistor has worked in the field of Higher Education Management and Quality Development in various positions since 2005 and has cooperated with a variety of organisations in the Higher Education Area (EU, DAAD, GIZ, UNESCO etc.). Since October 2018 she is a member of the Wandelwerk, where she is - amongst others - occupied with the centre's international consultancy and training activities.</p> <p>In 2019 she had the idea to apply for funding of a project supporting Ukrainian Higher Education managers that was not only focussed on internationalisation activities, but on higher education management in a broader sense. Together with Dr. Kostyantyn Kyrychenko, she successfully launched the DAAD project THEA Ukraine, which would soon become the basis of a lively community featuring 5 years of fruitful exchange.</p>
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	<p>Dr. Alla Krasulia is Head of the International Affairs Department, Associate Professor, Ph.D. in Pedagogy, Department of Germanic Philology, Faculty of Foreign Philology and Social Communications, Sumy State University, Ukraine.</p> <p>She participated in THEA Ukraine with the project “Guidelines to Develop and Manage Joint Study Programmes at Bachelor’s, Master’s & PhD Levels (GDMJSP e-handbook) at Sumy State University (SumDU)”, served as a tandem trainer in THEA Ukraine X and has recently joined the Steering Committee as official representative of our project partner SumDU.</p>
	<p>Dr. Yuliya Zayachuk is a visiting research fellow in higher education and comparative and international education at the Department of Education, University of Oxford, UK. Yuliya is an Associate Professor at the Department of General Pedagogics and Pedagogics of Higher Education, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine.</p> <p>She has been a partner of THEA Ukraine and THEA Ukraine X and accompanied the projects’ activities as member of the Steering Committee.</p>
	<p>Dr. Oleksandr Khyzhniak has broad experience in international collaboration, management project education, and research. He is working on global projects as a project manager at the Centre for International Cooperation at VU Amsterdam. He focuses on the implementation of international projects in Global South countries and developing new fields and opportunities in Central Asia and Eastern European Neighbourhood countries. Also he is the Institutional coordinator of Academic Freedom Program at VU Amsterdam and the co-coordinator of the Aurora Capacity Development Programme for Central-Eastern Europe and Aurora Peace Education Hub in Ukraine (Aurora Universities Alliance).</p> <p>He participated in THEA Ukraine with the project “Establishing a Creative Teaching School at V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University” and afterwards served as a tandem trainer in THEA Ukraine X.</p>
	<p>Dr. Olena Tupakhina is Associate Professor of the Chair of German Philology and Translation and the vice-rector for International Relations and Projects at the Zaporizhzhia National University.</p> <p>She participated in THEA Ukraine X with her project “HEI internationalization strategy: turning quantity into quality”.</p>
	<p>Dr. Olga Zaslavska has a PhD in Political Science and is Associate Professor and Head of the Department of International Communication and Political Science at Khmelnytskyi National University.</p> <p>She participated in the “Internationalization Booster course”, which was offered by Dr. Kateryna Skyba as part of the THEA Ukraine X multiplication trainings.</p>