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He is the Director of Institutional Development (2022) of the Universidad Anáhuac México, being in charge of the Directorates of business links, strategic alliances and graduates. He has been working at the University for 14 years, serving as Cofounder and Coordinator of CREA Communication Leadership Program (2008), Director of the Anáhuac Leadership Programs (2011) and Director of New Admission and Promotion (2015) responsible for marketing and sales strategies, being in charge of the areas of Pre-university Attention, Admissions and Vocational Guidance.









Andrés Barba Vargas

Internationalist "Magna Cum Laude" from the University of the Americas Puebla (UDLAP) and Master in Politics and Public Management from the Technological Institute of Higher Studies of the West (ITESO). He also has a technological career in Communication Sciences from the Universidad del Valle de Atemajac (UNIVA); and courses in political science at the University of Montreal and McGill University in Canada; in Leadership for the Mexican Community in the United States from Baruch College of the City University of New York; in International Decentralized Cooperation from the Open University of Catalonia, Spain; and in Management Leadership in Universities by the Institute of University Management and Leadership (IGLU) of the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (OUI), obtaining the Honorable Mention (2016) for the intervention project presented, dedicated to the internationalization process of UNIVA. Currently (2023), he is studying for a doctorate in Organization Management at the Popular Autonomous University of the State of Puebla (UPAEP).

For nearly ten years he held various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Mexico, both in Mexico City and in New York, highlighting his role as Director of Local Governments of the Foreign Ministry, where he designed and put into operation the "Mexican Program for Twinning and Decentralized International Cooperation", for which in 2006 he obtained the National Award for Public Administration at the S.R.E. Under this responsibility, he imparted training programs in government internationalization to nearly two thousand local officials throughout the country, also organizing international agendas for Mexican state and municipal authorities, some of them in the framework of tours of the President of the Republic abroad.









Dr. Randall Martin

Since 2006, Randall has led BCCIE in advancing the international education agenda of the Province of British Columbia. His experience spans over 30 years in post-secondary education, development education, project management and implementation, and international education, having worked on projects at institutions, associations, and societies in BC. He regularly participates in external reviews and consultations for institutions and other jurisdictions. Randall has authored or co-authored numerous articles and is a sought-after speaker and regular presenter at national and international conferences and symposia.









MTRA. LETICIA JIMÉNEZ ZAMORA

She is currently President of the Mexican Association of Responsible for the Standardization of Administrative and Financial Information in Higher Education Institutions, A.C. and the first woman General Treasurer of the Autonomous University of Guerrero. She has a degree in Accounting, a Master's in Administration and a Doctorate in Administration. She has also specialized in the fields of government accounting, administration of public financial resources, as well as attention to control processes in the field of State Public Universities (UPE's), specifically, the Autonomous University of Guerrero.

Professionally, he has held various positions, during his more than twenty years of experience, highlighting his performance as Head of the Department of Income and the Department of Expenses in the H. City Hall of Tlapa de Comonfort, Guerrero. At the Autonomous University of Guerrero, she has performed prominently as Head of the Department of Special Programs, Head of Quality Management of Expenditure processes, Head of the Expenditure Department, Audit Liaison, General Treasurer; among others







Parallel session Advancing Circular Economy in Mexico through collaborative efforts between AUSMEX Circular Economy Hub and the Education Sector

The transition to a Circular Economy (CE) is a global imperative, and universities are at the forefront of leading this transformative change. However, challenges persist in understanding the CE concept and, more importantly, translating it into practical applications. The University of Sydney (USYD) is leading the way internationally in the Circular Economy, spearheading initiatives such as the Waste Transformation Research Hub (WTRH) to build capacity and capabilities in Circular Economy in collaboration with government and industry partners.

This presentation aims to explore the pivotal role of research institutions in developing cooperation models crucial for the realising Circular Economy technology and policy translations. Specifically, the focus will be on the Circular Economy Clean Tech Hub (CECTH), which aims to provide targeted place-based training for both university students and industry professionals. Its objective is to advance circular and clean technologies, while simultaneously stimulating regional economies facing skill shortages. This presentation will also highlight the transformative impact of collaborations within the Water theme of the WTRH at the USYD, focusing on the crucial role of international higher education. Additionally, the presentation will explore the broader implications of these partnerships for international education, including opportunities for cross-border collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the development of global competencies.

Furthermore, the presentation will focus on the collaborative efforts between USYD's WTRH, the AUSMEX Circular Economy Hub and the education sector in Mexico, highlighting programs and initiatives aimed at fostering circular economy practices. The AUSMEX Circular Economy Hub is a non-governmental nonprofit organization that promotes and implements the principles of circular economy through a Mexico-Australia relationship.

The AUSMEX Circular Economy Hub engages relevant stakeholders from industry, government, and academia to promote and implement circular economy principles. One of its key initiatives is the establishment of a local satellite laboratory of USYD's WTRH, providing a platform for local organisations and research centres in Mexico to develop and test technology related to circular economy practices.

The AUSMEX CE Hub has already established collaborations with several entities such as IPA (CAINTRA), the Institute of Innovation and Technology Transfer (I2T2), the Ministry of Economy of Nuevo León, INEEL, CIATEC, Tec de Monterrey, GreenTech, and Prodavant. The Hub aims to further engage universities in Nuevo León, the State Congress, Industrial Parks, citizens, state and municipal governments, enterprises of all sizes, and non-governmental organisations, inviting them to collaborate through the creation of the Nuevo León Circular Council, the Circular Business Linkage Network, individual interactions, project invitations, private consultations, masterclasses, workshops, and micro-credentials.

This presentation demonstrates the crucial role of collaborations between the WTRH, the AUSMEX Circular Economy Hub and the education sector in Mexico in promoting circular economy practices, fostering sustainable development, and accelerating the transition towards a more resource-efficient and resilient future.







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Prof. Ali Abbas

Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Sydney

Prof Ali Abbas is Professor of Chemical Engineering and Associate Dean of Research in the Faculty of Engineering. He is the Founding Director of the Waste Transformation Research Hub in the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. With 20 years' experience in Process Systems Engineering (PSE) and over 150 papers in international scientific and engineering journals, Ali focuses on clean energy, biological systems, and circular economy transitions. He collaborates closely with industry and government on low-emissions technologies, eco-industrial parks, waste management, and clean energy. He actively engages in commercialisation as a company Founder and Director, driving technological breakthrough in multiple sectors. Ali is Australia's first 'Chief Circular Engineer' (Circular Australia), serves as the Founding Chair of the 'Australian Circular Economy Conference' and is finalist for the 2023 Eureka Prize for Innovative Research in Sustainability.



Dr. Gustavo Fimbres Weihs

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Dr. Gustavo Fimbres is the Water Theme Lead Research Fellow at the University of Sydney's Waste Transformation Research Hub. With Chemical Engineering degrees from Tecnológico de Monterrey (BEng) and UNSW (PhD), his research specialises in reducing the cost, energy use, and environmental impact of water and clean energy production. He actively collaborates with researchers from Mexico, Australia, the Netherlands, India, Malaysia, and the UK, engaging with government and industry to implement Circular Economy principles and support net-zero goals. He was a Board member of the Mexican Membrane Society, has authored over 80 publications, is member of SNI (Level II) and is Board member of the Australian Chapter of RedGlobalMX.



Ing. Héctor Cuéllar Galán

AUSMEX Circular Economy Hub

Héctor Cuéllar Galán is the Founding President of the AUSMEX Circular Economy Hub, an organization that implements circular economy projects with a link between Mexico and Australia. He is an engineer from the Tec de Monterrey, with a career of more than 20 years as an entrepreneur in different industries. He recently began collaborating with the GPSG Consortium in various waste remediation, characterization and final disposal projects. Héctor is a professional attentive to the state of the environment in the world and concerned with contributing to the development of viable and sustainable solutions to help reduce our carbon footprint.









Workshop Building partnerships with Australia: Collaborations for a sustainable future

Australia and Mexico have much to offer each other as international education partners, across different fields of knowledge and a range of shared strategic interests. While there are beneficial collaborations already taking place between the two countries, there is significant room to deepen mutual understanding and take our bilateral education and research relationships to the next level. To achieve this will require a strong focus on how best to develop productive, durable and rewarding partnerships that support new opportunities for our students, academics, researchers and institutions.

This workshop will feature four case studies that highlight different collaboration approaches being undertaken by Australian institutions and consider how these models could contribute to strengthening Australia-Mexico partnerships into the future. Participants will learn about the different ways that Australian international education is helping to tackle pressing global challenges and advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), through approaches including:

- virtual global work-integrated learning experiences for university students
- the delivery of microcredentials across borders
- the creation of government-industry-university partnerships that support skills development
- the advancement of collaborative international research agendas.

Workshop participants will have the opportunity to take part in practical discussions exploring their institutional perspectives and approaches to international partnership building, identifying challenges and opportunities for Australia-Mexico engagement and the next steps for building collaboration across teaching and learning, student and academic mobility and research.







Workshop

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Ana Cristina Navarro

Ana is an international executive with over 15 years of experience and enjoys a widespread reputation as a Business Scale Up & Turnaround specialist. Her demonstrated expertise lies in effectively leading organizations in areas such as International Marketing, Business Strategy, Marketing Strategy, Entrepreneurship, Online Advertising, New Business Development, Event Management, Training, Public Relations, Public Speaking, and Business-to-Business (B2B), and Business-to-Government (B2G) strategies. Furthermore, she is a seasoned entrepreneur and business consultant specializing in international education. Her reputation has been built upon a track record of delivering outstanding results, excelling in problem-solving, and successfully orchestrating company turnarounds. With a visionary mindset, she strongly emphasizes leveraging disruptive market forces to foster continuous growth and shape the global economy.



Gerhard Hambusch

Gerhard Hambusch is an Associate Professor at the UTS Business School, University of Technology Sydney, Australia. His areas of expertise are corporate finance, responsible investment, and ethics and codes of conduct. Gerhard's research focuses on unethical behaviour in business and finance, and the impact of human behaviour on capital markets. Recent industry-funded research collaborations focus on climate finance and GHG emissions to foster climate change mitigation through lifestyle and investment choices. Gerhard completed his PhD and MBA at the University of Wyoming (USA) and holds Master's degrees from the FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany), and the EM Strasbourg Business School (France).



Judie Kay

Judie Kay is currently WACE Vice Chair Programs and Partnerships and a WACE Executive Committee member. Previously, Judie held senior positions in three Australian Universities managing Institutional employability and work integrated learning strategies. Currently Judie is leading the WACE Global Challenge and WACE partnerships with national associations and global bodies. Judie was awarded a Life membership to Australian Collaborative Education Network ACEN (2020) and the WACE global award for "Excellence in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Commitment to Co-operative Education and Work integrated learning" in 2015.









Empowering Educators through University Partnerships: Transforming English Language Education for Global Impact

As the demand for English language education in international schools and universities in Latin America continues to grow, educators must be empowered to engage students from diverse language backgrounds. This session will highlight international perspectives on trends in English language education, the role of innovative professional development programs in the higher education sector and opportunities to grow Australia-Mexico collaboration in this area.

The keynote presentation from The Queensland Institute Pty Ltd will explore the outcomes and benefits of their university partnerships in Chile and Brazil, as well as key case studies from their work in Southeast Asia. They will focus on the innovative academic development model and programs they have implemented for lecturers, sharing successful examples of how they have empowered educators to deliver their courses in English with confidence and creativity, fostering more engaging and inclusive learning environments. By equipping lecturers with innovative pedagogical approaches, intercultural competence, and enhanced communication skills, The Queensland Institute's programs support the development of lecturers as effective facilitators of English language education in partner institutions.

By attending this presentation, participants will gain valuable insights into the transformative power of university partnerships in enhancing professional development for lecturers and driving excellence in English language education. We will underscore the value of collaboration, cultural understanding, and the practical strategies that have contributed to the success of international partnerships that are fostering knowledge exchange, sharing of best practices and creating a vibrant global community of dedicated educators committed to continuous improvement.







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Fiona Wiebusch

Co-founder of The Queensland Institute in Australia, Fiona brings 25+ years of experience in language education, teacher training, and academic management. With a passion for empowering educators, she specialises in comprehensive professional development programs, equipping teachers and lecturers to confidently deliver courses in English. Through strategic partnerships, she leverages emerging technologies, fosters cultural competence, and nurtures collaborative networks. Fiona's work in international education and training in 17 countries, including LATAM, has inspired countless educators to embrace innovative pedagogical approaches to support student success. She is dedicated to providing accessible and sustainable training opportunities to educators through public-private partnerships



Philippa Coleman

Co-founder of The Queensland Institute, Philippa has over 35 years of experience in English language teaching, teacher training, and academic management. She is deeply committed to empowering educators and driving the transformation of English language education for global impact. Philippa's expertise encompasses the development of immersive learning experiences, integration of real-world contexts, and cultivation of cultural sensitivity. Her passion for experiential learning enables teachers to create transformative educational journeys in 20+ countries. Through her guidance, educators gain the confidence to deliver creative courses in English. Strengthened by strategic partnerships, The Queensland Institute facilitates accessible and sustainable online courses.



Andrea Valencia

Andrea Valencia is the Senior Policy Manager (Education and Research) at the Australian Embassy in Mexico. She works closely with the Counsellor to manage Australia's government-to-government relations and policies in education, training and research with Mexico and the countries of the Pacific Alliance (Colombia, Peru and Chile). As an International Affairs Specialist, Andrea has experience managing public policy projects and has worked in public, private and non-profit sectors. Andrea holds a Master's in International Affairs from the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University, and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM).



Luísa Feldman Neves is the Senior Policy Manager for Education and Research at the Australian Embassy in Brazil. Luísa's role as the Senior Policy Manager is to work with the Counsellor for Education and Research to strengthen government-to-government engagement with Brazil and Argentina on education, training and research cooperation and identify opportunities for collaboration both bilaterally and multilaterally. As increasing numbers of students from Latin America choose Australia as a study destination, Luísa works to create connections between institutions, promote internationalisation of education, policies and programs, in order to foster deeper connections between Australia and the region. Luísa graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Master of Arts in Romance Languages in 2018 and has a bachelor's degree in Luisa Feldman Neves Language Teaching from Universidade da Amazônia.









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Brenda García Portillo

Brenda has 23 years of experience in the area of international education. Currently, her main responsibilities are the coordination of both, the UDEM Intercultural Competences Training Program and the internationalization activities at home such as COIL. she has been coordinating the COIL/VE projects for approximately 10 years at UDEM.



Rositsa (Rosi) León

Fulbright Virtual Exchange Specialist and has been part of DePaul University's Global Engagement team for over 15 years. In her current leadership position, she serves as the Director of Virtual Exchange and Online Learning and manages critical aspects of DePaul University's award-winning virtual exchange program, the Global Learning Experience (GLE).



Stephanie Doscher

Director of the Office of International Collaborative Online Learning at Florida International University (FIU COIL). She is a contributing editor and co-author of The Guide to COIL Virtual Exchange (Stylus, 2022) and is a co-author of Making Global Learning Universal: Promoting Inclusion and Success for All Students (Stylus & NAFSA, 2018),



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Panel Global business trends and international education - Opportunities for Australia-Mexico engagement

Given the interconnected nature of the global economy, industry partners are increasingly important actors within the international education ecosystem. Linkages between universities and industry play a fundamental role in driving skills development, research cooperation and graduate employability.

In order to develop these connections, universities and industry must foster dialogue and build relationships. Recognising the fast-changing dynamics of industry and workforces, this mutually beneficial cooperation can help international education to innovate and adapt to meet changing skills needs while also unlocking new solutions to global challenges.

Featuring experts from the Australia, New Zealand and Mexico Business Council (ANZMEX) and the UTS Business School, the panel discussion will explore the nature of current global business trends, how they are playing out in the two G20 economies of Australia and Mexico and what they mean for international education collaboration opportunities.







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Kate Brown de Vejar

Kate joined the DLA Piper's Litigation practice as a partner in Mexico City and New York. She also serves as global cochair of DLA Piper's International Arbitration practice. Kate represents private corporations, sovereign states, and stateowned entities in connection with international arbitrations. She focuses her practice on handling complex, high-profile disputes across a wide range of sectors, including aeronautical, construction and engineering, financial services, mining and resources, oil and gas, tax, telecommunications, and water treatment.

Kate received her LL.M. from Harvard Law School, and her B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Queensland in Australia. DLA Piper is a global law firm with lawyers located in more than 40 countries throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific, positioning us to help clients with their legal needs around the world. Kate Brown is ANZMEX Vice President



Gary R. Bennett

Gary is the Chairman and Chief Executive of North Star Consulting providing advice and operational support in interim management, M&As, new business set ups, restructuring, distribution, product development, marketing, leadership and Board, Advisory and Investor support. Gary has been in CEO & Chairman roles since 1992 and has led and built successful businesses in markets of different degrees of development and economic maturity, start-ups, business improvement, strategic initiatives, and multiple M&A projects.

Gary's passion and enthusiasm for the Insurance Industry and its people is evident in the multimarket success he has achieved. His involvement with Industry Associations, Chambers of Commerce and Regulatory Bodies has enabled him to influence the industry and strengthen the reputation and relationship of the organisations he represents. Gary is one of the 7 members of ANZMEX Board of Directors.



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Itzel Meyenberg

Itzel is the Global Communications Director at Aleatica an Infrastructure Company that operates in Mexico, and it is controlled by Australia's IFM investors. Itzel is a leader with more than 17 years of experience in corporate communications and public relations. Her areas of expertise include strategic planning, marketing communications, crisis/reputation management, digital communications and networking with opinion leaders for different audiences.

Itzel is the Head of ANZMEX Infrastructure Group.









Sesiones Paralelas



DRA. MARÍA GUADALUPE ARREDONDO HIDALGO

PhD in Administration from the University of Celaya. She has a degree in International Trade and a Master's Degree in Administration from the University of Guanajuato, a Master's Degree in Organizational Development and a Master's Degree in University Teaching from the University of León. He belongs to the National System of Researchers (SNI-1) of the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) in Mexico and has desirable recognition to the PROMEP Profile since 2016.



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Student of the degree in international trade at the University of Guanajuato. He has participated in social projects such as "100 leaders 100 ideas" and "Alibaba gdt digital transformation program" and in courses such as "Fundamentals of transport management in international logistics" and "Principles of quality"



DR. LARI ARTHUR VIIANTO

PhD in Quantitative Economics from the University of Alicante, Spain. He is a full-time professor-researcher in the Department of Economics and Finance of the Division of Administrative Economic Sciences of the University of Guanajuato since 2009. He has a SNI I and PROMEP profile. Among his research areas within the area of microeconomics and decision theory are educational decisions and the labor market.



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Advancing Grape and Wine Science through Australia- Mexico Collaboration: A Case Study of Charles Sturt University and CETYS University

In today's interconnected world, international partnerships are essential for the global development of industries. This session highlights the collaborative research opportunities in grape and wine sciences between Australia and Mexico, capitalizing on their rich viticultural histories, diverse grape varietals, and thriving wine industries with a focus on exports. Given their shared climatic challenges, there is immense potential for innovation in areas such as grapevine varieties, vineyard management, sustainability, wine chemistry, quality assessment, consumer preferences, wine tourism, and regional development. To support these collaborative endeavours, joint programs, exchange initiatives, and exploration of funding sources, including government grants, industry partnerships, research councils, and philanthropic foundations, will be pursued. By leveraging the combined expertise of Australia and Mexico, this collaboration aims to drive global advancements in grape and wine sciences, foster sustainable practices, and propel the growth of the wine industry. Ultimately, researchers, students, and wine enthusiasts in both countries will reap the benefits of these partnerships. Together, Australia and Mexico have the potential to shape the future of grape and wine sciences on a global scale.







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Ricardo Collins García

Ricardo is currently the Liaison Coordinator of the Centro de Estudios Vitivinícolas (CEVIT) of CETYS University. He has experience in the public sector in project management and destination promotion strategies, and has participated in research projects on entrepreneurship and wine culture.

Ricardo holds a Bachelor in Tourism from the Faculty of Tourism and Marketing of the Autonomous University of Baja California (UABC), and a Master in Cultural Tourism from the Faculty of Tourism of the University of Girona (UdG), Spain.



Chelsea Schlink

Chelsea is a results-driven business development professional focused on fostering and building partnerships, joint programs and securing funding to advance the profile of Charles Sturt Gulbali Institutes' agriculture, water and environmental research. She is a local and global thinker who strongly emphasises innovation and collaboration, proven by her appetite to be studying a Master's in Politics and Policy to complement her undergraduate degree in business marketing. Chelsea is passionate about optimising commercial experiences and product learning opportunities for wine within educational and research settings. To make this happen, she has vast experience in the public sector working in economic development, tourism, corporate strategy, and engagement; therefore, she thrives at connecting people and opportunities.



Leigh Schmidtke

Leigh is a Professor of Oenology and was the Director of the National Wine and Grape Industry Centre from 2016, and Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation from 2019 until the launch of the Gulbali Institute at Charles Sturt University in 2022. He has an extensive background in analytical chemistry relating to grape and wine analysis, wine production systems and wine microbiology. Chemometrics and metabolomics are features of Leigh's research and collaborations. Complex data analysis, metabolomics, rapid methods of assessment using IR and mass spectrometry methods for determining the impact of abiotic and biotic factors upon grapevine and plant performance, berry composition and wine style are some of his research interests.



Johnny Clarke

Johnny worked his first vintage in Chile in 1999. Since then, he has enjoyed time in big and small wineries working in Australia, Europe and North America. Johnny holds a degree in Wine Marketing and a Master's in Oenology from Adelaide University and is presently the lead winemaker for the Charles Sturt University Winery.