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Improving the International Student Experience:

Attracting and retaining international students in an increasingly competitive international market

Tuesday 17th January 2012, Westminster Studio, London SW1P

Speakers include:

Professor Colin Riordan

Vice-Chancellor, **University of Essex**;
Chair, **UUK International Policy Network**

Dr Joanna Newman

Director, **UK Higher Education International Unit**

Professor Paul Webley

Director & Principal, **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)**;
Chair, **UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA)**

Christina Yan Zhang

International Students' Officer,
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Dr Jo Beall

Director, Education and Society;
Executive Board Member, **British Council**

Jeremy Oppenheim

National Lead – Temporary Migration,
UK Border Agency (UKBA)

The UK retains a substantial reputation for attracting and retaining international students from across the globe. However, recent policy changes to international student visa regulations in the UK, and emerging challenges from key competitors teaching in English, particularly in the United States, Australia and Europe, mean that the environment for international student recruitment in the UK faces a tough period ahead in order to grow student numbers.

This national broadcast conference will bring together policy and practice presentations from national policy makers and key stakeholders to consider the impact of recent policy changes, particularly in relation to international student visa regulations. We will share best practice on the successful recruitment and retention of international students, examine developing internationalisation strategies in universities and colleges, and explore how to maintain and exceed international students' expectations.

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Agenda (subject to change)

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09:00 Registration, refreshments and exhibition

Session One:

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The international landscape

- 09:50 Introduction and welcome
Aaron Porter, Higher Education Consultant and Journalist
- 10:00 Keynote address: The changing landscape for international student recruitment
Professor Paul Webley, Director and Principal, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS); Chair, UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA)
- 10:15 Promoting UK higher education to an international audience
Dr Joanna Newman, Director, UK Higher Education International Unit
- 10:30 Responding to the impact of Tier 4 changes for UK universities
Professor Colin Riordan, Vice-Chancellor, University of Essex; Chair, UUK International Policy Network
- 10:45 Questions and discussion

11:15 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Two:

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Placing the UK in an international context

- 11:45 Benchmarking the international student experience: how does the UK compare?
Will Archer, Director, i-graduate
- 12:00 Meeting the expectations for international students
Christina Yan Zhang, International Students' Officer, National Union of Students (NUS)
- 12:15 Building relationships abroad
Dr Jo Beall, Director Education and Society; Executive Board Member, British Council
- 12:30 Questions and discussion

13:00 Buffet lunch, networking and exhibition

Session Three:

Learning from new developments

- 14:00 Building international student-alumni relationships
Gretchen Dobson, Senior Associate Director, Domestic and International Programs, Tufts University
- 14:15 Support for PBS Tier 4 visa applications and immigration process
Jeremy Oppenheim, National Lead – Temporary Migration, UK Border Agency (UKBA)
- 14:30 Introducing the new QAA guidance on the international student experience
Dr Fabrizio Trifiro, Development Officer (International Collaboration), Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)
- 14:45 Questions and discussion

15:00 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Four:

In-depth seminars

15:30 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the list below. Seminars are designed to be interactive and participatory in nature. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to maximum capacities.

- 1** The international student experience: Teaching International Students Project
Dr Janette Ryan, Director, Teaching International Students Project, The Higher Education Academy
- 2** Developing an international network
Check website for speaker updates
- 3** New technologies for international student recruitment
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16:30 Close of conference

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Purpose of the Conference

The importance of international students for UK higher education is profound. Academically, culturally and financially, their contribution has been significant. Whilst the UK has established itself as the second most popular destination for international students behind the USA, recent changes to UK policy, notably to the PBS Tier 4 visa application process, will have a significant impact on recruitment. International competition is also rising from new destinations, including Scandinavia and Holland teaching in English.

Attend this conference to:

- Understand what makes a good international student experience
- Learn why the international student experience is crucial to retention, reputation and future recruitment
- Hear best practice to meet and exceed the expectations of international students
- Learn about and receive advice on how to respond to the recent changes to the PBS Tier 4 visa application process, and the implications for your HEI
- Consider national policy developments that relate to the recruitment and experience of international students
- Hear about best practice for the position of your institution in international markets, particularly in Europe and Asia
- Gain insight into supporting the pre-enrolment application experience
- Highlight the importance of effective preparation for non-English speaking students
- Receive support to improve the induction process for international students
- Develop UK higher education provision abroad

Who should attend:

From higher education:

- Vice-Chancellors and Pro-Vice-Chancellors
- Directors of:
 - > International Office
 - > Marketing
 - > Communications
 - > Finance
 - > Admissions
- International Partnership Managers
- Heads of Student Experience
- Heads of Student Support Services
- Students' Union Officers and Staff
- Student Relations Managers
- Careers Advisers
- Recruitment Officers
- Admissions Officers
- International Officers

From the wider education sector:

- Statutory bodies in higher education
- Higher education marketing bodies
- Sector skills councils
- Heads of Continuing/Professional Education

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- Trade Associations
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