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Dr Catherine Finneran Andersen
University of Baltimore

Catherine is Special Assistant to the President for Accreditation and Strategic Planning at the University

of Baltimore (UBalt), USA. Before this appointment, she was Interim Provost for three years at UBalt guiding the four colleges, including the school of law, to navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Prior to this appointment, she served seven years as Vice Provost. She is also a tenured full professor. Prior to her work at UBalt, she enjoyed an extensive career at Gallaudet University, the only liberal arts university for the deaf, where she served as Chief Enrollment and Marketing Officer, Associate Provost, Dean of Enrollment and General Studies, Director of the First-Year Experience and Chairperson of the Communication and Developmental Studies Department.

She served on the national advisory board for the National Resource Center on the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition and the national advisory board for Teagle Assessment Scholars. She is currently a Fellow and Advisor with The John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education.



Philippa Collin, Drs
Inholland University of Applied Sciences

Philippa is an urban anthropologist and artist/educator at Inholland University of Applied

Sciences in Amsterdam, where she works as a senior lecturer and researcher. She is interested in inclusive and more-than-human design, visual anthropology, and arts-based and embodied learning. She integrates these both into her teaching in the Creative Industries and research with the Authentic Leadership group. Currently her main area of activity is in transitions education and the development of interventions for the Inner Development Goals. She hopes that this combination of activities will contribute to an institutional culture that provides students with self-awareness and creative courage and nurtures a community of care for all.



Professor Manuel João Costa
University of Minho

Manuel is Associate Professor at the School of Medicine, Pro-Rector for Educational Innovation and Student

Affairs at the University of Minho (UMinho), coordinator of UMinho's center for Innovation and Development of Teaching and Learning (IDEA-UMinho), supervisor of the service unit that supports educational activities, and is Institutional Lead at UMinho for the Arqus European University Alliance. He is an appointed member to the Learning and Teaching Steering Committee of the European University Association, the education committee of the Federation of European Biochemical Societies and delegate at the faculty development committee of the Association for Medical Education in Europe.

He co-leads the national seminar for the development of teaching and learning in higher education, and has previously led the Medical Education Unit of the School of Medicine at UMinho (2004-2018). Manuel develops research in student development in higher education and learning and teaching with a focus on medical and biomolecular sciences. Manuel's teaching areas are biochemistry and molecular biology, and education in the health sciences.



Professor Maggie Cusack
Munster Technological University

Maggie did her BSc Degree in Cell Biology at the University of Glasgow and

her PhD in Protein Biochemistry at the University of Liverpool. Continuing protein research, Maggie began multidisciplinary work, moving to Geosciences at the University of Glasgow. She was awarded a Royal Society University Research Fellowship where she established a research group in biominerals. As well as research and teaching commitments, she was Associate Dean for the Faculty of Physical Sciences Graduate School, International Lead for the College of Science & Engineering and Head of School of Geographical & Earth Sciences.

In 2017 Maggie joined the University of Stirling as Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences. In 2018, she completed the Senior Executive Programme of the London Business School. Maggie was awarded the Saltire Society's Scottish Science Award in 2008, elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2011, and in 2017, she was awarded the Schlumberger Medal by the Mineralogical Society.

On 1st January 2021, Maggie took up the role of Inaugural President of Munster Technological University. Maggie is a member of the IBEC Regional Executive Committee, the Cork Development Forum and the Cork Airport Development Council.



Thomas Estermann
European University Association

Thomas 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. Thomas 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. Before entering the University, he pursued a career as a lawyer. He holds a master's degree in law from the University of Vienna.



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Professor Peter Felten
Elon University

Peter is Professor of History, Executive Director of the Center for Engaged Learning, and Assistant Provost for teaching and learning at Elon University, USA. He has published seven books about undergraduate education, including *Connections are Everything: A College Student's Guide to Relationship-Rich Education* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2023) co-authored by Isis Artze-Vega, Leo Lambert, and Oscar Miranda Tapia - with an open access online version free to all readers. He is on the advisory board of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and is a fellow of the Gardner Institute, an organisation that works to expand equity and justice through higher education.



Professor Christian Harrison
University of Bolton

Christian is a Professor of Leadership and Enterprise in the University of Bolton, and Director of the Centre for Leadership and Empowerment in Greater Manchester Business School. He is also leading the Research Excellence Framework (REF) for Business and Management in the Business School. Christian is a well-known and recognised scholar in the field of leadership and provides regular expert media commentary on Scottish Television News (STV), Scotland Tonight, The Herald, The Conversation, Sunday Post and The Guardian Nigeria. He is also the author of numerous published research papers on Leadership which is his major research interest and serves as the Director of Studies/First Supervisor of several doctoral students. He has successfully supervised several doctoral students to completion and his current students are working on projects on Authentic Leadership, Entrepreneurial Leadership, Transformational Leadership and Ethical Leadership.

Furthermore, he is an active member of several learned organisations. He is the Chair of the Leadership and Leadership Development Special Interest Group of the British Academy of Management and Chair of the Academy for

African Studies. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Business Administration and Knowledge Management (FIBAKM), Associate Vice President of the Chartered Institute of Business Administration and Knowledge Management and serves on several review panels, committees and editorial boards. He is an external examiner to other UK universities such as Heriot-Watt University, De Montfort University and University of Aberdeen.



Isobel Kavanagh
Munster Technological University

Since July 2022, Isobel has been President of MTU Students' Union (Cork) where she represents the interests of 12,000 students. Having previously completed her degree in International Business with French at MTU, Isobel is a dynamic feature of the University's educational, social and cultural life through her involvement as a member of the university's Governing Body, and its various academic committees.

She is a passionate and powerful advocate for multilingualism and for the importance of meaningful incorporation of the student voice in decision-making.



Senka Rebac
Inholland University of Applied Sciences

Senka is a dedicated individual serving as Students as Partners Project Leader, Researcher and Lecturer. She is an integral member of the Research Group *Authentic Leadership* at the Inholland University of Applied Sciences whose primary mission revolves around exploring avenues for transforming higher education through active participation and partnerships, fostering collaboration between students and staff.

Her focus is on co-creating a Students as Partners (SaP) movement, effectively bridging the gap between vision and practice in the realm of education.



PANEL CHAIR
Professor Michael Morley
University of Limerick

Professor Michael Morley holds the Chair in Management at the Kemmy

Business School, University of Limerick, where he also serves as Assistant Dean for Research. He has previously held several leadership roles in the school, including Head of the Department of Personnel & Employment Relations, Head of the Department of Management & Marketing, and Director of the Graduate Centre of Business which is academic home to over 50 doctoral candidates. He has also led several curriculum initiatives at the school including the establishment of the Master of Science in Work and Organisation Psychology and the Master of Science in International Management and Global Business.

His scholarship on various aspects of human resource management, psychological contracts and new forms of organising has been published by leading publishing houses including Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, and Routledge, together with a range of leading journals in international business, management, organisational psychology, and human resource management. He has received several awards, including the University's Research Excellence Award which has been presented to him on three separate occasions.

He was elected to serve as the 2007-2010 Chair of the *Irish Academy of Management (IAM)* and the 2012-2013 President of the International Federation of Scholarly Associations of Management (IFSAM). He is currently serving as Co-Editor in Chief (with Professor Anna Grandori) of *European Management Review*, the journal of the European Academy of Management.

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