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Dear participant,

This year's events mark the **XVIII General Assembly and the XV International Seminar XVIII - GCUB.**

In this newsletter's sixth edition, you will learn more about each one of the **plenary sessions** that compose the event schedule, with the confirmed speakers.

It will be a pleasure and a great joy to welcome you in one more General Assembly and International Seminar - GCUB!

Good reading!

Democracy, Geopolitics and International University Cooperation: buiding bridges for peace and global sustainability.

Through knowledge exchange, colaborative research and both student and professor mobility, our institutions promote dialogue and mutual understanding. This collaboration network is vital to face global issues, creating joint paths towards peace and sustainability.

This plenary session debates how we can expand these paths, positioning higher education as a pillar for a more coperative and resilient future.

SPEAKERS



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Ethical Challenges and Strategies of International University Cooperation in the face of Migratory Flows.

Global migration flows represent one of the most pressing issues of our time, posing new questions and responsibilities for higher education.

This session proposes a reflection on how universities can respond ethically and effectively to this phenomenon through concrete strategies, aiming to transform a complex global challenge into an opportunity to strengthen the social mission of universities through international cooperation.

SPEAKERS



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Technology Parks as Catalysts of Innovation and Global Cooperation.

Technology parks are strategic catalysts that bring together universities, industry, and governments, transforming research into innovative solutions. As platforms for international cooperation, they drive cross-border projects, attract global talent, and accelerate startups aligned with the SDGs.

This session highlights their crucial role in building sustainable ecosystems, where knowledge and collaboration generate global impact.

SPEAKERS



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Digital Innovation, Democracy, and University Participation: International Experiences in the Age of Technology.

The digital revolution is redefining not only how we learn, but also how we participate in society. For universities, this moment presents a dual opportunity: to integrate innovative tools that amplify student voices and strengthen internal democratic governance, while also preparing critical citizens for a digital world.

This session will discuss how international experiences in the field of digital innovation can be addressed in a democratic and inclusive manner. At the same time, it will raise questions about its challenges, such as: cybersecurity, regulation, and the digital divide.

SPEAKERS



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International University Cooperation for Addressing Climate Change in the Context of COP30.

As the world prepares for COP 30, to be held in Brazil, the role of universities becomes even more strategic. The climate crisis is a global challenge that requires equally global responses, and international academic cooperation is a central pillar of that response.

This session highlights how transnational scientific knowledge is crucial for driving innovation, influencing public policy, and creating sustainable solutions.

SPEAKERS



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Artificial Intelligence for Sustainability and Global Cooperation: A New Paradigm for Universities

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is emerging not just as a technological tool, but as a transformative catalyst for sustainability and global cooperation. However, this new paradigm requires an ethical and collaborative commitment.

This session explores how higher education institutions can lead this transition by promoting global networks of responsible innovation and preparing professionals capable of harnessing the power of AI for a more just and sustainable future.

SPEAKERS



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International University Cooperation for Food Security, Poverty Eradication, and Promotion of Peace

The challenges posed by hunger, poverty, and wars represent major obstacles to global development and the promotion of peace. In this context, universities are key agents in proposing solutions that enable the education of citizens committed to current global issues, such as planetary sustainability, social justice, and a culture of peace.

The discussion in this session will provide space for reflections on how international university cooperation can be translated into public policies and concrete actions that reinforce the strategic role of academia in building more just, prosperous, and peaceful societies.

SPEAKERS



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Open Science and International University Cooperation: Pathways for Democratizing Knowledge on a Global Scale

Open Science can be understood as a movement that proposes structural changes in the way scientific knowledge is produced, disseminated, and used. It represents, therefore, a way of doing science that is more collaborative, transparent, and sustainable — capable of eliminating geographical and socioeconomic barriers that have historically limited access to knowledge.

In the context of higher education, its integration with international cooperation is strategic for accelerating innovation and addressing global challenges.

This session explores how universities are implementing practices such as open-access publishing, shared research data, and transparent peer review to create more inclusive and efficient research ecosystems.

SPEAKERS



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