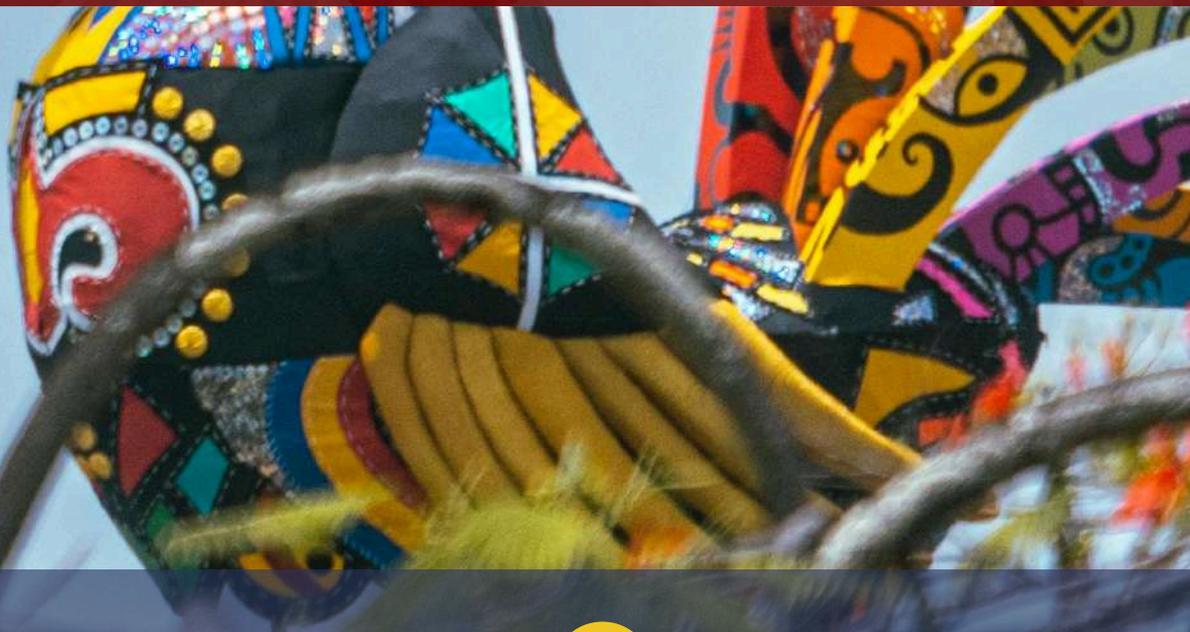


XVIII General Assembly & XV International Seminar of GCUB



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Dear participant,

There are only two weeks left until the **XVIII General Assembly and XV International Seminar of GCUB.**

This newsletter aims to provide a brief **profile of the plenary sessions speakers.** It also includes important information on accommodation in Recife.

You will also find the updated version of the program.

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**for us to meet in Recife,
Pernambuco, Brazil!**

Plenary Session 1

DEMOCRACY, GEOPOLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COOPERATION: BUILDING BRIDGES FOR PEACE AND GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY.

LEONARDO LOMELI VANEGAS



He is a renowned economist and historian, born in Mexico City. He completed his undergraduate degree in Economics and his master's and doctoral studies in History at UNAM, obtaining honors in all his exams. His career as a professor at the Faculty of Economics (UNAM) began in 1994. Since then, his dedication to teaching and research has been constant and significant, both as a full-time academic and as a member of the National System of Researchers, level II. He is a full member of the Mexican Academy of Political Economy, a member of the Mexican Association of Economic History, and a member of the Mexican Academy of Sciences.

As an author, he has written five books, more than fifty chapters, and countless articles in indexed journals. He has also participated as a co-author and coordinator in important publications. In addition, he has been a consultant to various national and international organizations. He was director of the Faculty of Economics (2010-2015) and Secretary-General of the University (2015-2023). His influence on academic and governmental committees has had a positive impact on the country's educational and economic policies.

The UNAM Governing Council appointed him Rector of this institution for the period 2023-2027, with his term beginning in November 2023.

Graduated in medicine from the Ribeirão Preto School of Medicine (FMRP) in 1983, with distinction in clinical studies. Neurosurgeon at the Ribeirão Preto Clinical Hospital (HCRP) in 1987, and specialist certified by the Brazilian Society of Neurosurgery. Master's degree (1993) and doctorate from FMRP (1998), member of the São Paulo State Academy of Sciences (ACIESP) and productivity researcher 1C (CNPq). He completed internships at the Foch Hospital in Paris (1992) and postdoctoral studies at the Arthur and Sonia Labatt Brain Tumor Research Center (Sick Children) in Canada (1999), where he maintains permanent scientific links.

Rector of USP since 2022. Full professor in the Department of Neurology at USP's School of Medicine (FM) and director of the Neurosurgery Division at FMUSP's Hospital das Clínicas. His research focuses on translational studies related to nervous system tumors and epilepsy. He participates in international research consortia (TCGA, MAGIC, and meningiomas).

Clinical Director of HCRP (2006–2009), President of the Specialist Title Committee of the Brazilian Society of Neurosurgery, President of the Graduate Committee of FMRP, Director of FMRP (2013–2016), President of the Ribeirão Preto Medical Research Foundation (2016–2019), and USP's Pro-Rector for Graduate Studies (2016–2021).



CARLOS GILBERTO CARLOTTI



He graduated in Dentistry from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (1974) and received his PhD in Dentistry from the University of Oslo (1980). He has been a Full Professor at UFRGS since 1983 and works as a professor and advisor for the Graduate Program in Dentistry - Periodontics. He conducts research in the area of clinical and population epidemiology and public health. He is a reviewer for several national and international journals. He is a member of the COVID-19-RS Science Committee. He was vice-rector of UFRGS for two terms, 2008-2016, and rector from 2016 to 2020. During this period, he worked in academic and administrative management and university governance. He developed the North Coast Campus project, the first campus outside the UFRGS headquarters.

He coordinated the participation of Brazilian Public Higher Education Institutions in the Regional Conference on Higher Education, CRES-2018. Established the basis for tackling COVID-19, including Emergency Remote Teaching. As a member of the Latin American and Caribbean Higher Education Space, he is coordinating the regional participation in the next World Education Conference, 2021. He also participates in the National Front of Elected and Uninstalled Rectors and in regional networks in defense of University Autonomy and Academic Freedom.

Plenary Session 2

ETHICAL CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES OF INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COOPERATION IN THE FACE OF MIGRATORY FLOWS.

Swiss national naturalized Brazilian, PhD and associate professor in Theology from the Universities of Basel and Bern, respectively, both in Switzerland. Professor in the Graduate Programs in Theology (which he currently coordinates) and in Human Rights and Public Policy at the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná in Curitiba. Visiting professor at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. Member of the board of directors of the Globethics Foundation.



Editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Public Theology. Research productivity fellow at CNPq (National Council for Scientific and Technological Development) and researcher recognized by the National Research Foundation of South Africa. Author of "Public Theology in the Secular State - Essays and Analyses" (2018) and co-author of "Public Theology - History, Foundations, and Perspectives" (2024).



Rector's Delegate for International Affairs at Tor Vergata University of Rome. In line with the University's mission, which conceives internationalization as inclusion, integration, and an extraordinary opportunity for cultural enrichment, she has launched numerous initiatives to broaden the intercultural dimension. These include strengthening Erasmus+ actions, promoting sustainability and intercultural dialogue, launching several pilot projects (such as the Student Ambassador Program, Homestay Family Accommodation, and transnational teaching programs with African countries), as well as hosting international events that have positioned Tor Vergata as a hub for academic cooperation.

To further support mobility and student services, the Global Engagement and Mobility Division was established.

As a scholar, she is Professor of Russian Literature and language. She earned her PhD at Sapienza University of Rome and has been a visiting professor at leading institutions (including Columbia University, Stanford University, UCLA, USC, Sophia University of Tokyo, Guangdong University for Foreign Studies, and the RGGU). Her research focuses on 18th-century Russian literature, cultural relations between Russia and Italy, and the Russian diaspora; she is the author of essays and monographs in Italian, English, and Russian, and has curated cultural and literary exhibitions sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Bachelor's degree in Political and Social Sciences, Lawyer, and Doctor in Jurisprudence from the University of Cuenca, Ecuador. Master's degree in Advanced Legal Studies from the University of Geneva, Switzerland. University professor since 1982 to date. Held various positions in Ecuador's public and private administration. Director of International Relations, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Azuay, Cuenca, Ecuador. Coordinator for Ecuador of the Alfa-Tuning Latin America Program. Director of the Observatory of Academic and Scientific Mobility for Ecuador at IESALC-UNESCO.



Member of the Technical Committee of the National Council for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Quality in Ecuadorian Universities (CONEA). Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice of Ecuador. Director of the Ethics Program at the University of Azuay. President of the University and Citizen Network for Ethics and Bioethics. Member of the National Commission on Bioethics in Health, Ecuador. Special Advisor to GCUB, Brazil. Member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee. Author of several books on ethics, education, and law. Opinion columnist for the newspaper El Universo in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Columnist and essayist for the newspaper El Mercurio in Cuenca, Ecuador. Columnist for the magazine Vistazo in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Columnist for the UNESCO Bioethics Newsletter.

Plenary Session 3

TECHNOLOGY PARKS AS CATALYSTS OF INNOVATION AND GLOBAL COOPERATION.



Brazilian Ambassador to Mozambique and Madagascar. Former Advisor to the Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MCTI) between 2015 and 2016. Head of the Science and Technology Division (DCTEC) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2009 to 2015). PhD in Sociology (USP, 2001); Advanced Studies Course at the Rio Branco Institute (CAE - 2009); Master's in Political Science (UnB, 1995); and in Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method (LSE - London, 1999). Author of the books *Justice as Equity* (Lumen Juris, 2004) and *Diplomacy, Development, and National Innovation Systems - A Comparative Study between Brazil, China, and the United Kingdom* (2011), among others.

Former professor at UFRGS (2001-2003), FGV-RJ (2001-2002), and the Rio Branco Institute (IRBr, 1992-1995 and 2010-2015), among other institutions. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Advanced Institute for Artificial Intelligence (AI2) in São Paulo. Author of several articles and essays in the fields of political science and international relations, in Brazil and abroad. Fluent in Portuguese (native language), English, French, and Spanish; has intermediate knowledge of German and introductory knowledge of Polish.

Among his decorations are the Tamandaré Medal of Merit/Order of Naval Merit (December 2023) and the Brazilian Army Medal (April 2024).

ADEMAR SEABRA DA CRUZ

Full Professor at the Polytechnic School and Superintendent of Innovation and Development at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul and TECNOPUC. Member of the National Council for Science, Technology, and Innovation (CCT) of the Presidency of Brazil. President of the Honorary Committee of South Summit Brazil. PhD in Information Systems (UFRGS), with postdoctoral studies at IASP (International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation), Tsinghua University (China), and the University of Malaga (Spain).



He is a member of several councils, such as the International Board of Directors of the IASP, the Triple Helix Association, Qatar Science & Technology Parks (QSTP), USP (i3), INOVA Camp (Unicamp), the Strategic Committee of the Porto Alegre Innovation Alliance, and Pacto Alegre. He was Chair of the Paschoal Senise Graduate Studies and Innovation Chair at USP, President of ANPROTEC and IASP, President of FOPROP (Forum of Pro-Rectors of Research and Graduate Studies of Brazilian Universities), and was a member of several councils, such as the Deliberative Councils of CNPq, EMBRAPPII, SEBRAE Nacional, and the Editorial Board of RBS. He has received several awards, such as the National Order of Scientific Merit in the Commander category, the Porto Alegre Innovation Award, and the title of Honorary Citizen of Porto Alegre.

JORGE AUDY

JANELLE CASTRELLON RUIZ



Director of Business Development and Academic Mobility at Ciudad del Saber, with over 20 years of experience promoting collaboration under the quadruple helix model, bringing together universities, companies, government, and the civil society to promote innovation, knowledge transfer, and internationalization in science and technology parks.

Pierre Lucena is President of Porto Digital, one of Latin America's leading innovation hubs, which hosts 475 ICT and Creative Economy companies, laboratories, educational institutions, and R&D centers. He is also a professor of Finance at UFPE, where he was coordinator of the Business Administration program. He holds a PhD in Business Administration from PUC/Rio, a Master's degree in Economics, and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, both from UFPE.



He has extensive experience as an educator and was Rector of the Guararapes University Center (UNIFG) and Vice President of the Diário de Pernambuco newspaper. He was also an economic commentator for CBN and the television channel SBT. His area of study is finance and capital markets, with dozens of scientific articles published in Brazil and abroad.

PIERRE LUCENA

Plenary Session 4

DIGITAL INNOVATION, DEMOCRACY AND UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATION: INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY.

MARCOS SFAIR SUNYE



Rector Marcos Sfair Sunye holds a bachelor's degree in Data Processing from the Federal University of Paraná (1986), a master's degree in Software Engineering from the University of Nice (1987), and a doctorate in Databases from the University of Bourgogne (1993). He completed his postdoctoral studies at the Paris VI Computer Science Laboratory (LIP6) at the University of Paris VI (Jussieu) in 2006/2007. He was a visiting researcher at the Polytechnic University of Catalonia from May 2021 to December 2022. He is currently the elected rector for the period 2025-2029 and a full professor at the Federal University of Paraná.

He has experience in the field of Computer Science, with an emphasis on Databases, working mainly on the following topics: databases, integration, performance analysis, and digital libraries. He headed the IT department in 1998, 1999, and from 2003 to 2006. He participated in the implementation of the Scientific Computing area at the Federal University of Paraná together with Finep/CTINFRA, which implemented the first supercomputer in the state of Paraná. He coordinated the Paraná Digital project, which implemented 2,100 computer labs in public schools.

She has held the positions of Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Education of Suriname. In addition, she was a member of the University Council of Suriname and Director of Education at the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C.



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Source: [LinkedIn](#)

MARIE LEVENS

LIDIJA KOS-STANIŠIĆ



Professor Dr. Lidija Kos-Stanišić is a Full professor at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Science, Croatia. She teaches Contemporary Civilizations and Comparative politics of Latin America at BA level, and The International Relations of Latin America and EU Policies towards Latin America and the Caribbean at MA level. Her work significantly contributed to the development of Croatian political science in the field of IR, national security, and comparative politics, as well as to the broadening of the scope of area studies research on Latin America. She is the author of the first comparative political study of Latin America in Croatia, which enabled the initiation of the new BA and MA courses on Latin American politics and society on the Faculty of Political Science. She is member of Latin American Studies Association, International Political Science Association, International Studies Association and European Union Studies Association.

She served as the Vice-dean (2006-2010, 2012-2014) and Dean (2014-2018) of Faculty of Political Science and Rector's Assistant for Internal Communication and University Media of University of Zagreb (2018-2021). Currently, she is Director of Postgraduate study of „Foreign Policy and Diplomacy“ and University of Zagreb academic coordinator for Latin America

Plenary Session 5

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COOPERATION FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE CONTEXT OF COP30.

Serge Borg is a university lecturer in language sciences at the Marie and Louis Pasteur University of Besançon, France. He is a researcher at the ELLIADD laboratory: Editing, Ergonomics, Languages, Literatures, IT, Information, Communication, Arts, Didactics, Discourse, Design; structured around five competence fields: Arts and Literatures, Didactics and Education, Discourse, Devices, Societies, Ergonomics and System Design, Mediations and Digital Practices.



He is the author of numerous scientific publications in the humanities and social sciences and has extensive experience in international cooperation and diplomacy at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs: the Cooperation and Cultural Action Service of the French Embassies in Italy, Portugal, Malta, Israel and Brazil. To date, he has carried out more than 50 expert missions worldwide. He is a member of AUF: the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie, serving as President of the HERACLES World Forum and Vice-President of GERFLINT, a scientific programme of the Maison des sciences de l'Homme in Paris.

SERGE BORG



Civil Engineer from the Federal University of Pernambuco (1985), with a Master's degree in Hydraulics and Sanitation from the University of São Paulo (1991), Specialization (D.E.A. - 1992) and Doctorate (DSc. - 1996) in Environmental Physics and Chemistry from the National Polytechnic Institute of Toulouse, France. Has experience in Fluid Mechanics and Oceanography, working mainly on the following topics: Turbulence in geophysical systems; Ocean-atmosphere interaction; Mathematical modeling and numerical simulation of hydrodynamics and biogeochemical cycles of surface water systems.

He is currently Full Professor in the Department of Oceanography (DOCEAN), researcher at the Center for Studies and Testing in Risk and Environmental Modeling (CEERMA), and Vice-Rector of the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE) (2019-2027).

Dr. Hilligje van't Land serves the global higher education community as Secretary General of the International Association of Universities (IAU), the global voice of higher education (NGO with UNESCO Associate Status), which marks its 75th anniversary this year. For over two decades, she has promoted the transformative role of higher education in society. She oversees IAU's strategic direction, programme development, and daily operations. A strong advocate for international cooperation and intercultural understanding, she has led numerous multilateral projects in and beyond higher education.



Dr. van't Land positioned IAU as a key partner in UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for 2030 Programme, the Futures of Education initiative, and Mission 4.7, where she serves on the High-Level Advisory Board. She actively promotes higher education's role in achieving the UN 2030 Agenda.. She represents IAU in several expert groups, including at the Council of Europe—on the Higher Education Working Group, the Local Mission of the University, and the Steering Committee on Academic Integrity. She also sits on advisory boards of the HER Conferences, Sulitest, Université Paris-Saclay, and two European University Alliances (ERUA and CircleU).

Dr. van't Land holds a PhD in comparative francophone literature, speaks six languages, and has published widely on higher education. Recent works include: The Promise of Higher Education, Higher Education's Response to COVID-19, and the IAU-UNODC Young Scholars publication on SDG 16. She also initiated IAU's Webinar Series on the Future of Higher Education, featuring over 75 sessions to date.

Plenary Session 6

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND GLOBAL COOPERATION: A NEW PARADIGM FOR UNIVERSITIES

ABDELJALIL AKKARI



Abdeljalil Akkari holds a PhD in Educational Sciences from the University of Geneva, where he is a professor and formerly served as Dean of the Faculty of Education (SSED). He completed post-doctoral studies at the University of Baltimore (USA). He has been interested in the evolution of Brazilian education for more than 33 years. He is a consultant for UNESCO and other international organizations.

He conducts research on educational inequalities, comparative education, and the connections between cultures, multiculturalism and education. He has numerous publications in Portuguese, including three books: *Internationalisation of Educational Policies: Transformations and Challenges* (2011, Editora Vozes); *Intercultural Approaches in Education: Between Theory and Practice* (2024, Editora CRV); *Intercultural Projects in Schools: Reflection and Collective Action* (2024, Emília & Solisluna).

Prof. Jouhaina Gherib holds a PhD from the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne in France and is a full Professor of Strategic Management at the University of Manouba (UMA) in Tunisia. Her research focuses on strategic decision-making, social responsibility, and SDGs. She currently holds the UNESCO Chair on 'Higher Education for Sustainable Development in Africa' at UMA. In 2011, Prof. Gherib was elected vice-president for Research and International Relations, and in 2017, she became UMA's sixth president-rector, re-elected in 2020 for a second term.



She made history as the first woman in Tunisia to be elected at this position. As president-rector, she worked to increase the visibility of the university's research and align its education quality with international standards, while prioritising the well-being of the university community.

Prof. Gherib has chaired several committees on reforming Tunisia's higher education and research system and was awarded the Knight of the National Order of Merit in Education in 2019. Actively engaged in civil society, she served as executive director of the United Nations Global Compact Network Tunisia from its inception and has been elected vice president of the International Association of Universities, leading its working group on higher education and research for sustainable development.

JOUHAINA GHERIB



Dr. Zoltán Dubéczí has been working as the Secretary General of the HRC since 2006. As the operative head of the representative body of Hungarian Universities, he is involved in the strategic and legislation processes regarding higher education reforms in Hungary. In addition to his position at HRC, he's also a member of the Executive Committee of EFEE, the European Federation of Education Employers since 2025. Further, from 2022, a member of the Evaluation Committee of EELISA, the European Engineering Learning Innovation and Science Alliance, one of the European Universities alliances, consisting of ten higher education institutions from eight different countries in Europe, including Hungary.

Dr. Dubéczí also has comprehensive experience in international activities related to higher education, as former chairman of the Secretary Generals' Committee at the European University Association (EUA). He occupied a number of leadership positions, dealing with national and international higher education development projects, including Full Member position of the Administrative Board of the International Association of Universities (IAU). Due to his constant presence in all major national and international higher education platforms, he gained a broad understanding, management experience and expertise of the higher education sector, with extensive insight on international trends and economic perspectives.

Plenary Session 7

DEBATE

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COOPERATION FOR FOOD SECURITY, POVERTY ERADICATION, AND PROMOTION OF PEACE

President of the Tunisian Association of Enlightenment Studies (ATEL), expert on mobility in the Mediterranean and UNIMED coordinator. She is a Doctor in French language and literature. Expert in gender studies and communication.



Her main research interests include the relationship between the East and the West, gender issues and the construction of concepts such as citizenship, mobility and Mediterraneanity, among others. She published several books including (Re)penser le féminin, (L'Harmattan 2020), Voyages et voyageurs aux temps des Lumières (Arabesques, 2021) in addition to several articles.

ONDINA LEÓN



BSc in Microbiology from the University of Havana, PhD in Agricultural Sciences and PhD in Science, Cuba, researcher and Full Professor. She serves as Director-General of Research and Postgraduate Studies at the Ministry of Higher Education (MES). Her professional work centres on scientific direction and technological innovation, improving the science, technology and innovation system of MES and the country, university–society engagement—especially in priorities such as food security and the energy transition, among others—and on designing and managing the enhancement of the country’s postgraduate and doctoral training.

She has carried out significant academic and scientific activities at both national and international levels. She has taken part in numerous national and international events and received various awards and distinctions, including being an Academician of Merit of the Cuban Academy of Sciences. She is also the author of national awards from the Cuban Academy of Sciences.

Daniel Silva Balaban is an economist, graduated from Unisinos-RS, with an MBA in Finance from IBMEC, a specialist in Public Budgeting from the Getúlio Vargas Foundation and a Master in International Relations from the University of Brasília. Since August 2011, he has been Director of the Centre of Excellence against Hunger and the United Nations World Food Programme Representative in Brazil. From 2003 to 2011, Daniel Balaban was President of the National Education Development Fund (FNDE), an autonomous body of the Ministry of Education.



Balaban also played a role in the creation and organisation of the Economic and Social Development Council of the Presidency of the Republic. Balaban is a Finance and Control Auditor of the National Treasury, where he carried out his duties from 1995 to 2002. Before that, he worked in the private sector for more than ten years. Daniel Balaban is also a member of the Global Agenda Councils of the World Economic Forum.

DANIEL BALABAN

OPEN SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COOPERATION: PATHWAYS FOR DEMOCRATIZING KNOWLEDGE ON A GLOBAL SCALE

Plenary Session 8



Electrical Engineer, graduated from the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE). She was president of the Pernambuco Institute of Weights and Measures (IPEM), state deputy, mayor of Olinda, state secretary for Science, Technology and the Environment, federal deputy and vice-governor of Pernambuco.

In December 2022 she was chosen by President Luís Inácio Lula da Silva to take over the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. Luciana is the first woman to do so.

Source: [Federal Government Website](#)

LUCIANA SANTOS

Doctor of Physics, specialist in neural networks applied to machine learning. Full Professor at the Faculty of Mathematics, Astronomy, Physics and Computing of the National University of Córdoba and at the Enrique Gaviola Institute of Physics. He has over eighty publications in the field of neural networks and has supervised nine doctoral theses.

He currently coordinates the Diploma in Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Applications to Economics and Business. He was Rector of the National University of Córdoba, Director of CONICET and General Coordinator of the III UNESCO Regional Conference on Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. He also chaired the Argentine Association of Physics.



FRANCISCO ANTONIO TAMARIT



Antonio Martínez Arboleda is Full Professor of Open and Digital Education at the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies, Licenciado en Derecho (Universidad de Murcia, 1995), MA in Business Law (University of Leeds, 1998) and Doctoral Candidate (University of Salamanca) with a thesis on Critical Pedagogy and Language Learning. Since 2010, Professor Martínez Arboleda has led institutional and international initiatives on Open Educational Resources, Open Knowledge and Knowledge Equity. In the last 3 years, he has delivered over 20 invited international contributions on Generative Artificial Intelligence and published on the adoption and impact of AI on language and education.

His published scholarship and research also focus on Open Science and Education, Critical Pedagogies, Podcasting, Oral History, and Audiovisual Feedback. He is a member of the Experts Group of UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) on Education for Sustainable Development, providing advice on AI, member of the Experts and Stakeholders Group on AI at the University of Leeds, Senior Lead for the Knowledge Equity Network, and active participant in the UNESCO-ICDE Chair "Movimiento Educativo Abierto para América Latina". He has 27 years of teaching experience in Spanish Language and Society, Spanish for Business, and Research-based podcasting and OER.

H. Titilola Olojede is a Lecturer and Head of the Department of Philosophy at the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN). She conducts research at the intersection of ethics, gender philosophy and social epistemology. She is involved in research projects on the ethics of AI in higher education. She is a Research Fellow with the Institute of Global Value Inquiry, recovering African women's contribution to philosophy. Titilola is a PhD examiner for schools in Southern Africa.



She is a member of the draft committee of Nigeria's National AI Strategy, Chair of the AI Ethics and Social Impact sub-group, and a committee member on integrating AI into NOUN and Nigeria's university system. AI 2030 recognised Titilola in the 2024 Women in AI Leadership—Excellence in AI Academia and Research. She was named one of the 100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics for 2024. She loves sleeping, long walks, quietude, good wine, and she collects coffee, tea, and incense.

**Closing
Conference**

UNIVERSITIES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR REDUCING INEQUALITIES AND PROMOTING GLOBAL EQUITY



Attorney General for the Brazilian National Treasury since 2007. He has been Deputy Chief for Legal Affairs of the Presidency of the Republic, Secretary of Regulation and Supervision of Higher Education at the Ministry of Education, and legal advisor to the ministries of Education and of Science, Technology and Innovation.

He holds a law degree from the Recife Law School (UFPE) and a master's and doctorate from the University of Brasília (UnB).

Source: Federal Government Website

JORGE MESSIAS

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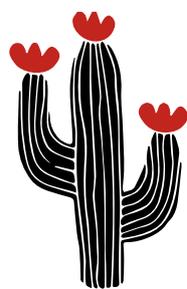
Recife is one of Brazil's biggest tourist destinations; for this reason, the GCUB Team strongly recommends that hotel reservations and the purchase of airline tickets be made as soon as possible.

There is a risk of hotels becoming fully booked, as well as price increases.

UPDATED PROGRAM ◀

Check the complete updated program for the event on the following link:

[FULL PROGRAM](#)



RECOMMENDED HOTELS



OFFICIAL EVENT HOTEL

1,6km
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At the time of booking, it is necessary to state that this is for the **GCUB Group – UFPE event**, and the period.

Novotel Recife Marina

Ratings: 9.1 ★

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Transamérica Prestige

Ratings: 8.6 ★

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7,2km
from the
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Radisson

Ratings: 8.5 ★

Contact: +55 81 3126-3020
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Marante Plaza Hotel

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About the registration

Registration is free of charge and can be done using the digital form below. After registering, we kindly ask you to send your plane ticket to the GCUB until:

September 19, 2025

As numbers are limited, this will not only confirm your participation, but is also essential for the logistical organization of the events in Recife.

Where to register

Simply access the form available on the following link:



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