



EHEA Workshops

EHEA Experts biographies

Michael Blakemore is Emeritus Professor of Geography at the University of Durham and a Technical Director with Ecorys UK. He was involved in building the quality assurance framework for Erasmus Mundus, was part of the team looking at recognition and sustainability for Erasmus Mundus programmes, and more recently in the Erasmus Mundus Quality Review.

Working with them in delivering the Workshops will be other EHEA Experts, providing inputs from the student perspective, from the perspective of using Bologna Tools, in Quality Assurance, and in developing international programmes. The team of EHEA Experts supporting the seminars will include:

Dugald Craig is Acting Chief Executive West of Scotland Colleges' Partnership. Dugald Dugald has worked in European and transnational programmes and projects for 25 years. He is currently Acting Chief Executive with the West of Scotland Colleges' Partnership (WoSCoP). His professional role is to support and advise WoSCoP's member colleges of further and higher education on relevant European policies, priorities and programmes. In an extension to this role, he represents the interests of the Scottish college sector on a range of national advisory, consultative and policy groups – for example, the national advisory group for the EU's Erasmus+ Programme, the UK Sector Consultative Group for Vocational Education and Training and the Scottish Bologna Stakeholders' (Process) Group. As a consequence of his European experience, Dugald has provided expert advice to the European and External Affairs Committee of the Scottish Parliament and Ministers in the Scottish Government on improving Scottish engagement with European programmes. He is a member of the Programme Monitoring Committee for the Interreg IVA Programme for Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and Western Scotland, the UK's team of Bologna/EHEA Experts, the Steering Committee for the UK's team of ECVET Experts and the General Council of EURASHE (the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education). The evolution of his career, prior to joining WoSCoP, includes four years working in Brussels as Head of Technical Assistance for the Socrates II programme, and some 20 years in the operational and strategic management of publicly and privately funded services in lifelong learning, vocational training, economic development, prison education, language learning and further and international education in various parts of the UK.

Andy Gibbs is Senior Lecturer (International) at Glasgow Caledonian University with experience of design and delivery of Erasmus + KA2 CBHE programmes in addition to experience in supporting the implementation of European Higher education Reforms.



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Dr Stephen Jackson is 'Associate Director – International' within QAA, and was previously in the role of Director of Quality Assurance, with overall responsibility for the management and delivery of review activity. This included universities and other higher education providers, the review of higher education in further education colleges and the review of private higher education colleges.

He joined QAA in October 2002 from Liverpool John Moores University, where he was Director for Partnerships and Widening Participation. Previously, Stephen held the post of Assistant Provost with responsibility for learning and teaching. He taught Human Geography for many years at the City of Liverpool College of Higher Education and at Liverpool Polytechnic. Before joining QAA, Stephen worked for both the Higher Education Quality Committee and QAA as an auditor and review coordinator.

Rebecca Maxwell-Stuart is the EHEA student expert for this workshop. She has recently graduated from the Erasmus Mundus Masters in Research & Innovation in Higher Education (MARIHE) which was based in Austria, Finland and China. Her expertise is in student engagement, particularly within transnational education initiatives.

Jayne Mitchell is Deputy Vice Chancellor at Bishop Grosseteste University. As Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Jayne Mitchell provides strategic and intellectual leadership for all of Bishop Grosseteste University's learning, teaching, research and international activities. Prior to her appointment to Bishop Grosseteste University, Jayne was executive Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA). She was responsible for ensuring that the UK Quality Code was current and maintained its relevance and usefulness, including oversight of its alignment with ENQA 'Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area'

Huw Morris is Academic Registrar at the University of Swansea, where he has been extensively involved in the arrangements and logistics for Erasmus Mundus Joint Master and Doctoral programmes.

David Phinnemore is Professor of European Politics at Queen's University Belfast, where as a Director of Education and Head of School he has been involved in the promotion of collaborations under Erasmus programmes.

John Reilly has wide European and International experience. He was involved in the development of ECTS and a member of the Commission group which has helped in the revision of the new ECTS Guide. He has considerable experience of Erasmus Mundus as the former Director of the UK Erasmus Mundus national structure and has worked with a number of consortia in the planning, development and implementation of Joint first degrees, Masters and Doctorates.



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Ella Ritchie is professor Emerita Newcastle University and formerly Deputy Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor.

Professor Ella Ritchie is also co-chair of EHEA International group for Bologna follow up. She has had a long engagement with European agenda - development of doctoral cycle, ERASMUS/ MUNDUS, international aspects of Bologna. Awarded OBE in 2012 for services to higher education.

Professor Ritchie currently

- advises on internationalisation and governance nationally and internationally.
- Chair of Realising Opportunities WP network
- Chief External Examiner Xian Jiaotong Liverpool University
- is a Member of Council, Lancaster University.