

**International Classroom Symposium
4 April 2016 | Maastricht, The Netherlands**

Over the past years, the concept of internationalisation has become increasingly important in the higher education landscape. Today, academic institutions worldwide consider it an integral part of their policies and practices, and an important driver for the development of education and research agendas. Yet, understanding of this concept is still limited and challenges of the internationalisation imperative – both on a national and global scale – require a more detailed examination of the situation, in order to fully comprehend the role and effect of internationalisation in the higher education environment.

At Maastricht University, the ‘International Classroom’ constitutes a continuous and integrated approach to teaching and learning and a mindset in both our students and staff. It is an integral pillar within our ‘Internationalisation at Home’-policy and activities. In October 2014, the first International Classroom symposium took place at Maastricht University, aimed at internal stakeholders. During the [WUN Conference and AGM](#) in April 2016, Maastricht University will organise its second International Classroom symposium, this time for an international audience, inviting WUN-partners to share their research insights and best practices in the field.

How can digital learning enhance student engagement in higher education? How can intercultural competences become an integral part of education activities? What are benefits and challenges of having a student body composed of multiple nationalities? To what extent does globalisation have implications for the higher education process? These and other questions will form the focal point of the symposium which consists of five different interactive workshops led by experts in their field.

- Date:** Monday 4 April 2016 (with a Welcome Conference Dinner on the evening of Sunday 3 April)
- Location:** School of Business & Economics, Maastricht University, Tongersestraat 53, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- More info:** [Workshop website](#) or email [Alexandra Rosenbach](mailto:Alexandra.Rosenbach@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

Program

Sunday 3 April

1900-2130	Dinner on the Vrijthof Delegates will join with delegates from other WUN conferences for a taste of the Netherlands in Maastricht’s famous central square.	<i>Vrijthof Square</i>
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Monday 4 April

0830-0900	Registration & Arrival Tea	<i>Ad Fundum</i>
0900-0915	Welcome by the Chair - Dr Joseph B. Berger, The University of Massachusetts Amherst	<i>Aula</i>
0915-1030	Keynote Speech - Dr Darla Deardorff, Duke University	<i>Aula</i>

1030-1100	Morning Tea <i>Ad Fundum</i>	
1100-1230	Ethics of Internationalisation - Dr Lynette Shultz, The University of Alberta <i>Room A0.23</i>	Digital Diversity, Learning and Belonging - Dr Sue Timmis, The University of Bristol <i>Room A0.24</i>
1230-1330	Lunch <i>Mensa</i>	
1330-1500	Internationalisation at Home - Dr Loretta Baldassar, The University of Western Australia International Classroom Experience - Dr Heidi Maurer, Maastricht University - Dr Fred Stevens, Maastricht University <i>Room A0.23</i>	Virtual International Classroom - Dr Emilee Simmons, The University of Leeds - Dr Herco Fonteijn, Maastricht University - Ms Albertine Zanting, Maastricht University - Dr Nynke de Jong, Maastricht University <i>Room A0.24</i>
1500-1530	Afternoon Tea <i>Ad Fundum</i>	
1530-1600	Closing remarks <i>Aula</i>	

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Chairman

Dr Joseph B. Berger is the Director of the Center for International Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. His work focuses on the development of higher education in various national contexts. He has provided leadership for projects in Malawi, China, Russia, Palestine, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Dr Berger is also the Chair of the Global Higher Education and Research (GHEAR) Initiative for the Worldwide Universities Network.

Keynote speaker

We are proud to welcome **Dr Darla Deardorff** (Duke University) as keynote speaker at our symposium. Currently executive director of the Association of International Education Administrators, Darla is a world-renowned expert in the field of international education, global leadership and intercultural learning/assessment. Her intercultural competence models developed through her (doctoral) research are being used by organisations and institutions around the world.

Presenters

Dr Lynette Shultz (University of Alberta) will organise a workshop on ‘ethics of international education’. Lynette will discuss in what ways transnational subjects are constituted and framed, and what the implications for these processes are for higher education. Questions addressed include: how might global learning provide a platform to address the current issues that face humanity, such as climate change, poverty, or long enduring wars?

‘Digital Diversity, Learning and Belonging’ will be the topic of the workshop given by **Dr Sue Timmis** (University of Bristol). Sue will introduce participants to the concept of widening participation (WP) and explain how digital technologies are impacting on the successful engagement of diverse and under-represented students whilst studying at the university.

Dr Loretta Baldassar (University of Western Australia) will talk about ‘intercultural learning at home’ (ILH) and how to promote internationalisation on campus. The ILH project offers international

students opportunities to interact with local students, reflecting on intercultural learning through experiential learning.

In the Virtual International Classroom workshop, **Dr Emilee Simmons** (University of Leeds) together with **Herco Fonteijn**, **Albertine Zanting**, and **Dr Nynke de Jong**, (Maastricht University) will familiarise participants with methods for broadening the educational, social and cultural horizon of students through a range of interactive technologies. Examples from business, psychology and global health curricula will show how universities can enable students to have an international, intercultural experience without leaving campus.

Last but not least, a team of internationalisation experts from Maastricht University, **Dr Heidi Maurer** and **Dr Fred Stevens**, will stimulate a discussion on how to define and monitor quality of an international classroom after presenting a mixed method empirical study on student perceptions of the International Classroom in three faculties. The study has been part of Maastricht University's wider range of International Classroom activities.

Accommodation

A range of hotels are available at special rates through the online registration form. For the best rates at hotels located close to the conference venue, book through the online registration form.

This conference takes place as part of the [2016 WUN AGM & Conference](#) at Maastricht University, The Netherlands.