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38th EAIR Annual Forum Birmingham 2016

"Only Connect: Collaboration and Capacity Building through HE Partnerships"



Our many thanks to all who had attended and contributed to the EAIR Forum in Birmingham, especially to the Host of the Forum at the Birmingham City University, Prof Mark O'Hara and his team.

Outstanding Paper Award

"Challenges and prospects of transnational educational collaborations: experiences from Ethiopia"

Authors: Habtamu Diriba Garomssa & Yibetal Ayalew Mengistu, University of Tampere, Finland

By using agency-theory as framework, this paper inquired the challenges and prospects of transnational educational programs (TNE) in developing countries. Data was collected from purposively selected administrators, academics and students participating in Three TNE programs in Ethiopia. The data was analyzed using Stake's (1995) categorical aggregation. Results show both challenges and opportunities. The major benefits were international-prestige, diversification of income and expanding of access, whereas, the major challenges were quality- assurance, agency-problems, and cultural differences. Consequently, the paper argues for building a deliberate and well-coordinated inter-organizational learning pathway as a mechanism of enhancing the capacity of the participating institutions.

To view all the Forum paper presentations, please visit <http://www.eairweb.org/forum2016/parallel-sessions/> (for Forum attendees and EAIR members only)

"Inside-the-Forum"

From: Dr Isabel Roessler, German CHE (Centre for Higher Education) – an EAIR Forum regular attendee and presenter. She presented her paper "The interrelation of Third Mission and research partnerships in reference to German Universities of Applied Sciences"

...the opening keynote was about “Students and Serial Killers: The Legacies of Clarice Starling”. No doubt, the conference promised to become special. The keynote of Thursday morning addressed directly the title of the conference: “Partnerships and collaboration – lessons from another setting”.

...For the first time in the EAIR history, the Thursday ended with the president’s round table. Ellen Hazelkorn discussed with her well-informed guests the questions “What is quality? What does it mean and who decides?”

A friendly and constructive-minded atmosphere featured the 38th EAIR conference. Helpful feedback, interested remarks and ideas of cooperative projects in the future were common in the track-sessions. The presentations concentrate more on practical use and application than on methodology and pure research.”

EAIR thanks Isabel for this review.

Read more at <http://www.eairweb.org/forum2016/inside-the-forum/>

EAIR Governance

Our farewell and many thanks to:

President 2014-2016 **Prof Ellen Hazelkorn**,
Dublin Institute Technology Higher Education
Authority, Ireland

Chair 2011-2016: **Prof Dr Jeroen Huisman**, Ghent
University, Belgium who has stepped down as
EAIR Chair and stays in the Executive Committee
Board member

EC member 2010-2016: **Dr James Williams**,
Birmingham City University, United Kingdom

EAIR welcomes the following members in
the Executive Committee Board 2016-2018

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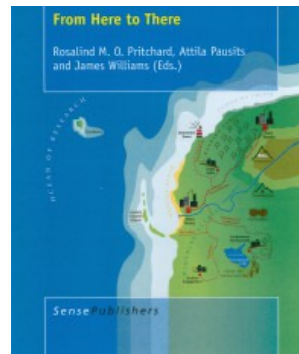
During the 2016 EAIR Forum in Birmingham, a
book was launched by Rosalind Pritchard titled

Positioning Higher
Education Institutions

“Positioning Higher Education Institutions – From Here to There” (For the EAIR Krems Forum 2015). The three authors of this book are Rosalind Pritchard, Attila Pausits and James Williams.

To read more about this book

<http://www.eairweb.org/publications/book-publication-news/>



Invitation to submit an article for the EAIR journal TEAM

Are you interested in submitting an article to the Tertiary Education and Management' (TEAM), our journal? The publisher of 'TEAM' is Routledge Taylor & Francis Group **Routledge Taylor & Francis Group**, United Kingdom. For any questions please contact Prof Dr Malcolm Tight, University of Lancaster, United Kingdom, t: +44-2476 52 38 09 email m.tight@lancaster.ac.uk

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39th EAIR Forum 2017 at the University of Porto "Under pressure? Higher Education Institutions Coping with Multiple Challenges"



The invitation for the "Call for Proposal" will be sent out in early December. Look out into your posts...

Call for EAIR Forum Host 2018

EAIR invites you to consider hosting an EAIR Forum in your institution of higher education and in your city. If you are interested, please email to eairstairweb.org for more information on the Guidelines before the deadline of 30 November 2016. All institutions are invited to forward their proposals. If you need more information or like to discuss issues, do not hesitate to contact the Executive Manager of EAIR, [Gerlof Groenewoud](#) or [Attila Pausits](#) the EAIR Chair Executive Committee.

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