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## Conference Programme

### Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

For Wednesday evening we have reserved a table for the name *Uni Köln* in the Brauhaus 'Pütz' (at own expense) Engelbertstraße 67, 50674 Cologne for 6.30 pm close to the conference hotel for the ones who arrive on Wednesday. We will meet inside the restaurant.

### Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

10:00 am – 10:45 am	<b>Registration</b>
11:00 am – 11:05 am	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Matthias Pilz, Director of the G.R.E.A.T., University of Cologne, Germany</i> <b>Room: HS 111</b>
11:05 am – 11:15 am	<b>Welcome Speech of the Vice Dean</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Ulrich W. Thonemann, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences University of Cologne, Germany</i> <b>Room: HS 111</b>
11:15 am – 12:00 am	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <b>Comparative Vocational Education and Training Research – What purposes does it serve?</b> <i>Prof. Dr. em. Karen Evans, UCL Institute of Education (IOE), UK</i> <b>Room: HS 111</b>
12:00 am	<b>Lunch break</b>
01:00pm – 03:00 pm	<b>Main session I:</b>  <b>A problem-oriented approach to comparison of VET in the Nordic countries: exploring common trade-offs for policy</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Christian Helms Jørgensen, Roskilde University, Denmark</i>  <b>Rhetoric and reality: A comparative study of employability skills in Australia, Germany and USA of what governments say and employers seek when recruiting young people</b> <i>Prof. Dr. em. Roger Harris, University of South Australia, Australia</i> <i>Lea Zenner, University of Cologne, Germany</i> <i>Ass. Prof. Dr. Chris Zirkle, Ohio State University, USA</i>  <b>Convergence in Training Processes: a comparative analysis of aeronautical and aerospace apprenticeships in England and Germany.</b> <i>Dr. Ann Lahiff, University College of London, UK</i> <i>Dr. Junmin Li, University of Cologne, Germany</i>  <b>Discussion and Conclusion</b> Moderation: <i>Dr. Madhu Singh, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Germany</i> 30 minutes  <b>Room: HS 111</b>
03:00 pm	<b>Coffee break</b>



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<b>Parallel session I</b>			
03:30 pm – 05:00 pm	<p><b>Parallel session I.a</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Ass. Prof. Dr. Marianne Teräs, Stockholm University, Sweden</i></p> <p><b>The Swedish way from school to work – Trapped in dilemmas between „Folkhemmet“ and neoliberalism</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Franz Kaiser, University of Rostock, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Adapting the comparative case study approach to VET research – exemplified on the project “VET cultures in a European comparison”</b> <i>Dr. Erika Gericke, University of Magdeburg, Germany</i></p> <p><i>30 minutes discussion at the end</i> <b>Room: 1.28</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel session: I.b</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Gessler, University of Bremen, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Development of special training colleges in Japan - from post secondary to tertiary colleges in changing of school law in 2016</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Shinji Sakano, Tamagawa University, Tokio, Japan</i></p> <p><b>The Swiss PET system and similar programmes in Germany and Austria</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Antje Barabasch, Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Switzerland</i></p> <p><i>30 minutes discussion at the end</i> <b>Room: S 102</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel session: I.c</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Linda Clarke, University of Westminster, London, UK</i></p> <p><b>Beyond typologies - alternative ways of comparing VET systems</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Martin Fischer, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Competency-Based Curriculum Development in VET: an example of knowledge transfer from the Western World to India</b> <i>Dr. Muthuveeran Ramasamy, Vellore Institute of Technology, India</i></p> <p><b>Global Strategies and Local Forms of VET in German Multinational Companies: A Comparison of Training Practices in China, India and Mexico</b> <i>Kristina Wiemann, University of Cologne, Germany</i></p> <p><i>30 minutes discussion at the end</i> <b>Room: 2.33</b></p>
05:15 pm 05:45 pm	<p><b>Conclusion/Panel discussion</b> Moderation: <i>Prof. Dr. Christopher Winch, King’s College London, UK</i></p> <p>Discussants: <i>Ass. Prof. Dr. Marianne Teräs, Stockholm University, Sweden</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Linda Clarke, University of Westminster, UK</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Gessler, University of Bremen, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Room: HS 111</b></p>		
7:00pm	<p><b>Conference dinner</b> <i>Trattoria Amalfi, Venloer Str. 193a, 50823 Cologne</i></p>		



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## Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

09:00 am – 09:45 am	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <b>VET Policymaking Requires Conceptual Clarity: the strange case of learning outcomes.</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Christopher Winch, King's College London, UK</i> <b>Room: HS 111</b>
10:00 am – 12:00 am	<b>Main session II:</b>  <b>A framework for the comparative study of institutional-employer partnerships in TVET</b> <i>Dr. Jim Hordern, Bath SPA University, UK</i>  <b>Governing VET in European Cross-border Regions: The Case of France, Germany, and Switzerland in the Upper Rhine Valley</b> <i>Ass. Prof. Dr. Lukas Graf, Hertie School of Governance Berlin, Germany</i>  <b>Recognizing green skills: a comparative study on non-formal VET and green practices in Asian enterprises</b> <i>Dr. Madhu Singh, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Germany</i>  <b>Discussion and Conclusion</b> Moderation: <i>Ass. Prof. Dr. Chris Zirkle, Ohio State University, USA</i> <i>30 minutes</i>  <b>Room: HS 111</b>
12:00 am – 01:00 pm	<b>Lunch break</b>



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<b>Parallel session II</b>			
01:00 pm – 02:30 pm	<p><b>Parallel session II.a</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Prof. Dr. em. Roger Harris, University of South Australia, Australia</i></p> <p><b>Comparing the integration of TVET in Systems of Innovation: towards a new cultural political economy of skills?</b> <i>Jan Peter Ganter de Otero, University of Münster, Germany</i></p> <p><b>The Implementation and Progression of National Vocational Education and Training Systems in Namibia, Botswana and South Africa - a Regional Case Study</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Gessler, University of Bremen, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Approaches to Cultural Diversity in Vocational Education and Training</b> <i>Ass. Prof. Dr. Marianne Teräs, Stockholm University, Sweden</i></p> <p><i>30 minutes discussion at the end</i> <b>Room: 1.28</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel session II.b</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Dietmar Frommberger, University of Osnabrück, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Education transfer from a company's perspective</b> <i>Dr. Susanne Peters, University of Bremen, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Work Culture approach as an analytic toolkit to investigate unknown VET configurations in foreign countries</b> <i>Dr. PD Stefan Wolf, Technical University of Berlin, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Educational and employment outcomes of dual apprenticeships in Mexico: a focus on the mechanisms</b> <i>Dr. Oscar Valiente, University of Glasgow, Scotland</i></p> <p><i>30 minutes discussion at the end</i> <b>Room: S 102</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel session II.c</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b> <i>Dr. Jim Hordern, Bath SPA University, UK</i></p> <p><b>The implications of a changing employee-employer relation for VET and work-based learning: the example of the European construction sector</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Linda Clarke, University of Westminster, London, UK</i></p> <p><b>Are jobs in Auto Industry decent job? Key Findings from Investigation in shanghai Auto Industry Chain</b> <i>Ass. Prof. Dr. Jun Li, Tongji University, China</i> <i>Dongshu Li, Tongji University, China</i></p> <p><b>The implementation of RPL in Switzerland from a comparative perspective: Explaining the differences between cantons - and economic sectors</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Markus Maurer, Zurich University of Teacher Education, Switzerland</i></p> <p><i>30 minutes discussion at the end</i> <b>Room: 2.33</b></p>
2.45 pm – 03:15 pm	<p><b>Conclusion/Panel discussion</b> Moderation: <i>Prof. Dr. em. Karen Evans, UCL Institute of Education (IOE), UK</i></p> <p>Discussants: <i>Prof. Dr. em. Roger Harris, University of South Australia, Australia</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Dietmar Frommberger, Osnabrück University, Germany</i> <i>Dr. Jim Hordern, Bath SPA University, UK</i></p> <p><b>Room: HS 111</b></p>		
03:15 pm – 03:30 pm	<p><b>Final words</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Matthias Pilz, University of Cologne, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Room: HS 111</b></p>		
03:30 pm – 04:00 pm	<p><b>Coffee and farewell</b></p>		



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