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## RETHINKING THE GEOPOLITICS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Time	Session
9:30 - 10:00	<p><b>Welcome remarks, aims of symposium, and overview of themes</b></p> <p>Rachel Brooks (University of Surrey, UK) Maia Chankseliani (University of Oxford, UK) Tristan McCowan (University College London, UK) David Mills (University of Oxford, UK) Lee Rensimer (University College London, UK)</p>
10:00 – 11:20	<p><b><i>Session 1: The geopolitics of internationalisation in the European higher education space</i></b></p> <p><b>Chair: Rachel Brooks (University of Surrey, UK)</b></p> <p><b>Ahmet Yirmibes (Bartın University, Türkiye)</b> “EU’s Erasmus ICM Policy: A Global Diffusion of Practices in Higher Education?”</p> <p><b>Odhran Fox (Ulster University, UK)</b> “Rolling Out the Turing Scheme: Evaluating the geopolitics and practicalities of a domestic international student mobility scheme”</p> <p><b>Andreas Vasilopoulos and Georgios Dourgkounas (University of Patras, Greece)</b> "Capacity Building not: Internationalisation of Higher Education in Greece"</p> <p><b>Vera Spangler (University of Surrey, UK)</b> “International higher education in the UK, Denmark, and Germany”</p> <p><b>Discussant: Anne Corbett (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK)</b></p>
11:20 - 11:40	Coffee/tea break
11:40 – 13:00	<p><b><i>Session 2: Thinking through the geopolitics of HE: frameworks, approaches, and challenges</i></b></p> <p><b>Chair: Lee Rensimer (University College London, UK)</b></p> <p><b>Hannah Moscovitz (Aarhus University, Denmark / University of Cambridge, UK)</b> “Conceptualising the new geopolitics of higher education: Creating a framework for change under conditions of geopolitical uncertainty”</p> <p><b>Tessa Celine DeLaquil (Aarhus University, Denmark)</b> “Theorising value capture of ideas of the university in international organisational policy discourse within the SAIOS framework”</p>

	<p><b>Jonah M. Otto (University of Augsburg, Germany)</b>  “Theoretical Considerations for Building Strategic Transnational Partnerships in Higher Education within a Dynamic Geopolitical Environment”</p> <p><b>Carolina Guzman Valenzuela (Universidad de Tarapacá, Chile)</b>  “Partnership Dynamics and Publication Practices: A Critical Inquiry into Latin America's International Collaboration”</p> <p><b>Discussant: Rebecca Schendel (Center for International Higher Education, Boston College, USA)</b></p>
<p><b>13:00 - 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch and poster presentations</b></p> <p><b>Haolin Zhang (University of Glasgow, UK)</b>  “Can we cross the border or are we blocked by invisible boundaries?: Impact of new UK immigrant policies on international students in higher education sectors”</p> <p><b>Yiran Ma (University of Oxford, UK)</b>  “Shaping Ecological Research Cultures for Sino-US Humanities and Social Sciences International Research Collaboration: ‘Chinese-characteristic’ knowledge diplomacy in geopolitical negotiations”</p> <p><b>Yamin (University of Birmingham, UK)</b>  “The Influence of Geopolitics on Cross-Regional Higher Education in Bangladesh and Myanmar”</p>
<p><b>14:00 – 15:20</b></p>	<p><i>Session 3: Academic mobility, capacity and partnerships: China and Africa in comparative perspective</i></p> <p><b>Chair: David Mills (University of Oxford, UK)</b></p> <p><b>Jonathan Williams (Centre for Higher Education and Science Studies (DZHW), Germany)</b>  “The African Centers of Excellence Programs - Using regional approaches to produce globally competitive and locally relevant science”</p> <p><b>Miguel Antonio Lim, Heather Cockayne, and Zhuo Sun (University of Manchester, UK)</b>  “A New ‘Ideal’ for Education Partnerships between China and the world? An analysis of Sino-European transnational HE after the COVID 19 pandemic”</p> <p><b>Qiyu Zhuang (University of Edinburgh, UK)</b>  “Negotiating Cultural, Political, and Ideological Boundaries: Local Chinese Universities as Both Regional and International Higher Education Space”</p> <p><b>Jack Lee (University of Glasgow, UK)</b>  “International Student Mobility and Geopolitics: The Case of Taiwan”</p> <p><b>Julie Lin, Yi-Chuan Chiu, Ting-Syuan Jhang, and Douglas Pea (University of Oxford, UK)</b>  “Soft power building strategy from 2010 to 2020: case of China and Taiwan”</p> <p><b>Discussant: Pauline Essah (Education Sub Saharan Africa (ESSA))</b></p>

<b>15:20 - 15:40</b>	Coffee/tea break
<b>15:40 – 17:00</b>	<p><b><i>Session 4: Higher education partnerships in times of crises</i></b></p> <p><b>Chair: Maia Chankseliani (University of Oxford, UK)</b></p> <p><b>Anatoly Oleksiyenko (The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)</b>  “Reconceptualizing Regional Geopolitics in Global Higher Education: The East-West Intersections of Higher Learning in the Context of the Ukrainian Crisis”</p> <p><b>Abbas Abbasov (ADA University, Azerbaijan)</b>  “Placing the faith in sectoral actors: Systemic higher education governance during the Covid-19 pandemic”</p> <p><b>Ahmad Akkad (University of Oxford, UK)</b>  “From empowering individuals to enriching societies: Unpacking the potential of international higher education experiences in MENA’s developmental landscape”</p> <p><b>Discussant: Fariba Soetan (The Association of Commonwealth Universities)</b></p>
<b>17:00</b>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p>Tristan McCowan (University College London, UK)</p>