



Crossing Borders: Diversity in Higher Education (Migration, Integration and Lifelong Learning)

The 17th EAN annual conference
Technische Universität Berlin, Germany
30 June – 2 July 2008

Conference theme and objectives:

Increased global migration (past and recent) and student mobility (European and International) have resulted in greater diversity in higher education in Europe and elsewhere. Irrespective of whether the students are international students or students who come from migrant families, what they have in common is that they have a different heritage and many of them have had to overcome more barriers than others to enter and complete their higher education in order to achieve the same aim: to be successful. It is therefore important for us to know and understand their different cultural values and manifold needs so that we can harness untapped talent and improve their chances of success. As education achievement is closely linked to future economic and social success in life, diversity in higher education is crucial in broadening the base of student participation in terms of socio-economic background, race and ethnicity. It should be embraced with vigour and supported in deed by governments and institutions throughout Europe and the world.

The conference will look at the positive aspects of migration; examine how institutions adapt and adjust in order to manage diversity; address the challenges for governments, institutions and industries in working together to promote integration through education; explore lifelong learning opportunities for adult learners; discuss the consequences of the internationalisation of higher education and the role of institutions towards their international students.

Speakers and Working Group contributors include:

- Prof Louise Ackers**, Director of European Legislative Politics Research Group, Chair in Social Legal Studies, University of Liverpool, UK
- Adolfo Bermeo**, Senior Scholar of the Pell Institute Washington DC, USA
- Prof Ursula Birsl**, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany
- Prof Blaženka Divjak**, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Organisation & Informatics, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- Dr Jeroen Doomernik**, University of Amsterdam & Co-ordinator of UNICA's working group on equal opportunities
- Prof Ina Grieb** and **Anwar Hadeed**, University of Oldenburg, Germany
- Dr Michael Harms**, DAAD, Germany
- Dr Helen May**, Senior Advisor, Higher Education Academy, UK
- Grete Kernegger**, VWU, University of Vienna, Austria
- Rt. H. Mr John Leerdam**, Member of Parliament for the PvdA, the Netherlands
- Bernd Overwien**, University of Kassel, Germany
- Paulo Santiago** or **Karine Tremblay**, Education and Training Policy Division, OECD
- Kees Smit**, VASVU, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Prof Rita Süßmuth**, former President of the German Bundestag and Member of the Board of Trustees TU Berlin
- Barbara Weitgruber**, chair of the Bologna Follow-up Group on "European Higher Education in a Global Setting", Austria



Call for paper proposals Deadline: 15 April 2008

International proposals are invited from policy makers, practitioners, academics and researchers on effective policy and practice designed to support diversity in higher education to widen participation and promote integration. All accepted papers may be submitted for publication in book form or in the *Journal for Widening Participation and Lifelong Learning*.

Papers proposals can be on theory, research, policy or practice. Proposals should be no more than 350-words and must focus directly on one of the following five themes.

- **Theme 1** Migration and its impact on education and society
- **Theme 2** Integration and inclusion through education and training
- **Theme 3** Diversity and widening participation
- **Theme 4** Lifelong Learning and the Lisbon Strategy
- **Theme 5** Internationalisation of higher education

For Theme 5, paper proposals in the German language will be considered. Presenters whose papers are accepted will present in German.

[Zum Themenbereich 5, werden Beiträe auch in deutscher Sprache entgegengenommen. Die angenommenen deutschsprachigen Beiträe werden auch auf Deutsch vorgetragen.]

For conference programme, call for papers and booking form, please visit the EAN website: www.ean-edu.org



Conference aims

1. To provide a forum for policy-makers, researchers and practitioners to share good practice and successful models in diversity and integration
2. To disseminate the findings of the latest OECD Thematic Review of Tertiary Education on equity issues
3. To promote European and International cooperation and understanding on access and widening participation in higher education as a whole
4. To support those new to access and widening participation in their own countries to come together at this conference, to participate, form their own working groups and discuss the issues in the language of their choice



Research Working Groups (RWG) and Special Interest Groups (SIS)

RWG Theme 1: Migration and society: policy making in the fields of integration and diversity

RWG Theme 2: Migration-Integration-Education: A European Comparison

RWG Theme 3: Managing diversity and promoting widening participation

RWG Theme 4: The role of universities in response to internationalisation

SIS 1: Increasing participation of highly qualified (new) migrants in society: the German model

SIS 2: Access and (language) support: policy and pedagogy for students from developing countries on preparatory courses

SIS 3: Internationalisation of higher education: causes and consequences



Conference fee and support

It is the aim of the EAN to make its conference an international platform for those committed to equal opportunities, widening access and participation in higher education. It has therefore created different category of fees affordable to as many delegates from as many countries as possible. A discount will be given to bookings for two or more persons from the same institution. A limited number of free places have also been set aside for students. Please contact the EAN Secretariat for application. The conference fee includes registration fee, information pack, tea/coffee, 2 lunches and the evening reception. Delegates will also receive a conference book when published.

Target Groups:

- students from migrant families
- new or settled migrants with qualifications
- students [including adult learners] from diverse backgrounds
- international students on degree or postgraduate courses
- students from developing countries on preparatory courses

Conference Booking Form (Please use a separate booking form for each person)

Early booking rate (by 31 March 2008) for EAN and CGU members	£ 350	€ 525
Booking for 2 or more persons from the same member institution:	£ 315 each	€ 473 each
Standard rate (after 31 March 2008) for EAN and CGU members	£ 385	€ 578
Booking for 2 or more persons from the same member institution:	£ 347 each	€ 521 each
Early booking rate (by 31 March 2008) for Non-members	£ 425	€ 638
Booking for 2 or more persons from the same institution:	£ 383 each	€ 575 each
Standard rate (after 31 March 2008) for Non-members	£ 460	€ 690
Booking for 2 or more persons from the same institution:	£ 414 each	€ 621 each

Special reduced rate for:
Institutions in Germany (the conference host country), further education, community and technical colleges, polytechnics, preparatory institutions
Central, Eastern, Southern Europe, the Baltic Countries, Russia and South Africa

	£ 250	€ 375
	£ 200	€ 300

Student researchers, student organisations, voluntary organisations, NGOs and delegates from developing countries

	£ 150	€ 225
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EAN membership subscription 2008/9

Individual	£ 70	€ 100
Institutional	£ 210	€ 300

Conference dinner is optional @ £45 (€68) per person xpersons £..... €.....

TOTAL: £ €
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Method of Payment

By Credit Card: (payment will be transacted in Pound Sterling £)

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Conference Accommodation

The first day of the conference will open at the **Technische Universität Berlin** on Monday 30th June 2008. The second and third days of the conference, on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd July, will take place at the **Novotel Berlin Am Tiergarten**, a new four-star hotel within walking distance from Technische Universität Berlin. The hotel is close to the S-Bahnhof Tiergarten with good transport links to the main train station and the airports.

There is high demand for accommodation in Berlin in the summer but the EAN has negotiated a reasonable rate which will be guaranteed until 5 May 2008. Please make your room reservation directly with the hotel, quoting **Booking Reference: EAN**

Novotel Berlin Am Tiergarten (special rate guaranteed until 05.05.08)

Strasse des 17 Juni 106-108, 10623 Berlin, Germany Website: www.novotel.com

Tel: + 49 (0)30 600 350 Fax: + 49 (0)30 600 35666 Email: h3649@accor.com

Single	€ 140 EUR, inclusive of breakfast and taxes
Double	€ 172 EUR, inclusive of breakfast and taxes

Invitation

Are you new to access and widening participation in higher education for disadvantaged and under-represented groups? Do you feel isolated or unsupported in your work on equity, diversity and social inclusion? Do you know of colleagues in your country who are in the same situation as you? Would you like to have the opportunity to get together and form a group to discuss the issues relating to widening access in your institution or your country?

The EAN invites you to attend the conference (which will be in English) and use the occasion to facilitate your own working group in the language of your choice. Your participation in the conference sessions will provide you with many different examples and perspectives which could be adopted or adapted for your work. If you are interested in taking up the invitation, please contact the EAN Secretariat to make appropriate arrangements: m.foong@wmin.ac.uk or ean_msnels@hotmail.co.uk.

The European Access Network was launched in 1991 with EU support. It is the only independent, non-profit making, European based membership organisation to promote equity and access to education and training for disadvantaged and under-represented groups. *'Under-representation'* can arise for a number of reasons including gender, ethnicity, nationality, disability, age, socio-economic status, geographical location, or earlier educational disadvantaged. (www.ean-edu.org)

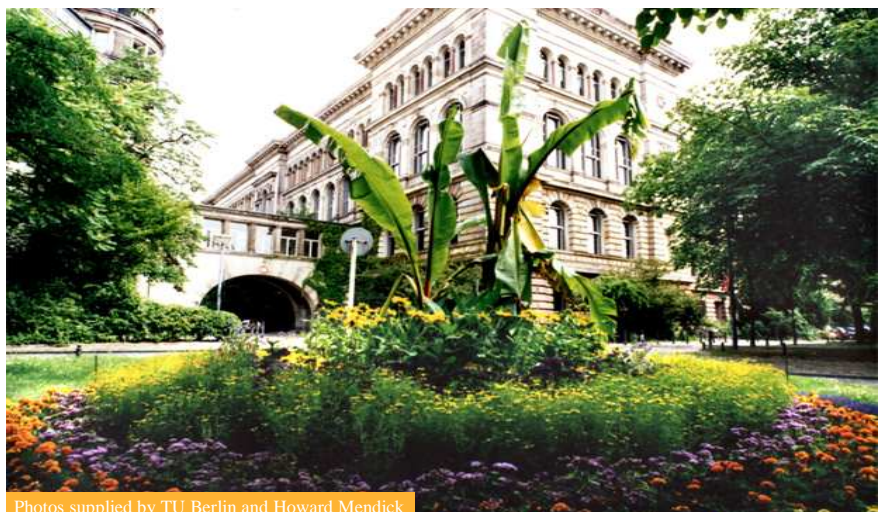
The **objectives** of the EAN are to: promote effective policies and negotiate resources for wider participation in higher education; undertake collaborative research and development programmes on access issues; analyse access philosophy within and between member states and institutions; share information on and provide support for access developments; co-operate with other international and national bodies to widen participation; share pedagogical strategies and multicultural curriculum approaches; explore professional and political issues which promote wider participation; and encourage international exchanges among access students and staff.

The EAN has played a key role in advising on access policy, and in raising awareness to the social and equity dimensions of higher education in Europe and beyond. Its annual conferences offer the opportunity to address key issues in access, widening participation, lifelong learning and social inclusion, disseminate the latest research findings, facilitate pedagogic development, provide mutual support, share good practices and successful strategies. It brings together academics, practitioners, researchers, governmental and institutional policy makers from Europe and beyond. Student participation is encouraged.

The Technische Universität Berlin is an internationally renowned university in the German capital, in the centre of Europe. Research and teaching are characterised by a wide scope of complementary disciplines, ranging from engineering and natural sciences to planning, social sciences and economics as well as humanities. It is also one of the most important think tanks in the region and a pillar of the innovation and technology policy of Berlin.

In this age of globalization, international cooperation between the sciences is more important than ever. Currently the Technische Universität Berlin has a total of 111 cooperation agreements with foreign universities and colleges in 36 countries. These agreements seek to promote student exchange programmes, as well as joint research endeavours and publications. Furthermore, the Technische Universität Berlin support university partnerships and guest scientists from other countries; award dissertation fellowships and provide information about research grants and supporting programmes, in addition to organising visiting programmes.

With its multitude of worldwide cooperation agreements and a particularly high percentage of foreign students the university has a distinct international character. Students from 130 countries choose the Technische Universität Berlin as their place of study. The Technische Universität Berlin is therefore very proud to be the host of the 17th EAN Annual Conference on mobility and diversity in higher education.



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