

India-UK higher education conference

Strengthening India-UK
partnerships in
education, research
and innovation

18-19 September 2023
New Delhi





Overview

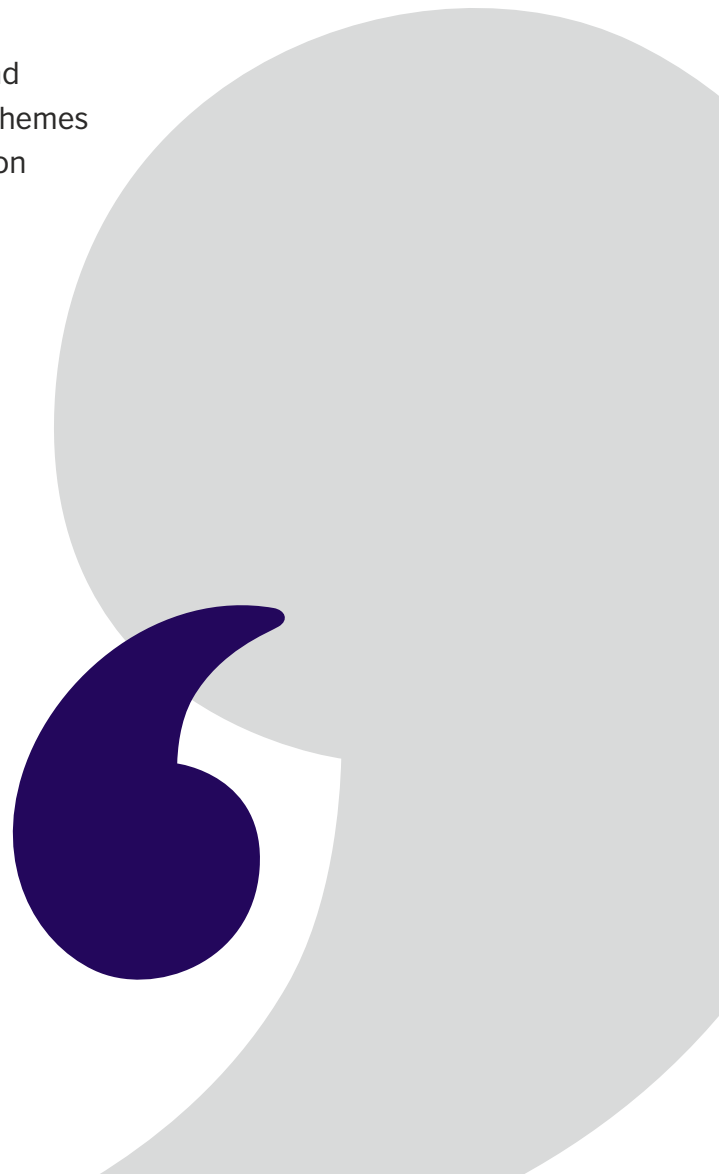
The British Council works towards strengthening collaboration between Higher Education institutions in the UK and India for enhanced research and innovation to meet global challenges and provide young people with access to high quality international education. Through our programmes, we support institutional partnerships that develop skills and knowledge, seeking solutions to critical global challenges through high quality research, teaching and learning.

Over the years we have delivered programmes such as UK India Education Research Initiative, Newton Bhabha Fund, Going Global Partnerships and Going Global Conference. We led the India-UK taskforce on Mutual Recognition of Qualifications, coordinated UK government's response to the Indian Higher Education policy and supported the implementation of the National Education Policy through our initiatives. In the last two years, we have given about 2 million GBP of grant towards seed funding of teaching learning partnerships for setting up of TNE arrangements in response to the new foreign collaboration regulations of the Government of India.

We facilitated public policy engagement in education and research through a series of conferences to delve into themes which are pertinent for India and the UK Higher Education sector. These included webinars, focus group conversations, launch of research reports and full-scale conference in the Asia Pacific region at Singapore.

We are now hosting the **Higher Education Conference: Strengthening UK-India Partnerships in Education, Research and Innovation** in New Delhi from 18 – 19 September 2023.

This conference is being organised around the arrival of the Department for Business and Trade, UK (DBT) led UK Higher Education Mission to India from 18 – 22 September 2023.





Objectives

1. To create common understanding of the policy landscape and regulatory environment for collaboration between UK and India
2. To share understanding of the emerging opportunities for UK-India collaboration in education, research and innovation.
3. To explore potential collaboration opportunities in critical cross cutting areas such as gender and climate action in higher education and research
4. Capacity Building for internationalisation of higher education with State governments
5. Dissemination of research undertaken by British Council and partner organisation in various focus areas

Participants

Day 1:

State Governments and Higher Education system leaders, grant awardees, senior members of AICTE, NBA, UGC, DST, CSIR, State Higher Education Council members and senior vice-chancellors and pro vice-chancellors of universities.

Day 2:

In addition to the above, 50 more faculty who are responsible for internationalisation and quality improvement, post-doctoral fellows and think tank organisations will be invited to the conference.

Conference venue

17 Kasturba Gandhi Marg
British Council Division
New Delhi- 110001



Conference agenda

Day 1: 18 September 2023

1230 onwards	Registration and Networking Lunch at Char Bagh	
Time	Inaugural Session at Theatre	Speaker
1345–1400	Guest to be seated and housekeeping announcements	Rittika Chanda Parruck , Director Education India, British Council
1400–1415	Welcome address and lamp lighting Introduction to Chief Guest and Sir Steve Smith	Alison Barrett MBE , Country Director India, British Council
1415–1440	Sir Steve Smith to give a brief overview of their mission and invite UK and British High Commission delegates to introduce themselves	Prof. Sir Steve Smith , International Education Champion, UK Government
1440–1450	Global context of British Council in Higher Education	Maddalaine Ansell , Director Education, British Council
1450–1500	Chief Guest Address	Neeta Prasad , Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education

Time	Sessions at Theatre	Speakers
1500–1600	<p>Session 1: Partnerships supporting Transnational Education Impact and Reach</p> <p>Abstract: Panel will deliberate on trends and opportunities in TNE partnerships in the context of policy reforms to promote internationalisation of Indian Education system</p>	<p>Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, University Grants Commission</p> <p>Prof. Agnes Nairn, Pro Vice Chancellor, Bristol University</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Sir Steve Smith, International Education Champion, UK Government</p>

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1600–1630	Tea and coffee break at Char Bagh and visit to exhibition	
1630–1740 Theatre	<p>Presentation followed by Session</p> <p>Session 2: Understanding Mutual Recognition of Qualifications, its scope and opportunities in context of new UGC regulations</p> <p>Abstract: Speakers will discuss the scope of MRQ agreement, challenges and opportunities in the current regulatory framework and role of UK ENIC and AIU to facilitate degree arrangements between UK and Indian HEIs who wish to start joint or dual degree programmes</p>	<p>Presentation:</p> <p>Henry Huggett, Head Global Partnerships, ECCTIS, UK ENIC</p> <p>Kuldeep Dagar, Deputy Secretary, Association of Indian Universities</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Dr Cloud Bai Yun, Chief Executive, ECCTIS, UK ENIC</p> <p>Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities</p> <p>Prof. Mohan Kumar, Dean of International Affairs and Global Initiatives, O.P Jindal Global University</p> <p>Prof. Richard Wells, Pro Vice-Chancellor International, Coventry University</p> <p>Moderator: Dipankar Chakraborty, Regional Director, South Asia and Middle East, University of Birmingham</p>
1740–1830	All delegates to gather in the Char Bagh for Tea and Coffee Viewing the exhibition and posters	
1830–1930	Announcement of the results of Going Global Partnerships – Industry Academia Collaborative Grant Performance by students of Khalsa College, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	
1930–2030	Drinks and dinner reception	

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Day 2: 19 September 2023

Time	Sessions at Theatre	Speaker
0900–0930	Tea/ Coffee and networking at Char Bagh	
0930–1030	<p>Session 3: Enhancing Internationalisation in higher education and collaboration for quality enhancement</p> <p>Abstract: Stuart Easter from BUILA will share the key findings of the British Council commissioned scoping study on strengthening capacity of international offices of Indian HEIs and opportunities for UK sector collaboration</p>	<p>Stuart Easter, Head of International Partnerships and Student Recruitment, Edinburgh Napier University</p> <p>Dr. S K Varshney, Head of Scientific Divisions (HOD), Department of Science & Technology</p> <p>Catriona McCarthy, Director Global Engagement, Ulster University</p> <p>Aditya Malkani, Regional Director, Membership APAC - ACU</p> <p>Moderator: Rajendra Tripathi, Head Education Programmes India, British Council</p>
1030–1045	Tea and Coffee at Char Bagh	
1045–1145	<p>Session 4: Uncovering gender disparities in STEM and Higher Education</p> <p>Abstract: The panel discussion will focus to discuss key challenges, strategies and policy reforms that are critical to ensure better representation of women in leadership positions</p>	<p>Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Senior Advisor, DBT, Government of India</p> <p>Pawan Budhwar, Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor International, Aston University</p> <p>Dr. Anupam Pachauri, Assistant Professor, NIEPA</p> <p>Moderator: Deepa Sundara Rajan, Senior Gender Specialist, British Council</p>
1145–1245	<p>Session 5: Harnessing Technology for democratising International Education through Online and Distance Learning</p> <p>Abstract: The panel will deliberate on the scope of international collaboration opportunities for Online and Distance Learning Universities, analysing strategies and best practices to promote high quality education through ODL.</p>	<p>Mike Winter OBE, Director International Affairs, University of London</p> <p>Dr. Ami Upadhyay, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU), Gujarat</p> <p>Vinod Singh Yadav, Deputy Secretary, Distance Education Bureau, University Grants Commission, New Delhi</p> <p>Moderator: Rittika Chanda Parruck, Director Education India, British Council</p>
1245–1345	Lunch Break and Networking at Char Bagh	

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1345–1500	<p>Session 6: The role of university rankings in driving quality improvements and forging international education partnerships</p> <p>Abstract: Amid India's improving performance in world university rankings, how well does this reflect the local context in India, and how does this help (or hinder) development of international education partnerships for Indian universities and achievement of SDGs.</p>	<p>David Watkins, Managing Director, Data Science, Times Higher Education</p> <p>Dr. Ganesan Kannabiran, Director National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)</p> <p>Dr. Suzanna Tomassi, Higher Education Specialist, Department of Business & Trade, UK Government</p> <p>Prof. Somak Raychaudhury, Vice Chancellor, Ashoka University</p> <p>Dr. Ram K Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, UPES University</p> <p>Moderator: John Mcnamara, Global Head of Research, Education Insight Hubs, British Council</p>
1500–1510	<p>Valedictory Session Summary of the Conference</p>	<p>Michael Houlgate, Deputy Director, British Council, India</p> <p>Rittika Chanda Parruck, Director Education India, British Council</p>
1510–1520	Overview of India UK collaboration	His Excellency, Alex Ellis , British High Commissioner to India
1520–1530	Valedictory Address	Dr Subhas Sarkar , Honourable Minister of State for Education
1530–1535	Vote of Thanks and Close	Alison Barrett MBE , Director India British Council
1530 onwards	Hi-tea and networking / departure	



Annexure 1: List of UK delegates

S.No	Name	University/organisation	Job title
1	Sir Steve Smith	UK Government	International Education Champion
2	Maddalaine Ansell	British Council, UK	Director Education
3	Krishna Joshi	Department for Business and Trade	Lead for India, South Asia, Central Asia, China and HK, International Education
4	John Mcnamara	British Council	Global Head of Research Education Insight Hubs
5	Ali Arif	Department for Business and Trade	Senior Adviser, South Asia, International Education
6	Mashalle Noor Asim	Department of Education	Policy Advisor, International Strategy
7	Suzanna Tomassi	Department for Business and Trade	HE Specialist
8	Debra Hinds	Arden University	Pro VC, International
9	Pawan Budhwar	Aston University	Associate Deputy VC, International
10	Paul van Gardingen	Bangor University	Pro VC, Global Engagement
11	Dipankar Chakraborty	University of Birmingham	Director - South Asia and Middle East
12	Agnes Nairn	Bristol University	Pro VC, International
13	Sionade Robinson	City University	Vice President, Engagement, Enterprise, Employability
14	Richard Wells	Coventry University	Pro VC, International
15	Christine Bateman	University Of Liverpool	Head of International Development
16	Gary Davies	London Metropolitan University	Deputy VC, Student Recruitment and Business Development
17	Lucy Mazdon	Oxford Brookes University	Pro VC, International Students

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18	Christopher Cuddihy	Pearson	Director, UK and International Government Relations
19	Caroline Baylon	University Of Reading	Pro VC, International
20	Brad MacKay	University Of St. Andrews	Deputy Principal
21	Ambrose Field	York University	Pro VC, Global Strategy
22	Mark Crossey	Universities UK International	Assistant Director, Policy and Global Engagement
23	Helen Packer	PIE News	Senior Reporter and Digital Strategist
24	Peter Francis	Birmingham City University	Deputy VC, Academic
25	Stefan Przyborski	Durham University	Executive Dean, Faculty of Sciences
26	Paul Marshall	University of East London	Pro VC, Careers and Enterprise
27	Richard Follett	Exeter University	Deputy VC, Global Engagement
28	Harish Lokhun	Global Wales	Market Development Manager, India
29	David Ashton	Leeds Beckett University	Pro VC, Global Partnerships and Recruitment
30	Mike Winter	University of London	Director, International Affairs
31	Ruth Valentine	University of Newcastle	Pro VC, Education
32	Jon Reast	Northumbria University	Pro VC, International
33	Duncan Cockburn	Robert Gordon University	Vice Principal, Strategy and Planning
34	Andrew Atherton	University of Southampton	Vice President, International and Engagement
35	Martin Jones	Staffordshire University	Vice Chancellor
36	Catriona McCarthy	Ulster University	Director, Global Engagement
37	Joanne Midgley	University of West of England, UWE Bristol	Pro VC and Registrar

