

Going Global Partnerships

Preparing higher education for digital transformation

Time: 09.00 – 12.00 (UK time) or 15.00 – 18.00 (Viet Nam time)

Tuesday 21 September 2021

Format: Online on Microsoft Teams.

Links to conference records: [playlist](#)

Presentation slides: please click on speakers' name in the agenda for slides

Context

The global context requires higher education sector to transform digitally in order to respond to the industry 4.0, to cope with the disruption of learning due to Covid-19, and to make it relevant, agile and adaptive to the shifting needs of the next generation – the digital generation Alpha - in gaining knowledge and transversal skills that prepare them for a changing world of work.

In responding to the global changing context and the challenge of disruptive learning, Viet Nam higher education sector needs to improve experience to embarking innovation in teaching, learning and research through digitalisation. This move requires investment in platform, revolution in institutional operation, improvement of teaching and learning capacity but at the same time ensuring quality student experience and skills development.

Aims

The conference is co-organised by the British Council in Viet Nam and the Ministry of Education and Training in partnership with UK-Viet Nam Higher Education Network represented by Hanoi University of Science and Technology as the Chairing university and Global Wales, with support from UK Department of International Trade.

The conference aims to:

- bring UK and Viet Nam government officers, HE leaders to discuss challenges and opportunities for digitalisation of higher education to respond to HE sector growth in both countries and how policy development helps address those issues
- discuss shared institutional challenges and issues between UK and Viet Nam universities
- share best practices, case studies on application of innovative model in digitalising teaching, learning and research
- enable and support partnership creation on digital transformation

Agenda

| UK time | Viet Nam time | Agenda |
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| 09.00 | 15.00 | Welcoming and logistics notes |
| 09.05– 09.25 | 15.05– 15.25 | Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assoc Prof Hoang Minh Son, Vice Minister, Ministry of Education and Training • Prof Sir Steve Smith, UK International Education Champion • Donna McGowan, Country Director, British Council in Viet Nam • Assoc Prof Huynh Quyet Thang, President, Hanoi University of Science and Technology |
| 09.25– 09.45 | 15.25– 15.45 | Keynotes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why HE needs to transform digitally? <i>Prof Iwan Davies, Chair of Global Wales, Vice Chancellor, Bangor University</i> • The necessity of digital transformation in higher education in Vietnam, especially in the post Covid-19 situation and policies <i>Assoc Prof Nguyen Thu Thuy, Director General, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Training</i> |
| 09.45– 10.30 | 15.45– 16.30 | Panel discussion “Digital transformation – a combined effort from different stakeholders” – inputs for policy development <i>This session will look at government policies, institutional perspectives about quality performance, graduate employability in the digitalised age, and technology that enables transformation</i> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Tom Crick, Professor of Digital Education & Policy, Swansea University, Commissioner of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales • Ms Amita Verma, Director of Research and Accreditation Office, and Mr Nguyen Son Tung, Chief Information Officer, VinUniversity • Dr Esther Wilkinson, Head of International, Jisc • Rob Humphreys, Chair, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales • Mr Nguyen Hung Cuong, Managing Director, Nashtech <p>Moderator: Prof Sir Steve Smith, UK International Education Champion</p> |
| 10.30– 10.35 | 16.30– 16.35 | Break and move to breakout sessions 1 and 2 |
| 10.35 | 16.40 | Breakout sessions |

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| | | <i>Breakout sessions will be in 25 minutes. Each session will include two eight-minute presentations and 10 minutes for Q&A</i> | |
| 10.35– 11.05 | 16.35– 17.05 | <p>Room 1: Teaching and learning: capacity building</p> <p><i>The session aims to provide teachers and students with opportunities to gain experience and develop their own expertise through virtual platforms and programmes. In particular, students can participate in virtual mobility, internships, and access various learning resources to enhance their academic experience. On the other hand, teachers can work and learn from leading experts to strengthen their expertise, skill sets, and collaboration.</i></p> <p><u>Expected outcome:</u> Participants are provided with digitalised approaches and best practices in order to enhance their teaching and learning experiences and capacity building opportunities.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen VuHuong, Programme Manager, BKHoldings • Dr Andrew Goodman, Senior Lecturer in Design, and Director, Pontio Innovation, Bangor University <p>Moderator: Joanne Purves, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Salford</p> | <p>Room 2: Research collaboration and industry engagement</p> <p><i>This session discusses open access solutions for the development of research infrastructures, and enhancing research collaboration, especially between international scholars. Different ways to promote industry engagement and technology transfer will also be provided/considered.</i></p> <p><u>Expected outcome:</u> Participants understand the power of digital transformation in supporting research cooperation and technology transfer with industry.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Raymond Lee, Associate Dean, Global Engagement, Professor of Biomechanics, Portsmouth University • Assoc Prof Nguyen Duc Huy, Vice Dean, School of Electrical Engineering, Hanoi University of Science and Technology <p>Moderator: Sarah Lethbridge, Director of Executive Education and External Relations, Cardiff University</p> |
| 11.05– 11.10 | 17.05– 17.10 | Move to breakout sessions 3 and 4 | |
| 11.10– 11.35 | 17.10– 17.35 | Room 3: Innovation in teaching and learning- Technology enabling | Room 4: Quality Assurance |

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| | | <p>platform and digital divide: ensure no one left behind, data protection</p> <p><i>This session discusses technological support including platforms and virtual pedagogical tools for teaching and learning. It addresses questions such as how to engage students in online learning; how to deliver digital exams; how to foster classroom and learning management and security, etc.</i></p> <p><u>Expected outcome:</u> Participants can update innovative technological tools and practices to foster effective virtual teaching and learning while enhancing data security for their institutions.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Julian McDougall, Principal Fellow: Advance HE, Head of the Centre for Excellence in Media Practice, Bournemouth University • Assoc Prof Nguyen Ngoc Vu, Vice President, Hoa Sen University <p>Moderator: Prof Leigh Robinson, Strategic Lead: Global Sport, Heriot Watt University</p> | <p><i>E-learning has emerged into the global higher education sector, especially under the impact of the pandemic. The question remains about how to ensure educational quality. This session discusses challenges, experiences, practices in promoting quality assurance in the post Covid19 period and the context of digital transformation.</i></p> <p><u>Expected outcome:</u> Participants understand the challenges and approaches to improve educational quality.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Piers Wall, Quality Specialist – QAA Global • Assoc Prof Pham Van Tuan, Director of Quality Assurance and Assessment, Danang University of Technology <p>Moderator: Dr Milena Bobeva, Principal Academic, External Engagement-International Lead, Bournemouth University Business School</p> |
| 11.35–11.55 | 17.35–17.55 | <p>Breakout session feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne Purves, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Salford • Sarah Lethbridge, Director of Executive Education and External Relations, Cardiff University • Prof Leigh Robinson, Strategic Lead: Global Sport, Heriot Watt University • Dr Milena Bobeva, Principal Academic, External Engagement-International Lead, Bournemouth University Business School | |
| 11.55 | 17.55 | <p>Recap and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisling Conboy, Higher Education Specialist, Department of International Trade | |

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