

CALL FOR PAPERS

**7th International Conference of the Association for the
Global Advancement of Universities and Colleges (AGAUC)**

New Initiatives for Private Higher Education Development

**October 14-15, 2016
Xi'an International University**

**Organized by
Xi'an International University, China
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science, USA
Graduate School of Education, Peking University, China
Danubius University, Romania
Voronezh State University, Russia**

About the Conference

Higher education is in a state of profound change globally. One aspect of this change is the increasing social acceptance of the private higher education sector and the roles that this sector plays within the broader context of education in general. The proliferation of private colleges and universities in particular provides an opportunity to explore anew how these institutions are governed, funded by governments, engaged with community, and organized to embrace and promote quality assurance. These considerations impact the private higher education sector's overall rankings, resources, number and quality of students, number and quality of faculty, research productivity, and degree to which the sector contributes to societal transformation. In continuation of transnational academic deliberations on these issues, the **7th Annual International Conference on Global Advancement of Universities and Colleges (AGAUC)** will explore new initiatives for private higher education to expand institutional resources, ensure institutional transformation and promote global public-private collaborations.

Interested participants are invited to submit their papers for review and consideration for presentation at the 7th International Conference on Global

Advancement of Universities and Colleges (AGAUC). Presentations of interest are of two kinds: research-based and reflective presentations.

Basic operating languages will be English and Chinese, but authors are welcome to write their abstracts in other languages and have their full papers translated into English for conference presentation. Participants should submit an abstract of no more than 200 words in English or 300 words in Chinese before May 30, 2016. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified within a month of their submission.

English Abstracts from North and South America:

All abstracts **written in English (from North and South America)** must be submitted electronically to Professor Steve O. Michael at stevemichael@cdrewu.edu.

English Abstracts from North, South, West, and East Asia:

All abstracts **written in English (from Asia)** must be submitted electronically to Professor Aimin Chen at chenaimin@xaiu.edu.cn or Professor WANG Yina at wangyina@xaiu.edu.cn or Professor WANG Rihua at wangrihua@xaiu.edu.cn or YAN Fengqiao at fqyan@pku.edu.cn.

English Abstracts from Eastern Europe including Russia:

All abstracts **written in English (from Eastern Europe)** must be submitted electronically to Professor Sergey Zaprygaev at zsa@cs.vsu.ru.

English Abstracts from Eastern Europe and Africa:

All abstracts **written in English (Eastern Europe and Africa)** must be submitted electronically to Professor Andy Pusca at andypusca@univ-danubius.ro.

Chinese Abstracts from ANYWHERE:

All abstracts **written in Chinese (from anywhere)** must be submitted electronically to Professor Aimin Chen at chenaimin@xaiu.edu.cn or Professor WANG Yina at wangyina@xaiu.edu.cn or Professor WANG Rihua at wangrihua@xaiu.edu.cn or YAN Fengqiao at fqyan@pku.edu.cn.

Topics

Topics of relevance include but not limited to:

- 1). Internal and External Governance of Private and Public Universities and Colleges.

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- 2). Internationalization of Higher Education.
 - 3). Professors' Role in the Administration of Private Higher Education Institutions.
 - 4). Government Role and Interest in Higher Education (Public and Private).
 - 5). The Role of Private and Public Higher Education Institutions in Community Engagement and Economic Development.
 - 6). Learning in Higher Education (including technology-mediated, culturally mediated, experiential, and traditional pedagogy).
 - 7). Entrepreneurial Higher Education.
 - 8). The Role of Student Affairs Administration in Student Education and Growth.
 - 9). Student Recruitment, Enrollment and Demographic Changes
 - 10). Public and Private Higher Education Partnership
 - 11). Accreditation and Quality Assurance of Private Higher Education, and internationalization of Accreditation.

Guideline for Submission

Research-based papers will be judged on the merit of relevance to the theme of the conference, methodological soundness, and appropriateness and usefulness of conclusions generated.

Reflective papers will be judged on the merit of relevance to the theme, the weight of the argument advanced, the insight generated, and the applicability and usefulness of recommendations provided.

Papers normally should not exceed 6,000 words. Full papers should be submitted electronically by August 31, 2016. Selected conference papers will be included in conference proceedings and distributed at the conference. Compliance to dates and guidelines for submission is critical for inclusion.

Who Should Attend

While everyone interested in higher education is invited to this conference, the following are particularly encouraged to attend:

- University presidents
- Provosts and vice presidents
- Deans, department chairs, administrators and staffs
- Higher Education Administration professors
- Higher Education Administration students
- Government officials from ministries and bureaus of education

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- Non-profit organization leaders interested in private higher education
 - Accreditation agency leaders

Conference Representatives

- Professor CHEN Aimin, President of Xi'an International University, China
- Professor WANG Yina, Dean of International Cooperation, Xi'an International University, China
- Professor YAN Fengqiao, Graduate School of Education, Peking University, China
- Professor WANG Rihua, Director of Qi Fang Education Research Institute, Xi'an International University, China
- Professor Steve O. Michael, President of AGAUC, Executive Vice President and Provost, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science, USA
- Professor Sergey Zapryagaev, Former First Vice Rector, Voronezh State University, Russia
- Professor Andy Pusca, Rector, Danubius University, Romania

About Xi'an

As the starting point of the Silk Road in China, Xi'an is the perfect place to discuss new initiatives for private colleges and universities. Xi'an is one of China's oldest cities and has held the position of capital under some of the most important dynasties in China where culture and commerce thrived and, indeed, continues to thrive today. Known as the leading city of China's Western Development Drive Program since 1990s, Xi'an is an important economic, cultural, industrial and educational center of the central-northwest region, providing visitors with modern and convenient facilities. Xi'an is also home of the Terra Cotta Warriors and nearby Hua Shan Mountain, and only a short train ride to Beijing.

Registration Fee

Early bird registration is **300USD** for international participants and 2000RMB for Chinese participants before June 30, 2016; after that it will be **360USD** and 2600RMB respectively. Exchange rate of RMB to USD is roughly between 6 and 7.

Accommodation

Around 400RMB/standard room, off campus near Xi'an International University

General Inquiries

Questions about the conference may be directed to mys@xaiu.edu.cn and above-listed emails.

Visit www.agauc.org for complete conference information and registration