

SGroup Think Tank Academy 2019

Joint Meeting

Think Tanks meeting

Ghent University

2-3 May 2019





Ghent University

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For many years, Ghent University has been one of the most active international players in the field of higher education in both Flanders and Europe. Based on a thorough analysis and starting from its own strengths, Ghent University chooses specific preferential models and regions for cooperation, aiming towards a maximum of synergies inside and outside the institution.

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AGENDA

2nd May 2019

09.00 – 12.00: Internal meeting with TT coordinators

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12.30 - 14.00: Latin American lunch - offered by CESAM Platform Ghent University

Think Tank for Latin America - Special Focus on Colombia

Chairs: *Bárbara Costa, University of Porto, Barbara Claeys, Ghent University*

Welcome by prof. Guido Van Huylbroeck, Academic Director for Internationalization, Ghent University

14.00 – 15.00: Contribution from Ghent University Professors

14.00 - 14.20: Post-conflict policy in Colombia - *Jelle Janssens, Ghent University*

14.20 - 14.40: UGent Cacaolab - *Claudia Delbaere, Ghent University*

14.40 – 15.00: Integrated Water System Modelling for efficient Water Treatment in Colombia - *Peter Goethals, Ghent University*

15.00 – 15.20: Environmental histories and sustainable futures for the Colombian paramos - *Hanne Cottyn, Ghent University / University of York*

15.20 – 15.50: Discussion

15.50 – 16.20: Strengthening the opportunities for entrepreneurs in creative industries, innovation and technology in Colombia - *Andrea Alarcón, Embassy of Colombia in Belgium*

16.20 – 16.40: Contemporary choices on cultural memory spaces in Colombia - *Kristine Vanden Berghe, University of Liège*

16.40 – 17.00: Peace Institute - *Carlos Nupia, German-Colombian Peace Institute (CAPAZ)*

17.00 – 17.20: Cooperation with Europe by the University of Los Andes - *Carolyn Finck, University of Los Andes (skype presentation)*

17.20 – 18.00: Discussion



3rd May 2019

Think Tank for China

Chairs: *Arnim Heinemann, University of Bayreuth, Philipp Dengel, BayCHINA*

09:00 - 09:20: Current strategies and activities of the China Platform of Ghent University - *Luc Taerwe, China Platform Ghent University*

09:20 – 09:40: The 'China Competence Certificate' (SINOZERT) of the Bavarian Centre for China - *Philipp Dengel, BayCHINA*

09.40 – 10:15: Assessing current EU – Chinese HE cooperation - *Robert van Kan, Edvance Education International*

10.15 – 10.45: NTNU Inter Abroad China - *Julia Zazhigina, Norwegian University of Science and Technology*

10.45 – 12.00: Discussion and closing

12.00 – 13.00: Lunch - offered by Ghent University

Launch of the Think Tank for Africa

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13.00 – 13.15: Launch of the Think Tank for Africa – *Arnim Heinemann, University of Bayreuth, Laurent de Potter, University of Liège*

13.15 – 16.00: Cooperation with Africa by member Universities

13.15 – 13.30: The Africa Platform of Ghent University – *Annelies Verdoolaege, Ghent University*

13.30 – 13.45: University of Bayreuth - *Franz Kogelmann, University of Bayreuth*

13.45 – 14.00: From consortium of African universities to ULiege platform- *Jan Bogaert, University of Liège*

14.00 – 14.15: University of Rouen - *Anne Dandeville, University of Rouen*

14.15 – 14.30: University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria: a European island university in Africa - *Richard Clouet, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria*

14.30 - 14:45: University of Gothenburg - *Edme Dominguez and Caroline Berggren, University of Gothenburg*

14.45 - 15.00: Babeş-Bolyai University - *Anca Kiss, Babeş-Bolyai University*

15.00 – 15.15: University of Porto - *João Pedro Pêgo, University of Porto*



15.15 – 16.00: Discussion

16.00 – 16.15: Coffee break

Review on SGroup Activities

16.15 – 16.30: Analysis of the Icon programme 2019 - *Arnim Heinemann, University of Bayreuth, Philipp Dengel, BayCHINA, Bárbara Costa, University of Porto, Barbara Claeys, Ghent University*

16.30 – 16.45: Report of activities of the Think Tank for China and Summer School updates - *Arnim Heinemann, University of Bayreuth, Philipp Dengel, BayCHINA*

16.45 – 17.00: Report of activities of the Think Tank for LA and FAUBAI updates - *Bárbara Costa, University of Porto, Barbara Claeys, Ghent University*

17.00 – 17.30: Discussion: next steps of the Think Tank for Africa, building on the successful structure and proven practices of the Think Tanks for China and Latin America

17.30 – 18.00: Discussion on the next steps of the Think Tank Academy