

**ABSTRACT
PARALLEL WORKING SESSION**

CROSS-CUTTING THEME: GLOBALISING KNOWLEDGE

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**Global Connections – Local Impacts: Trends and Developments in
Internationalism and Cross Border Higher Education**

The globalization of higher education is creating new opportunities and challenges for universities serving international students at home and in foreign countries. Moreover, this global transformation creates some opportunities and challenges about the role of E-Learning and distance learning for building cross-border academic and research partnerships.

This rapidly changing landscape is characterized by increasing competition for students, new partnership models, increasing student mobility, demands for research and knowledge transfer, new regional and national policy frameworks, 'English' as the global language, and a renewed focus on accountability and quality assurance in all sectors of higher education. What do all these changes mean for your institution? Your students? Your partners? Your staff? This session will engage university leaders and managers in a strategy-driven discussion of the key factors for building internationalism, cross-border programs, and global distance learning.