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Prof Ebersöhn is the Director of the Centre for the Study of Resilience and a professor in the Department of Educational Psychology in the Faculty of Education.

An NRF-rated researcher, Prof Ebersöhn is regarded as a leading scholar and teacher in resilience and resilience promoting interventions in high-risk school settings. Her research is positioned in contexts characteristic of an emerging economy country in transformation. She combines emancipatory and intervention methodologies to investigate pathways to resilience as human-ecological and cultural adaptive responses to chronic and cumulative adversity. Her recognised scientific contributions include a generative theory (relationship-resourced resilience) describing an emic system to counter chronic adversity, as well as ‘flocking’, a word she coined to depict a collectivist indigenous psychology pathway to resilience.

Prof Ebersöhn is the appointed Secretary-General of the World Education Research Association (WERA). She serves as Chair of the International Research and Scholarship Committee (Division C, Learning and Instruction, of the American Educational Research Association), and was the South African international representative to the Building Resilience in Teacher Education (BRITE) Project Reference Group, Murdoch University.

She presented a plenary session in March 2016 as an invited speaker to the Global Development Network 17th Annual Conference in Lima and at a symposium on Indigenous Pathways to

Resilience at the 2014 meeting of the American Psychological Association. She was visiting professor at Yale University and Edith Cowan University.

Her research focus has had a decided impact on curricula for teacher training in several higher education institutions in South Africa.

With students, co-researchers and as single author, Prof Ebersöhn has contributed more than 70 peer-reviewed articles, numerous book chapters and several edited and co-authored books.



Professor M.S.Rao is the Founder, MSR Leadership Consultants, India with more than three decades of experience in leadership development. He is the author of 17 books including Secrets of Your Leadership Success The 11 Indispensable E's of a Leader and is an experienced leadership educator, editor, speaker, mentor and consultant. His areas of interest include Leadership, Learning and Development and Soft Skills.

Professor Rao has published more than 250 papers and articles in international publications such as Leadership Excellence, Leader to Leader, T+D Magazine (ASTD), Personal Excellence, Chief Learning Officer Magazine, Emerald and Sage to name a few. He coined an innovative teaching tool – Meka's Method. He has created 11E Leadership Grid and Soft Leadership Grid and coined a new leadership style, 'Soft Leadership' copyrighted with Jossey Bass vide link:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ltl.20019/abstract>. He is the Advisor for Board of Global Leadership Awards Committee – Malaysia and presided as the panel of judge for Global Leadership Awards – 2011 and 2012 (Malaysia) vide link:

<http://globalleadershipawards.com/HTML/judges.html> He has been honored as a Member of American Institute of Business Psychology (AIOBP), USA. He is ranked as No.1 among the speakers in India as per reviews on Speakerwiki.org. You may see testimonials by top international leadership gurus at link:

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He is the Editorial Board Member for various prestigious international journals including Emerald (Development and Learning in Organisations-DLO and Industrial and Commercial Training-ICT), International Journal of Business Administration Canada, and Journal of Business Studies Quarterly. He is the reviewer for various prestigious global journals including International Journal of Training and Development - Blackwell Publishing, Tata McGraw-Hill Education (India) Pvt. Ltd and Sage Publications. He can be reached at: profmsr7@gmail.com and additionally maintains popular Blogs <http://profmsr.blogspot.com>, <http://professormsrao.blogspot.com> and <http://professormsraoguru.blogspot.com>



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Andrea M. Berlin is an archaeologist and the James R. Wiseman Chair in Classical Archaeology in the Department of Archaeology at Boston University. She also holds a faculty position in the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies at Boston University.[2] Before that she held positions at academic institutions, among which were (from 2004 to 2010) the Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of Archaeology in the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies at the University of Minnesota. She received her PhD in 1988 from the University of Michigan.



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Dr. Timur Kanapyanov is a Deputy General Director for International Cooperation at the Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR, Kazakhstan). Before joining IAAR in 2012, he worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of History of the State of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

He received his Master's degree in Comparative Politics from the University of Bucharest, Romania, and his Ph.D. is in Political Science from L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan. His major fields of interest are the quality assurance of higher education institutions, parliamentary development in new democracies, post-communist legislative studies, and democratisation. His articles have appeared in international and Kazakh academic journals. He has more than 20 publications related to education and QA. He has exclusive copyrights to IAAR accreditation standards. Dr. Timur Kanapyanov is a reviewer for the scientific and analytical journal "Qogam jane Daur" published by the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Dr. Timur Kanapyanov is a Member of the Russian Expert Guild for Professional Education, a participant of the 12th ENQA Training of Agency Reviewers, and acts as the Chairman of the State Attestation Commission on Educational Programmes in Kazakhstan. He organised and coordinated seminars, workshops, forums, elaboration and development of the Standards and Guidelines on Accreditation, and under his supervision IAAR participates in various international and Erasmus projects.

Dr. Kanapyanov coordinated IAAR external assessment for entry into international networks and registries such as ENQA, WFME, EQAR, APQR, IREG and YOKAK.

From 1 December 2022 elected as a Board Director of the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN).



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Dr. Simona Pajaujiene, Ph.D is Associate Professor at the Department of Coaching Science, Lithuanian Sport University, where she delivers courses related to health enhancing physical activity and personal training. Research interests focus in the areas of Health Education, Body Image in Sport, Weight Control and Exercising Behaviour, Lifestyle and Physical Activity Motivation, Fitness Testing, Physical Activity among children, adults, elderly and special population (Pregnancy and Postpartum). S. Pajaujiene was a Visiting International Professor at Latvian Academy of Sport Education (Riga, Latvia) and University of Physical Education and Sport (Gdansk, Poland) (2020-2021).

Her experience in the fitness sector is over 30 years. Simona is an active promoter of healthy and active lifestyle, sport science through the radio, TV shows, articles, video. She is a guest speaker at different international sport, leisure activity and public health events, presenter of health & fitness industry across Lithuania and abroad.

She is a certified Advanced Health and Exercise Specialist, Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor (EREPS L3-6), ACE International Master Trainer (American Council on Exercise) and

also trainer with broad specialization, having passed from many roles in the fitness industry (Body and Mind, Indoor Cycling, TRX, Aqua Fitness, Functional Training, Outdoor activities, etc.). Simona is a Flow Coach and Nirvana Educational Specialist, also pioneer and promotor of these methods in Lithuania.

At the same time, Simona is a Programme Director of EuropeActive's accredited vocational training school – ActiveTraining and member of Technical Expert Group (TEG) at EuropeActive, Brussels (Belgium).

Simona has a huge experience with participation (as National Coordinator) in several European Projects. She also worked in the TEG for creating EuropeActive Standards EQF Level 5: Pregnancy and Postnatal Exercise Specialist (2016) and updating EQF Level 4: Personal Trainer (2018). She is in the TEG working on EuropeActive 'Exercise

in Pregnancy and Postpartum' - Lifelong Learning Standards (2022), 'Online provision of fitness services' - Lifelong Learning Qualification (2021), 'Healthy Lifestyle Promoter' - Lifelong Learning Qualification (2021).



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As the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC), I am accountable through internal governance for the four academic Faculties (via Deans), Directorate of Outreach, Recruitment and Marketing (via Associate Directors), Directorate of Student & Academic Services (via Registrar, Head of Career Services and Head of Counselling) and, the Directorate of Learning and Teaching and Quality Enhancement (via Pro Vice Chancellor). As DVC, he is also lead the transformation and growth of the University's undergraduate, postgraduate (taught and research) educational portfolio through Faculty and Professional services by driving innovation and enhancing the quality of student experience, teaching practice, curriculum development (including market insight) and support for student learning and success. Responsible as Chief Academic Officer for overseas office in China and, regional teaching and administrative hub in Dubai.



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Ahmad Riza Ghazali
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Ahmad Riza Ghazali has over 22 years of experience in the oil and gas industry especially in R&D and technology development. He championed and advised various technology projects for PETRONAS in the area of subsurface imaging and reservoir characterization. He serves on the Industry Advisory Panel for the Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS. He is an active member of EAGE and SEG and sits as Asia Pacific Advisory Panel for SEG.



Prof. Dr. Çingiz Abdullayev

Cengiz (Chingiz) Abdullayev was born in Baku. He has a doctorate in international law. In the 1980s, he actively served in the Ministry of Defense of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and later in the KGB Intelligence Service of the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Higashitotsu Kutluk

Present: Ankara University of Social Sciences, Türkiye

Formerly: International University of Kagoshima, Japan

Prof. Dr. Higashitotsu Kutluk completed his undergraduate education in the Department of Uyghur Literature at Xinjiang University, Xinjiang – China. He completed his MA and PhD studies in the Department of English and American Literature at Kagoshima University in Japan, and received the title of Associate Professor in the Department of International Cultural Studies at Kagoshima University-Japan.

Formerly, Dr. Higashitotsu Kutluk was a member of the International University of Kagoshima – Japan gave lectures on Japanese History and Culture, Chinese Language History and Literature,

Turkey – China relations, Middle East and Japan relations, and Middle East and China relations, Islamic World and Japan, Japan's Middle East Economic Strategies and China Middle East Silk Road Economic Belt Strategies at undergraduate and graduate levels.

After International University of Kagoshima-Japan, Dr. Higashitotsu Kutluk served as an academic member of Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University-Türkiye. Currently he is an academic member of Ankara University of Social Sciences-Türkiye. His research areas are Uyghur Language and Literature, Chagatai Language and Literature, and American Language and Literature. Dr. Higashitotsu Kutluk has remarkable number of scientific publications, numerous books, and book editorships at international level. Nowadays, his research interests are concentrated on the conflicts and political problems of Uyghur Turks under Chinese rule. Dr. Higashitotsu Kutluk carries out projects supported by international organizations on Japanese Culture and Uyghur Turks Diaspora.

As a result of his scientific studies, he was deemed worthy of the "Trigandağı Uyghur Literature Award" by the Chinese Writers Association, and his book on Freedom Migration of Kazak Turks received honorary award by the Kazak Institute of Literature in Kazakhstan in 2023.

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Higashitotsu Kutluk, is currently member of Ankara Social Sciences University, Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of Japanese Translation and Interpretation.



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Prof. Dr. Elnor C. ROA is a talented leader, teacher and researcher who has been appointed to many positions at various levels in the Philippines. She is a trainer of young and enthusiastic minds and has published many research articles in reputable international journals. She completed all his education and research studies, from undergraduate to doctorate, in the field of technology at Mindanao State University, where she currently works. She graduated from the Institute of Chemical Engineering Technology in 1983 as a Grant in Aide Scholar and completed her undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering at Cebu Institute of Technology as a Partial Scholar in 1986. After starting her professional career at Mindanao State University, she completed her Master's and PhD degrees in 1998 and 2011. She completed her doctoral thesis at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, with a CHED scholarship.

Prof. Dr. Elnor C. ROA is an expert in heavy metals, and has been deemed worthy of many research projects and article presentation awards in this field. Throughout her 35 years of experience as a faculty member and researcher, Prof. Dr. Roa is known for her calm and sweet demeanor. During these years, she held administrative positions at various levels and was elected as the 6th Rector of Mindanao State University-Naawan by the University Board of Governors in 2018.

Prof. Dr. Roa is married and the mother of two children.



Prof. Dr. Masashi Maita

Vice Rector

Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology

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Prof. Dr. Masashi Maita is the Executive Vice Rector of Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (TUMSAT-Japan), where he is responsible for the Education and International Affairs section of the University.

Prof. Dr. Masashi Maita continues his research on risk assessment, aquatic toxicology, fish pharmacology, fish physiology and food safety.

Prof. Dr. Masashi Maita is the former Dean of the Graduate School of Marine Science and Technology. He teaches Marine Bioengineering and Fish Health Management courses at undergraduate levels. He gives lectures in Applied Marine Biosciences at graduate level in the fields of Influence of chemicals and/or environmental factors to fish health, Fish health management by natural herbs and Safety management of aquaculture fish.

To date, cost analysis in aquaculture, hormone applications, pharmacokinetics, treatment methods of fish diseases, molecular genetics applications, fish immunology, floating and submersible cage technologies, application of instrumental analysis methods, innovative fish feeding methods, toxicity, pearl production, improving cultured fish meat quality are among his research interests. He has more than 100 articles published in international journals and international books on his subjects.

Prof. Dr. Masashi Maita currently serves as Vice Rector at Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology.



Prof. Dr. Emmanouil Varvounis

Emmanouil Varvounis was born in 1966 on Samos, Greece, where he completed his primary and secondary education. He was a student of the Section for History and Archaeology of the Philosophical School of the University of Athens (1983 – 1988) and of the University of Athens Theological School. He specialized in folklore and in 1991 was awarded a doctorate in folklore by the Department of Primary Education of the University of Athens. During the period 1996 – 1997, he did post-doctoral research at the Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain – la – Neuve) in Belgium. Since 1992 he has taught folklore in the Department of History and Ethnology of the Democritus University of Thrace, where he is today a Professor and Department Chairman. He is a member of many learned societies in Greece and abroad, such as the Hellenic Folklore Society, in Athens, of which he is also a member of the Administrative Committee, the British Folklore Society, of London, and the American Folklore Society, of Washington. He is the author of many works, some independent studies and some published in collective volumes. His works have been translated and published in English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Serbian, Turkish, Russian, Georgian, Arabic, Armenian, Latin and Bulgarian. In March, 2005, His Beatitude the Ecumenical Patriarch Vartholomaios honoured him with the rank of ‘Master Protector of Letters of the Great Holy Church of Christ’. In 2007, Priest and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa Theodoros II honoured him with the rank of ‘Master Keeper of the Archives’ of the Patriarchal Throne of Alexandria. In February 2011, His Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III proclaimed him ‘Crusader of the All-Holy Tomb’. In December 2011, he was awarded a prize by the Academy of Athens, in January of 2011 he was awarded the Gold Medal for the Arts and Sciences and in 2012 the Great Gold Cross of the International Albert Schweitzer Organization. In 2012 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by St. Stephen Harding University, North Carolina. He is Corresponding Member of the Accademia Costantina (Rome, 2013), the Accademia Bonifaciana (Milan, 2014), Honorary Member of the Norman Academy (France, 2014), of the REAL Academia de Buenas Letras (Barcelona, 2015), of and a Regular Member of the International Academy of Social Sciences (Florida, 2015). He is an Accademico d’Onore of the Real Academia Sancti Ambrosii Martyris of Portugal (2016). He is also an Honorary Doctor of Letters (LL. Doctorate, Doctor of Letters) of the Theological College and Seminary, St. Stephen Harding University (2014) and Honorary Doctor of Theology (DD, Doctor of Divinity) of the St. Seraphim School of Orthodox Theology (2015). In 2015, he was awarded the ‘Great Prize’ by the Institute of Pedagogical Studies and Applications for his academic work and for his contribution

to the international spread and study of Greek culture. He was also awarded the 15th International Giuseppe Sciacca Prize in 2017 and in the same year made an Honorary Professor of the Department of Classical and Modern Greek Philology (Departamentul de Filologie Clasică și Neogreacă) of the University of Bucharest. He has been awarded many state and Church decorations for his educational and social work. He is married and the father of two sons.