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Speaker biographies

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Professor Ronaldo Munck is Chair of the Executive Committee of the Irish-African Partnership, and theme leader for internationalisation, interculturalism and social development at Dublin City University. Previously he was the first post-apartheid Chair in Sociology at the University of Durban-Westville in South Africa where he directed a major project on gender and empowerment.

He has written widely on development issues, including *Critical Development Theory: Contributions to a New Paradigm* (London, Zed Books, 2000) and on Latin America, including most recently *Contemporary Latin America* (London, Palgrave 2008). His recent work has focused on the impact of globalisation in *Globalisation and Labour: The new 'Great Transformation'* (Zed Books, 2002); *Globalization and Social Exclusion: A Transformationalist Perspective* (Kumarian Press, 2005) and *Globalization and Contestation: The new great counter-movement* (Routledge, 2007). He is currently working on globalisation and migration in Ireland and edits the e-journal *Translocations* (<http://www.translocations.ie>).

Lillian Tibatemwa-Ekirikubinza
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Lillian Tibatemwa-Ekirikubinza is a holder of a Ph.D. in Law (University of Copenhagen, Denmark); an LL.M (Commercial Law) Bristol, U.K; an LL.B (Hons.) Makerere University; a Diploma in Legal Practice, Law Development Centre, Kampala; and is enrolled as an Advocate of all Courts of Uganda's Judicature. She is currently the 1st Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), and a Professor of Law at Makerere University.

Professor Tibatemwa-Ekirikubinza's fields of research include Gender, Crime and Criminology; Comparative Criminal Jurisprudence; Gender and the Law; Human Rights Perspectives of Criminal Law; Children's Rights; Juvenile Justice; Rights of People with Disability; E-Evidence and Computer Crime; Transnational Crime.

She is widely published in referred journals and among her publications are three law books: *Women's Violent Crime in Uganda: More Sinned Against than Sinning* (1999). Fountain Publishers,

Kampala, Uganda; *Offences Against the Person: Homicides and Non-Fatal Assaults in Uganda*. Fountain Publishers. Kampala. (2005); and *Criminal Law in Uganda: Sexual Assaults and Offences against Morality*. Fountain Publishers. Kampala. (2005). Her publications are the first ever locally authored text books on the substantive law of crime based on judicial interpretation of Uganda's principal criminal legislation (the Penal Code). Her work is thus an invaluable contribution to the development of criminal jurisprudence by Ugandan and East African Courts of Law.

Milestones in her career include 1) First female to become Associate Professor of Law in the East African region, 2) First female to be appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Makerere University, 3) First female to become full Professor of Law in the East African region

Goolam Mohamedbhai
Former Secretary General
Association of African Universities

Professor Goolam Mohamedbhai was until recently Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities. He was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mauritius from 1995 to 2005. He obtained his Bachelor's and Doctorate degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Manchester, UK, and did his postdoctoral research at the University of California, Berkeley, under a Fulbright-Hays award. He has also been conferred an honorary doctorate by the Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania, and the Institute of Business Management of Karachi, Pakistan.

Professor Mohamedbhai was the President of the International Association of Universities, based at UNESCO, Paris, from 2004-2008. He has also been Chairman of several other university associations, including the Association of Commonwealth Universities (2003-2004), and the University of the Indian Ocean (1998-2005). He was Chairman of the Africa Regional Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge (2005-2008) and is currently a member of the governing Council of the United Nations University. He is the recipient of several awards, the most recent one being the Symons Award 2009 from the Association of Commonwealth Universities for outstanding contribution to the ACU and to Commonwealth Universities.

Samuel Antwi Darkwah
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Darkwah was born in Kwabeng, a village in the Eastern Region of Ghana, where he had both his elementary and secondary education. In 1981, he received a scholarship to undertake a Masters degree program in Agricultural Economics at the Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry in Brno Czech Republic. He returned to Ghana after his studies to work at the Ghana Cooperative Bank in Accra, but then returned to his former University in 2000 to start his PhD studies in Economics and Management, which he successfully finished in 2007.

Whilst studying, he was employed by the faculty as assistant lecturer to teach financial management and business economics. He currently teaches the two above-mentioned subjects, as well as Small and Medium Business Enterprises and Business Finance. His present position is a senior lecturer and concurrently working as an International Relations Officer for the University.

Nan Warner

**Director, University Science, Humanities & Engineering Partnerships in Africa (USHEPiA) and EAAV Programmes, International Academic Programmes Office
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Nan Warner has been associated with the University of Cape Town in various capacities since 1972. Her BSc degree at the University of Cape Town was in Microbiology, Biochemistry and Botany. She has worked among others as a Research Assistant in the Clinical Science Department in UCT's Medical School; in a research project to study the history of Astronomy in South Africa; as a Public Relations assistant in UCT's research group on Theoretical Physics; and in the Information Technology Services, UCT. Warner later worked as a consultant for Research Facilitation Services (an independent business that contracted work from UCT), where she was part of a team that ran several international and local conferences and workshops; built research exhibitions; organized training courses; undertook information-gathering projects resulting in reports on various activities at UCT; and helped co-ordinate a regional medical funding proposal.

She joined IAPO (International Academic Programmes Office), UCT, in September 1997, in order to become the USHEPiA (University Science, Humanities & Engineering Partnerships in Africa) Programme Co-Ordinator. In 1999 she designed a pilot African Academic Exchange Programme, and in 2005 extended her responsibilities to develop an Africa Office and become IAPO's Manager of African Academic Links. She received her Master's degree in Higher Education studies in 2005 from the University of the Western Cape.

Piyushi Kotecha

**Chief Executive Officer
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Piyushi Kotecha is CEO of the Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA), the pioneering leadership organization based at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. Kotecha has shaped SARUA as a bold, new initiative designed to develop a higher education agenda of relevance, growth, development and integration in higher education in the SADC region. SARUA is part of a continental drive to revitalize the role and impact of universities with key partners such as the African Union (AU), NEPAD and SADC. Kotecha's contribution is increasingly recognized in key continental and international higher education development circles. Previously, she was the driving force in the transformation of the South African Universities Vice-Chancellors Association (SAUVCA) as well as in the inception of Higher Education South Africa (HESA), which for the first time in South Africa incorporated universities and the erstwhile technikons into a single higher education umbrella body.

Josep Vilalta

**Executive Secretary
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Josep M. Vilalta is the Executive Secretary of the ACUP. He is a graduate in Geography and History (UB) with a Masters in Public Administration (UAB), Masters in Political and Social Theory (UPF) and a Postgraduate in Higher Education Management (Open University / Universiteit Twente).

He has acted as Deputy Director General of Research for the Generalitat de Catalunya, Head of the Area of University Evaluation, Studies and Cooperation of the Generalitat. Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair for Higher Education Teaching and Administration, Head of the Strategic Planning Unit of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Executive Secretary of the International Coastal Resources Research Centre and Deputy Managing Director of the Maritime Engineering Laboratory at the UPC.

He is a specialist in public administration and policy, organisation and strategic management in the public sector, university policy and administration, and policy and administration for R+D. He has taught public administration and policy at different universities and training centres, and has been a visiting lecturer at the University of London (UK) and Universiteit Twente (Holland), as well as the promoter and coordinator of the Master in University Administration and Policy.

With more than thirty publications to his name in journals, book chapters and books on public administration and policy, he has also participated in different projects and groups of experts for the European Commission, OCDE and UNESCO in the area of higher education teaching and science policy.

Kay Svensson
Director for International Relations
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Svensson has a Master degree in Theology from Uppsala University from 1984. From 1986-1995, he worked with research and teaching at the Department of Theology. From 1995-1997, Svensson was Director of Studies in Department of Theology 1995-1997, before becoming Faculty Director of Studies in Faculty of Theology at the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Languages, a position he held from 1997 to 2005.

Svensson is coordinator of an European Mundus Master on International Humanitarian Action. He is the main coordinator of a Thematic Network on Teaching Religion in Secular and Multicultural Society, and has coordinated numerous other national and international projects. From 2009 to 2009, he was director for Uppsala University Education, responsible for continuing, commissioned education, including courses in China. He is currently director for International Relations at Uppsala University.