Catholic Universities without Borders

“Internationalisation and Risk”

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Internationalisation and Risk

Let’s connect and share our experiences

Over the past 20 years, the landscape of higher education has been transformed at the global level. The recognition of qualifications has promoted student mobility, thus increasing competition between universities in a context of emerging low-cost transport. The internationalisation of universities has taken different forms, from the increased presence of foreign students on campuses to the organisation of Summer Schools and the creation of campuses outside the country of origin (branding policy). At the same time, universities have faced increased risks. There is a risk of financial dependence on students from abroad; risks linked also to the sometimes delicate context in which universities find themselves (rising intolerance, limits to religious freedom, terrorist threats); and lastly, there are multiple reputational risks. The Covid-19 crisis has reinforced the issue of risk management in our universities. In order to respond to this rise in risks and to prepare universities for an uncertain future, IFCU together with ACU invites you to its first Online Forum “Internationalisation of Catholic Universities” focused on risk management: a unique opportunity to meet you, to share your experiences and to reflect together on concrete proposals.

This unique event for International Relations officers of Catholic Universities is the first of this type gathering the world of Catholic Higher Education.

The International Federation of Catholic Universities is the first worldwide network of Catholic universities. Founded in 1924 and approved by the Holy See in 1949, it gathers more than 230 institutions of Higher Education around the world and provides six major services to its membership: an Executive Training Department which provides seminars, workshops in areas like Leadership, Management, Communication, Quality Assurance, Social Responsibility, Campus ministries, etc.; The Laudato Si’ Endowment Fund for Academic and Social Projects; the IFCU-CIRAD “International Research and Decision Making Center”, a tool for fostering scientific cooperation; the Higher Education Foresight Unit to assist presidents and all staff members involved in management and strategic planning in dealing with the challenges faced by Higher Education in an era of disruption; a global presence and networking: sharing experiences in International Institutions since 1965 in the UN System, the OECD and others; a collaborative platform: the worldwide portal of Catholic Universities that aims to provide the most comprehensive overview possible of Catholic Higher Education.

The Australian Catholic University is a publicly funded university with seven campuses around Australia. It is one of the few Australian universities with a presence in Europe, having opened the Rome Centre in Italy in 2015. The university now has more than 32,000 students from 160 countries, and more than 2,200 staff. It has matched this growth with the expansion and upgrade of its campuses. It is now globally connected, with a relationship to more than 190 universities and educational institutions around the world as well as being part of the International Federation of Catholic Universities.

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