

جامعة الأخوين  
أكاديمية الأبحاث والدراسات  
AL AKHAWAYN  
UNIVERSITY



# CEA CONFERENCE

# 2023

**VALUES IN AND FOR UNIVERSITIES:  
THE NOTION OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

**5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**





# Co-President Address

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We are delighted that the Critical Edge Alliance meeting has come back to Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI), the physical place where the initial idea of CEA was born in 2015. The ideas behind CEA have lived deep inside each of our universities since their founding moments, and we have each joined these university spaces to be part of a global community of aspirants. The CEA is what brings us together.

This year's annual international conference, from **5-7 July, 2023**, asks us to consider how equity is understood across our various contexts and to consider how we can strive together to make more possible. We thank the student organizing team and the Al Akhawayn University administration, especially Dr. Brian Seilstad, for convening the alliance partners alongside a host of presenters, participants, and student representatives to debate on our very important theme: "Values in and for Universities: The notion of diversity, equity and inclusion."

As we all agree, universities are not just a space for educational transactions. They are dynamic, evolving ecosystems for continuously stretching the boundaries of knowledge in order to co-create ideas for the advancement of human civilization. The current challenges of climate change and the later stages of the COVID pandemic have cruelly reminded us that inequity in systems is ensured as long as our systems are not decolonized. We rely on all of you - our human systems of connection - to deconstruct what we have built in order to find a shared path forward. In an era of global interconnectedness and enhanced mobility across borders for educational pursuits, university values and practices to embrace diversity, ensure equity, and attempt inclusion must be designed to flourish across the globe.

As co-presidents, it is our privilege to serve the CEA. We are deeply honored to experience the wonderful intellectual and intercultural churning at AUI, celebrating our collective efforts to make education across the globe more inclusive and equitable. As we convene here in Morocco for this shared colloquia, we are grateful for the learning, questioning, and meaning making that we will carry with us in the years to come.

Thank you for your contributions to the important endeavor.

PK Shajahan, Tata Institute of Social Sciences

**Mary Watson, The New School**

# Conference Schedule

**WEDNESDAY JULY 5, 2023**

## **CEA Business Meeting**

(by invitation only for CEA Institutional Representatives)

**1:30PM to 3:30PM - Event Room**

## **Campus Tour**

(all participants)

**3:30PM to 4PM - Meet at Event Room**

## **Opening Plenary**

**4PM to 8PM - Event Room**

### **▶ Welcome Remarks 4PM to 5PM**

1. Conference Organizers
2. AUI President, Dr. Amine Bensaid
3. CEA Co-Presidents, Mary Watson and P.K. Shajahan
4. Reflections on 1st CEA Conference, Dr. Nizar Messari
5. Reflection on Last Year's Conference: Ms. Fatima Zahra Belhadj and Rahul Raj
6. Introduction to CEA Institutions, CEA Representatives

### **▶ Opening Panel 5PM to 6:30PM**

Title: **Values and the Dilemmas of General Education**

### **▶ CEA Student Ambassador Opening Presentation 6:30PM to 7:30PM**

### **▶ Artistic Presentations Walk-Through 7:30PM to 8PM - Library**

## **Opening Dinner**

**8PM to 10PM - VIP Room, Building 3**

**THURSDAY JULY 6, 2023**

**Breakfast, Arrival**  
**7AM to 9AM**

**Morning Yoga**  
**7:30AM to 8:30AM - Meet at Gymnasium**

**Concurrent Panel Session 1a: Engaging Learning and Teaching**  
**9AM to 10:30AM - Event Room**

Panel:

1. Jack Kalpakian: Teaching International Relations in Morocco
2. Emon Nandi: Implications on DEI in the Indian University
3. Hirsh Diamant: Connecting People and Ideas
4. Abderrahim Agnaou: "Breaking the Mold": Reinventing Gen Ed to Empower Gen Z

**Concurrent Panel Session 1b: Critical Approaches to DEI in Higher Education**

**9AM to 10:30AM - Library ThinkSpace**

Panel:

1. Tatiana Fogelman: Institution Pathways to Equitable Student Inclusion
2. Savvina Azim Chodhury: Reckoning with Legacies of Colonialism
3. Aicha Adoui: Challenging the Neoliberal University
4. Koel Nath: Doing Emotion as Doing Gender

**Coffee Break**  
**10:30AM to 11AM - Event Room**

**Concurrent Workshop Session 1a**  
**11AM to 12:30PM - Event Room**

Gomathi Jatin, Nishevita Jayendran, and Richa Sharma: Peace Studies, Education, and Pedagogy: Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Peacebuilding

**Concurrent Workshop Session 1b**  
**11AM to 12:30PM - Library ThinkSpace**

Sadie Aymond and James Jackson: Mass Incarceration in US

**Concurrent Workshop Session 1c**  
**11AM to 12:30PM - Library 2nd Floor Workshop Space**

Brian Seilstad and Karen Thomas-Smith: Transformative Travel Learning: Mercer University and AUI's Collaboration on Interreligious Dialogue

**Lunch**

**12:30PM to 2PM - VIP Room, Building 3**

**Concurrent Workshop Session 2a**

**2PM to 3:30PM - Event Room**

Therese Saliba and Dexter Gordon: Taking Action on Equity: Creating Institutional Change

**Concurrent Workshop Session 2b**

**2PM to 3:30PM - Library ThinkSpace**

Mohammad Arafat Intisher: Shared Humanity Experience

**Concurrent Workshop Session 2c**

**2PM to 3:30PM - Library 2nd Floor Workshop Space**

Arita Balam and Alison Francesca Howard: Mapping Desire in Educational Spaces

**Coffee Break**

**3:30PM to 4PM - Event Room**

**Concurrent Workshop Session 3a**

**4PM to 5:30PM - Event Room**

Shreya Urvashi and Rahul Raj: Friendship and Inclusion

**Concurrent Workshop Session 3b**

**4PM to 5:30PM - Library ThinkSpace**

Daniel Malaguti Campos: Regenerative Design

**Concurrent Workshop Session 3c**

**4PM to 5:30PM - Library 2nd Floor Workshop Space**

European Reform University Alliance: Expectations vs. Reality

**Evening wrap-up**

**5:30PM to 6PM - Event Room**

**Explore Ifrane and AUI's Community Engagement**

**6PM** - (choose one experience)

**Evening Choice #1:** Walking tour of Ifrane with Dr. Eric Ross starting from Main Gate

**Evening Choice #2:** Trip to Azrou Center for Community Development

**FRIDAY JULY 7, 2023**

**Breakfast, Arrival**  
**7AM to 9AM**

**Nature Walk**  
**7:30AM to 8:30AM - Meet at Main Gate**

**Concurrent Panel Session 2a: Democracy and Reform**  
**9AM to 10:30AM - Event Room**

Eirik Steinhoff: Evergreen Prison Project  
Sean Devine: Inclusion and Lack  
Sami Rojbi: Tactile Adaption to Democratize Image Access  
Marc Idelson: Broadening organizational learning models

**Concurrent Panel Session 2b: "Belonging" in higher education**  
**9AM to 10:30AM - Library ThinkSpace**

Pani Farvid  
Tyce Purvis  
Robyn Attarian

**Concurrent Workshop Session 4a**  
**10:30AM to 12PM - Event Room**

Brynn Smith: Increasing Access to Study Abroad

**Concurrent Workshop Session 4b**  
**10:30AM to 12PM - Library ThinkSpace**

John Andersen: Action research, Problem-Based Learning: Experiences from Planning Studies Roskilde University

**Concurrent Workshop Session 4c**  
**10:30AM to 12PM - Library 2nd Floor Workshop Space**

Anthippi Potolia: Higher Education Resilience in Refugee Crises: Forging Social Inclusion through Capacity Building, Civic Engagement and Skills Recognition

**CEA Student Reps Workshop and Closing: Translating Global Insights into Local Impact**  
**12PM to 1:30PM - Event Room**

**Closing Lunch**  
**1:30PM to 3PM - VIP Room, Building 3**

**Depart for Fes for Tour and Dinner**  
**3PM**

