

AGENDA

ACADEMIC CITY INTERNATIONAL KNOWLEDGE FORUM

20.10.2025-21.10.2025

Dvin Music Hall, Paronyan 40,
Yerevan, Armenia

DAY 1, 20.10.2025

09:30 – 10:00

Opening Ceremony

Welcome speech by Zhanna Andreasyan,
Minister of Education, Science, Culture and
Sport of the Republic of Armenia

Opening speech by Vahagn Khachaturyan,
President of the Republic of Armenia

10:00 – 11:00

High-Level Panel Discussion (N1)

Topic: Global Challenges, National Responses

11:00 – 11:30

Question and Answer Session

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:40

Panel Discussion N2

*Topic: Education, Science and Innovation as a
Driver for the Country's Development Potential*

Speakers:

- Sargis Hayotsyan, Chairman of the Higher Education and Science Committee of the Republic of Armenia
- Professor Sir Chris Husbands, Director, Higher Futures, Honorary Fellow, UCL
- Professor James Wilsdon, Executive Director, Research on Research Institute (RoRI)

Moderator:

Anna Sarkisyan, Educational Cluster Coordinator,
"Academic City" Fund

12:40 – 13:00

Question and Answer Session

13:00 – 13:40

Panel Discussion N3

*Topic: Enabling a Vibrant University-Driven
Innovation Ecosystem in Armenia*

Speakers:

- Dr. Georgeta Auktor, University Development and Management Lead, TUM International
- Suzanna Shamakhyan, Executive Director, Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST)
- Dr. Natascha Eckert, Former Global Head of Siemens RIE
- Dr. Barbara Tasch, Managing Director at TUM School of Management

Moderator:

Sargis Asatryants, Vice-Rector for
Internationalization and Reforms at the
National Polytechnic University of Armenia
(NPUA)



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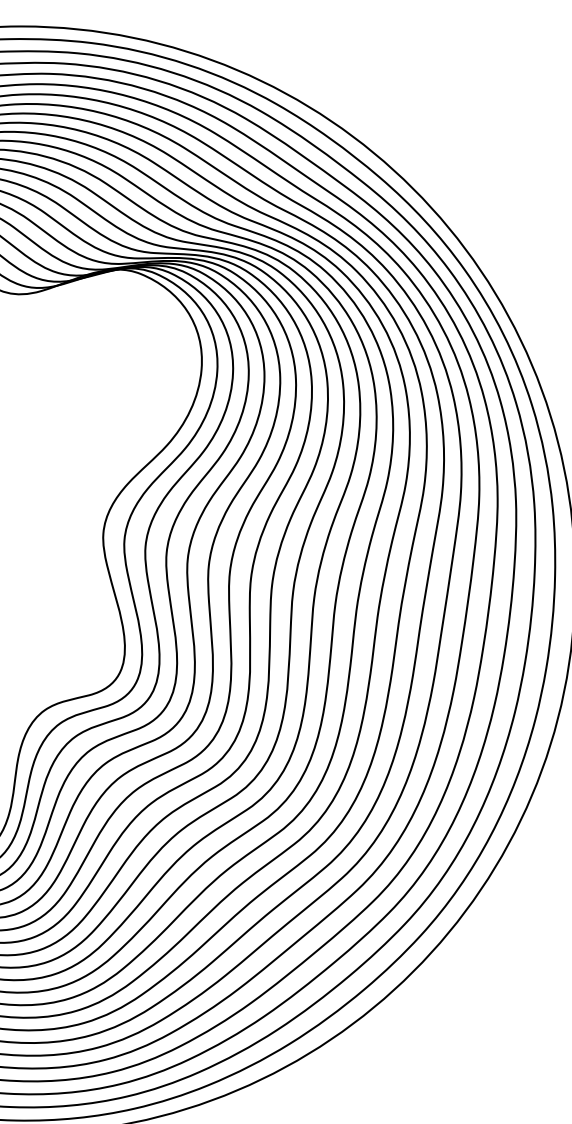
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13:40 – 14:00 **Question and Answer Session**

14:00 – 14:30 **Coffee Break**

14:30 – 15:15 **Presentation N1**

Topic: Academic City – a Vibrant and Integrated Environment for the Development of Education and Science

Presenter:

Tobias Keyl, Associate Partner, gmp Architects

15:15 – 16:00

Presentation N2

Topic: Urban Development Strategy and Economic Potential of the Academic City

Presenter:

Jochen Rabe, Rabe Strategic Urban Planning (RSUP)

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:10

Panel Discussion N4

Topic: Investment Attractiveness of the Academic City in Relation to Infrastructure Development

Speakers:

- Graca Carvalho, Centre for Digital Innovation
- Diego Deponte, Associate Partner and Managing Director, Systematica
- Lilit Haroyan, Head of Investment Promotion and Foreign Department, Enterprise Armenia
- Tobias Keyl, Associate Partner, gmp Architects
- Hayley Gryc, Associate Director, ARUP

Moderator:

Jochen Rabe, Rabe Strategic Urban Planning (RSUP)

17:10 – 17:30

Question and Answer Session

DAY 2, 21.10.2025

Official Part
(only by invitations)

09:30 – 10:00

Registration and Welcome Coffee

Official Part
(only by invitations)

10:00 – 11:00

Keynote Presentation

*Presentation by Nikol Pashinyan,
Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia*

Topic: Education as a National Strategy



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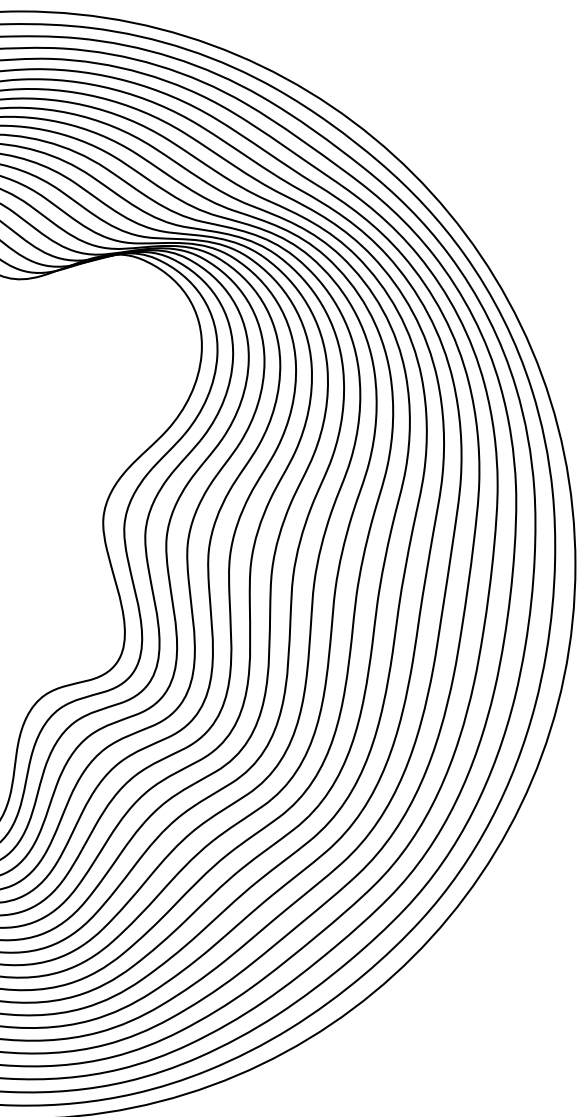
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11:00 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 12:10

Panel Discussion N5

Topic: Universities and Science as Driving Engines of Regional Development

Speakers:

- Friederike Hettinger, Managing Director of TUM International
- Professor Andrew Brown, Processor of Education and Society, UCL Institute of Education
- Claus Nielson, Director, Danish Technical University
- Sofia Shakil, Director, Human and Society Development, Asian Development Bank

Moderator:

Mariana Sargsyan, Head of International Cooperation Unit, Department for Higher Education and Science Policy, Higher Education and Science Committee of the Republic of Armenia

12:10 – 12:30

Question and Answer Session

12:30 – 13:30

Coffee Break

13:30 – 14:00

Presentation N3

Topic: Digital Transformation of Higher Education

Presenter:

Professor Norbert Pachler, Vice-Dean (Enterprise), UCL Institute of Education

14:00 – 14:40

Panel Discussion N6

Topic: Lifelong Learning and Flexible Higher Education Pathways

Speakers:

- Professor Norbert Pachler, Vice-Dean (Enterprise), UCL Institute of Education
- Professor Huw Morris, Honorary Professor of Tertiary Education, UCL Institute of Education
- Professor Christos Karagiannis, Vice-Rector for Administrative Affairs, Student Welfare and Lifelong Learning of National and Kapodistrian, University of Athens

Moderator:

Dr. Hasmik Kyureghyan, Education Researcher and Consultant, Teacher Educational Professional, Education Projects Lead at AMAA Armenia

14:40 – 15:00

Question and Answer Session



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Presentation N4

Topic: Focus on New Technologies and the Role of Innovation in the Creative Industries

Presenter:

Professor Lawrence Zeegen, Director of Creative Computing Institute, UAL

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:40

Panel Discussion N7

Topic: Ways on Improving Connections between Universities and Industry

Speakers:

- Professor Lawrence Zeegen, Director of Creative Computing Institute, UAL
- Helen McVey, Director of Business Development, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
- Björn Christianson, Director of Business Development, UCL Consultants LTD
- Silvia Bojinova, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Moderator:

Lilit Petrosyan, Director, State Theatre of Musical Comedy after Hakob Paronyan

16:40 – 17:00

Question and Answer Session

17:00 – 17:30

Summarizing and Closing

Please note:

The language of the Forum is **English**. Simultaneous interpretation from English to Armenian will be provided.



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