Re-entry Conference: *What Now?*
Ryerson University, University of Toronto and York University
in partnership with Verge
September 24, 2017, Sunday @ 10h00 – 14h00
Room 250, Podium Building, Ryerson University, 350 Victoria Street, Downtown Toronto

Program

10:00 – 10:15  Registration and check-in

10:15 – 10:30  Welcome by university partners

- Helen Balderama, Associate Director, International Partnerships and Programs, York International, York University
- Laura Morello, Student Mobility Officer, Ryerson International, Ryerson University
- Loraine Au Tham, Manager, Student Exchange and Global Initiatives, Centre for International Experience, University of Toronto

10:30 – 10:45  Guest speaker on “*Global Citizenship and Study Abroad*”

David Common
Host, CBC World Report, York Alumnus and Former Exchange Student at Stockholm University, Sweden

10:45 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 11:50  Panel 1: Whew, I am back!

*Panel of experts and returned students (from 2015-2016 and Fall 2016-2017 cohort) to discuss adjustments after study abroad and share insights and tips on putting knowledge and skills gained from international education experiences.*

- Dr. Marilyn Lambert-Drache, Associate Professor and Associate Vice-President International, York University
- Dr. Arne Kislenko, Associate Professor, Undergraduate Programme Director, Ryerson University
- Larissa Crawford, Exchange programs in Turkey and China, interned and volunteered in Latin America, York University
- Rija Saleem, Exchange programs in South Korea and China, University of Toronto
- Sausen Sakina Jessa, Summer Research Exchange Program in Sweden, University of Toronto

Q & A with the audience

Moderator:
Arif Abu, Coordinator, International Student Support Office, Ryerson University
11:50 – 12:40  
**Panel 2: Global competences: what does it mean for future work, research and study opportunities?**

*Industry and university career experts with students (who have gone and came back from study abroad 2-5 years ago) to discuss the advantages of international education from the perspectives of personal and career growth opportunities.*

- **Lia De Cicco-Remu**, Director, Education Strategy, Microsoft Canada
- **Amelia Merrick**, Director, Student Career Exploration & Education, University of Toronto
- **Alamgir Khandwala**, Staff Accountant, Deloitte, 2017 Recipient of Murray G. Ross Presidential Award; Exchange and Student Conference in Vietnam and China, York University
- **Seemi Qaiser**, Recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award; Summer Research Exchange Program in Denmark, University of Toronto
- **Shahrukh Siddiqui**, Account Director, Top Hat; Exchange program in Australia, Ryerson University

Q & A with the audience

**Moderator:**  
**Hani El Masry**, Global Learning Assistant, York International, York University

12:40 – 14:00  
Closing and Networking (Lunch)

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**Organizers/Partners**

**York University:**  
Helen Balderama, 2017 Re-entry Conference Program Lead and Associate Director International Partnerships and Programs  
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