

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**, 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)

Organizers/Partners

- York University: Helen Balderama, 2017 Re-entry Conference Program Lead and Associate Director
International Partnerships and Programs
Beth Alaksa, International Mobility Coordinator
- Ryerson University: Suhair Deeb, Coordinator, International Mobility Programs
Laura Morello, Student Mobility Officer
- University of Toronto: Holly Luffman, Director, Centre for International Experience
Loraine Au Tham, Manager, Student Exchange and Global initiatives