

Atlantic Technological University (ATU) - CINNTE Review 2024

The Review Team



Chair

Dr Benjamin Calvert is Vice-Chancellor University of South Wales. Ben started his academic career as an undergraduate studying Social Sciences and later a PhD focusing on British tabloid press coverage of share ownership and privatisation during the 1980s. He started his career as a lecturer at the University of Central England, teaching Media and Cultural Studies. Later, he was a Senior Lecturer at the University of St. Mark and St. John, Plymouth and in 2002 moved to the University of Gloucestershire where he would eventually become Dean of the Faculty of Media, Arts and Technology. Ben published in the fields of pedagogy and the study of television and as a Head of Department and later Dean was involved in the bidding team that secured Skillset Media Academy status. He oversaw a significant development of the portfolio and growth of student numbers. He was also University lead on the successful development of a University Technical College at Berkeley Green, in partnership with South Gloucestershire and Stroud College. Ben also trained as a QAA reviewer for their Review of Educational Oversight method and was an external examiner in various institutions.

Ben joined the University of South Wales in 2015 as Pro Vice-Chancellor for Learning, Teaching and Student Experience implementing a new Student Experience Plan and overseeing significant improvement in student metrics across the University. He became Vice-Chancellor in 2021. Ben has played important external roles within Wales and the U.K. including as a member of the U.K. Teaching Excellence Awards Panel, of the Advance HE Steering Group on External Examining, HEFCW's Student Opportunity and Achievement Committee and the U.K. Standing Committee for Quality Assessment. He was Chair of Universities Wales Learning and Teaching Advisory Group for several years, helping to facilitate sector wide work on learning and teaching, retention, and learner analytics. He is currently Chair of Global Wales, a partnership that promotes a strategic approach to international education in Wales. During the pandemic he was Chair of the Welsh Government COVID Guidance Group working with government, public health officials and other stakeholders in developing frameworks for the continuation of learning through the pandemic. He has been a member of the Board of Governors at Bridgend College, at his local primary school and in his role as Vice-Chancellor, on the Boards of Merthyr Tydfil College and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees at UCAS.

Ben is a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales.



Coordinating Reviewer

Nicole O'Neill is TU Dublin's Education Innovation Manager. Nicole works across the Quality Framework and Learning, Teaching & Assessment Teams. Currently she is leading the development of a New Student Feedback System, the expansion of Communities of Practice to support learning, teaching and assessment and developing a support platform for Programme Co-ordination.

Nicole had over 12 years' experience as a Quality Assurance Officer, and has vast experience co-ordinating reviews and evaluating collaborative provision. She also has extensive experience working with both Staff and Students developing and implementing new Academic Policies and Regulations and contributing to the evolution of a dynamic quality culture.



Nolusindiso Kayi is the Senior Manager: Strategic Research Projects in the Office of the CEO at South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

She has been working in the South African Higher Education system for more than 20 years. She joined SAQA from Universities South Africa (USAf) where she was Senior Manager: Student Success. Prior to that, she was the Director: University Research Support and Policy Development at the Department (Ministry) of Higher Education and Training (South Africa).

She has worked for a number of universities in research management including, Stellenbosch University, University of the Western Cape and University of Cape Town.

Her portfolios focused on supporting and advancing research in South Africa mainly in research grants management and support for early career researchers, policy development for higher education, supporting internationalization of higher education in South Africa and evaluation of research and creative outputs. She has a Masters in Business Administration from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.



Ronan Emmett is a senior HR leader with a unique blend of industry experience and academic collaborations. He currently serves as Learning, and Talent Management Leader at Boston Scientific in Cork, a position he has held since 2014. A key strength of Ronan's is his experience in partnering with higher education institutions to create innovative talent programs.

He has collaborated with universities to develop and deliver tailored learning and development initiatives, ensuring a seamless transition for students entering the professional world.

Ronan is a graduate of Dublin Institute of Technology and the National University of Ireland Galway. In addition to his industry expertise, Ronan is currently pursuing the Barrister-at-Law degree from the Honorable Society of King's Inns. This legal dimension enhances his skill set, providing a deep understanding of employment law and regulatory frameworks. Ronan's legal insights offer a unique perspective to his HR practices, ensuring compliance and strategic decision-making.

Throughout his career, Ronan has successfully led global initiatives in talent management, learning and development, and organizational effectiveness. His experience in designing and implementing HR processes, tools, and solutions has had a positive impact on employee engagement and talent retention. With a passion for continuous learning and professional development, Ronan stays abreast of the latest trends and advancements in the HR field. He is an advocate for adapting new technologies and methodologies to enhance learning experiences and improve organizational performance. His experience collaborating with higher education institutions brings a unique perspective, allowing him to incorporate innovative practices and structures into his work.



Jade Stanley is a research postgraduate student at South East Technological University (SETU). Jade's experience includes Bioscience and Biopharmaceuticals. Currently, she is completing a PhD focused on developing bioplastics using sustainable alternative starches.

Jade has been actively involved in various SETU initiatives, including judging student projects for SciFest, showcasing innovative programmes like *Innovative Materials for Industry 4.0*, and volunteering wherever needed to support both students and staff. She represented SETU during its CINNTE review, focusing on access and disability.

Beyond academia, Jade is an active member of SETU's equestrian team, Green Campus society, and the TU's peer mentor programme. As a peer mentor, she shares her expertise in student services and assists first-year students with their transition into college life through the provision of guidance and support.



Professor Sokratis Katsikas received a Diploma in Electrical Engineering from the University of Patras, Greece, in 1982; a Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA, in 1984; and a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering & Informatics from the University of Patras, Greece, in 1987.

In 2019 he was awarded a Doctorate Honoris Causa from the Department of Production and Management Engineering, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece.

He is the Director of the Norwegian Centre for Cybersecurity in Critical Sectors (NORCICS) and Professor with the Department of Information Security and Communication Technology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He is also Professor Emeritus of the Department of Digital Systems, University of Piraeus, Greece.

In the past, among others, he has been the Rector of the Open University of Cyprus (2018-2020); Rector and Vice Rector of the University of the Aegean, Greece (1997-2006); General Secretary of Telecommunications and Posts of the Hellenic Government (2009-2012); Chair of the National Council of Education of Greece (2013-2015); Chair of the Council for Higher Education of Greece (2013-2015); Member of the Board of the Hellenic Authority for the Security and Privacy of Communications (2008-2009); Chair of the Steering Committee of the EUA Institutional Evaluation Programme (2015-2019); and member of the Board of the Hellenic Authority for the Quality and Accreditation of Higher Education (2006-2008). In May-June 2023 he served as Minister of Digital Governance in the interim (caretaking) government of the Hellenic Republic.

In 2006 he was invited to join the pool of expert evaluators of the Institutional Evaluation Programme of the European University Association. In 2008 he was “promoted” to evaluation team chair and between 2011 and 2019 he was sitting on the Programme Steering Committee. He served as the Chair of the Programme Steering Committee between 2015 and 2019. Within the EUA IEP framework he has evaluated more than 20 higher education institutions in Slovakia, Portugal, Turkey, Romania, Ireland, Montenegro, Lebanon, North Macedonia, the Czech Republic, and Poland.

He has carried out, individually or as a chair/member of a team, several evaluations of Universities, and of individual study programmes at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral level, in Greece, Romania, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, and Georgia.

In 2023 he was listed in the Stanford University list of the top 2% most cited scientists worldwide. He has authored or co-authored more than 300 journal papers, book chapters and conference proceedings papers. He is serving on the editorial

	<p>board of several scientific journals, he has co-authored/edited 52 books and conference proceedings and has served on/chaired the technical programme committee of more than 900 international scientific conferences, including GLOBECOM 2006, 2012, and 2015. He is a member of the Steering Committee of the ESORICS Conference (chair 2017-2023) and he is the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Information Security (Springer).</p>
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