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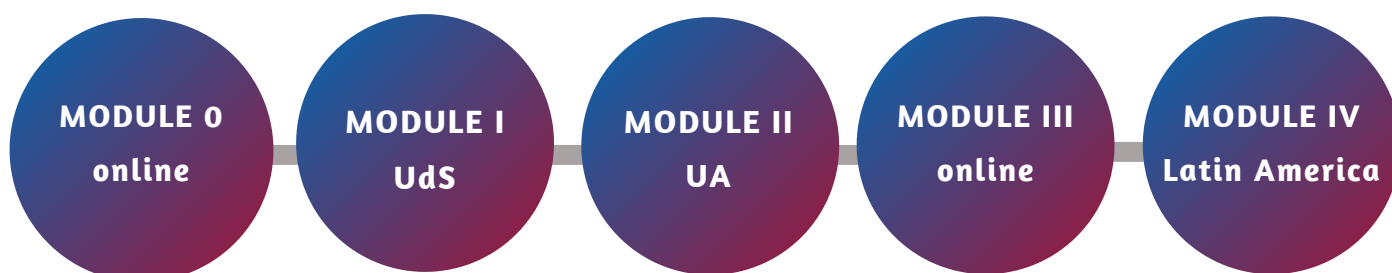
# DIES INTERNATIONAL DEANS' COURSE LATIN AMERICA

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Supported with funds provided by the **Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)** the Programme **Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES)** aims to strengthen higher education management capacities in countries of the Global South. The DIES Programme is jointly organised by the **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** and the **German Rectors' Conference (HRK)** and comprises a wide variety of modular, practice-oriented training opportunities for management-level professionals from universities in different regions of the world.

One of the most successful DIES courses is the International Deans' Course Latin America (IDC LA) targeting **newly elected deans and vice-deans** from higher education institutions in Spanish-speaking Latin America. Since its launch in 2012, the IDC LA –implemented in a partnership between Saarland University (Germany) and the University of Alicante (Spain)– has enhanced the management skills of **over 250 participants** from 17 different Latin American countries.

The DIES IDC LA, conducted both in English and Spanish, enables participants to achieve their goals in the various dimensions of **faculty management**. To this end, this course offers training adapted to the up-to-date circumstances and covers transversal competencies and topics such as Strategic Faculty Planning, University-Industry Cooperation, Internationalisation, Leadership, Financial Management, Quality Management, Human Resources Management, Diversity Management, and Online Strategies.



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Comprising two online phases and three presence phases in Germany, Spain, and Latin America, the DIES IDC LA is an intense blended-learning training stretching over a period of about **eight months**.

During and in between modules, participants are required to develop the so-called **"Strategic Action Plan" (SAP)**: individual change projects at their home institutions. The SAP covers the characteristics of their own faculties, the identification of areas for improvement, the operational strategies to be implemented, and the underlying procedures in the thematic areas of the course. In this framework, participants will develop and work on concrete measures to implement the strategy in their own faculty.

This didactical design requires a strong commitment and active contribution of the participants to the course. The structure of the DIES IDC LA offers therefore a hands-on approach that allows **immediate transfer and application** of the course learning outcomes.



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## INTRODUCTION

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Frequently, professional contacts established during the course persist even after the course has long been completed and turn into friendships. These **informal networks** are considered essential for the dissemination of knowledge as well as the organisation of multiplication events that are fostered within the DIES programme. During two long years of the pandemic, presence meetings were only possible in exceptional cases. We are all delighted that the organisers of the IDC LA were able to return to an in-person format of the course relatively quickly. This also includes the series of **Alumni Conferences**, which will be continued in the future to ensure the sustainability of the training by providing an opportunity for exchange and further strengthening of the network.

As another valuable outcome of the course the "Handbook of Higher Education in Latin America: Deans' Views and Overviews" presents a unique overview of the Latin American higher education landscape from a deans' perspective. We look forward to continuing our successful cooperation with Saarland University and the University of Alicante and to contributing to the reinforcement of **higher education management capacities in Latin America**.

On behalf of the DAAD and the HRK,



**Yvonne Visarius**

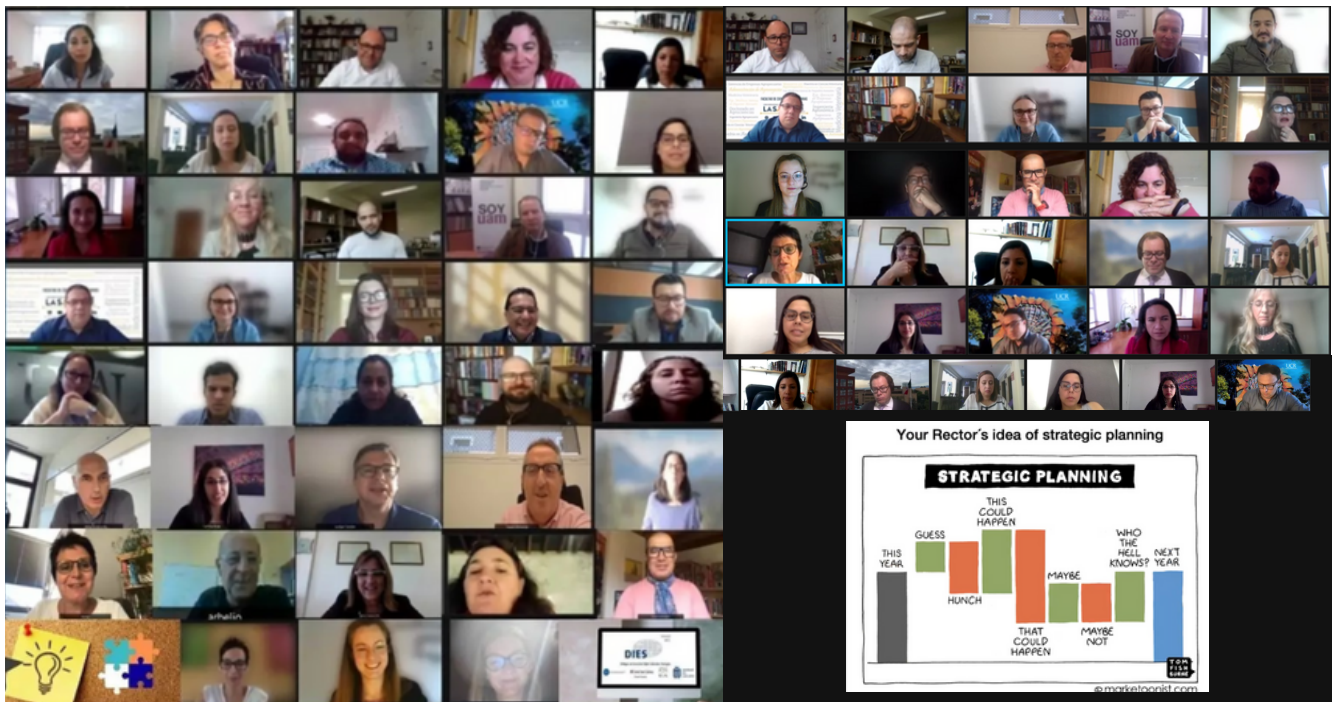
Team Leader Development Cooperation:  
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German Academic Exchange Service (**DAAD**)



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# MODULE 0



The aim of Module 0 is to introduce the course structure and the basic elements of the SAP in a one-day online **orientation workshop**. This event kicks off the period of continued work on the SAP through topic-oriented **brainstorming sessions**. At this stage, and with the help of the course experts, participants are encouraged to present the current situation at their institutions and explain their needs in order to better define the main topic of their project.

By completing this brief training phase, participants will have a better understanding of the course objectives and will be given the basic tools to start considering SAP alternatives at their institutions. As a result, participants will be better prepared to confront the challenges and learning experiences posed in Module I and Module II.



# MODULE I



The aim of Module I is to enhance the abilities of the target group to increase efficiency in higher education management taking the **German higher education system as a model**. During this highly participative training module, based both on theory and case study analysis, participants are provided with the skills and technical knowledge required to elaborate and implement a strategic action plan to improve or develop their faculties or institutions.

By completing this training module, participants will understand the key tools and methodologies for efficient higher education management at departmental and institutional levels, and will be able to incorporate this knowledge into their daily tasks at their home institutions.

## MODULE II



The aim of Module II is to further enhance the abilities of the target group to increase efficiency in higher education management taking the **Spanish higher education system as a model**. As with the previous module, this one is highly participative and based both on theory and case study analysis as well. During this second training module, participants are further provided with the skills and technical knowledge required to elaborate and implement a strategic action plan to improve or develop their faculties or institutions.

By completing this training module, participants will enhance their internal/external and formal/informal communication skills, and will be able to incorporate this knowledge into their daily tasks at their home institutions.



## MODULE III

### WEBINARS & SAP COACHING SESSIONS

After concluding the first two modules of the course, participants are expected to develop their Strategic Action Plan (SAP) working on concrete measures to implement the proposed strategies in their own faculty.

**Continued work on the SAP** will be supported via Webinars and online SAP Coaching Sessions imparted by experts from both Latin America and Europe. Once this intensive training period is over, participants can send the latest version of their SAP. Their SAP will then be reviewed by a DIES IDC LA expert of their preference to enhance the improvement of the final version before the next and final part of the course.

Strengths	Weakness	Opportunities	Threats
Each program counts with specialized laboratories.	Research Projects are not focalized in solving local problems.	Some local industries are starting to develop their R+D+I departments.	Professors happen to find more attractive projects developed through international grants.
Each program has competent teachers to develop research projects.	Insufficient funding.	Local banks are willing to sponsor projects that lead to patents.	
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## MODULE IV



The aim of Module IV is to enhance participants' **leadership abilities** among high performance teams, taking into account their position of responsibility. This fourth phase of the project also provides participants a coaching session to help them develop their diversity management skills.

Upon successful completion of the previous modules, participants should have now developed a Strategic Action Plan on a topic of their choice. During Module IV, participants are given the opportunity to showcase the knowledge garnered throughout the course and to share their experiences and development with their peers. The final objective of this module would therefore be to inspire further learning, networking and development in other areas.

The following section is a brief overview of Module IV during the past editions of the DIES IDC LA.



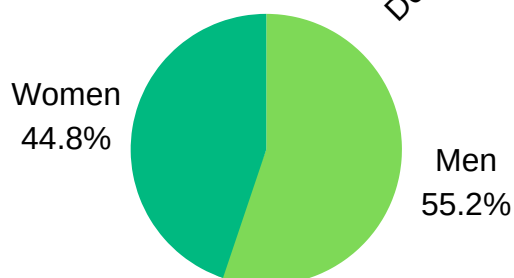
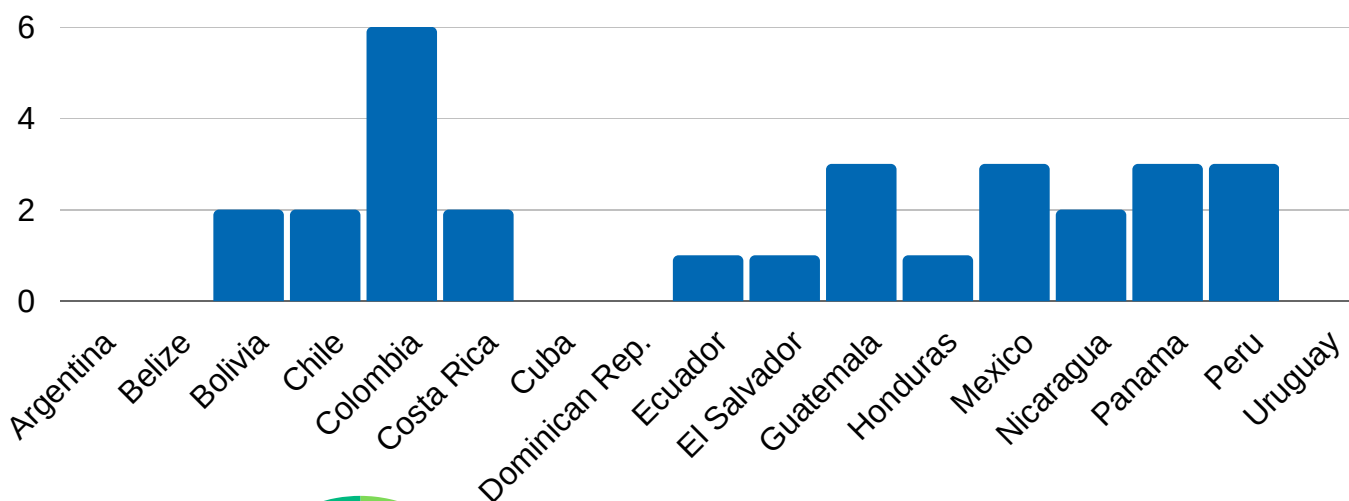


## MODULE IV

DIES IDC LA 2012/13

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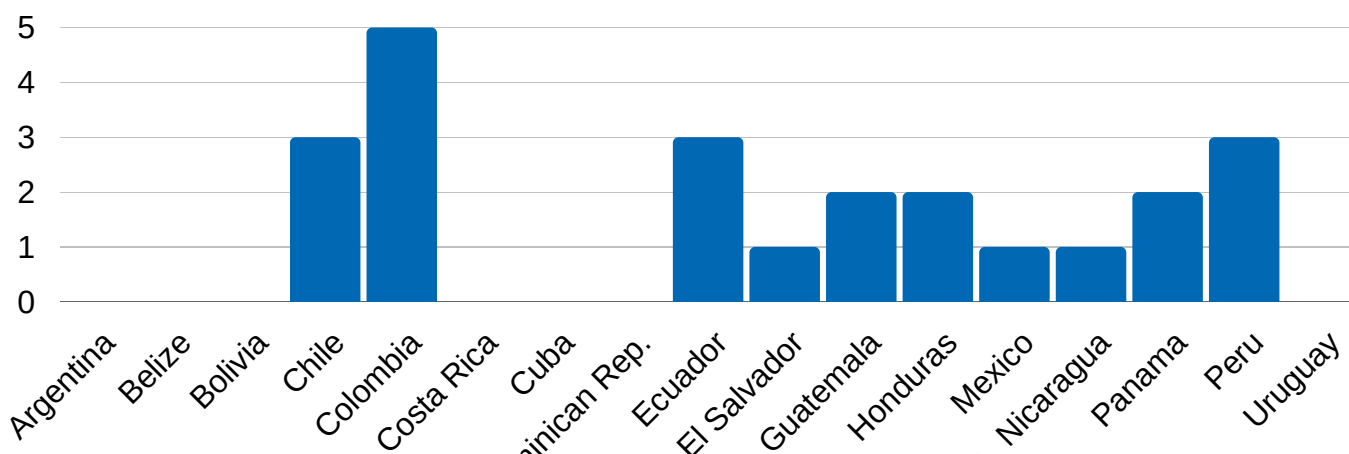


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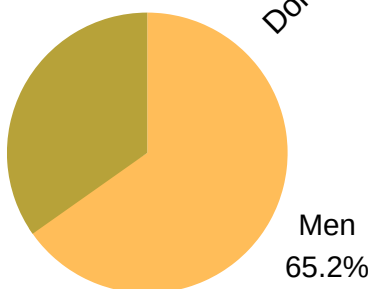
DIES IDC LA 2013/14

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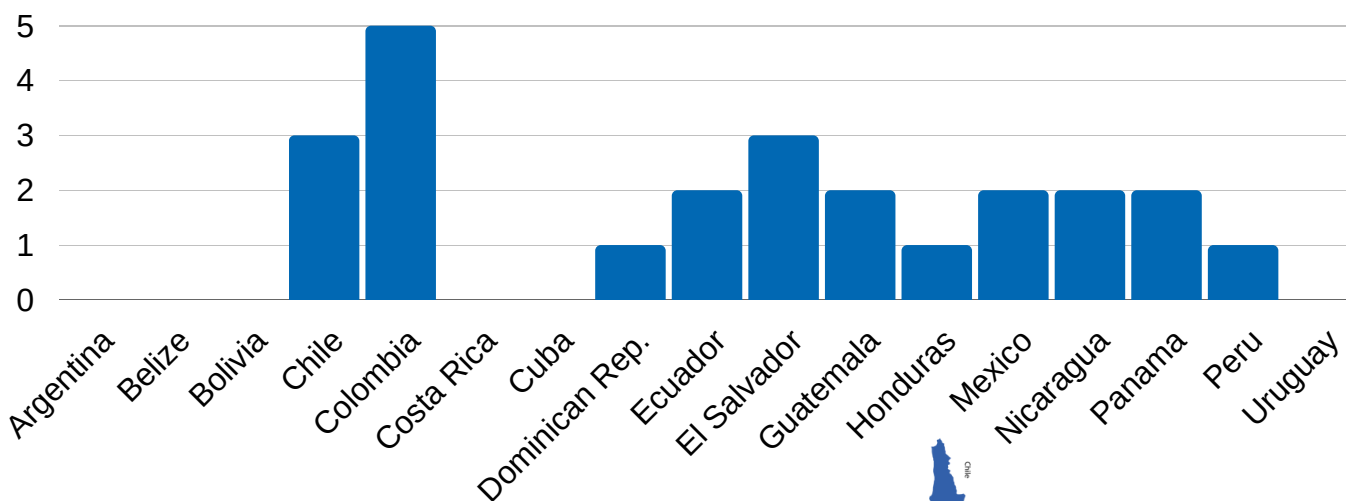


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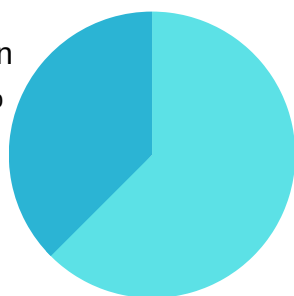
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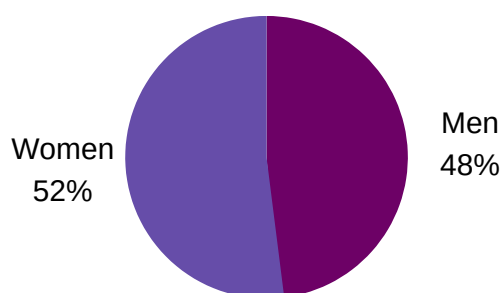
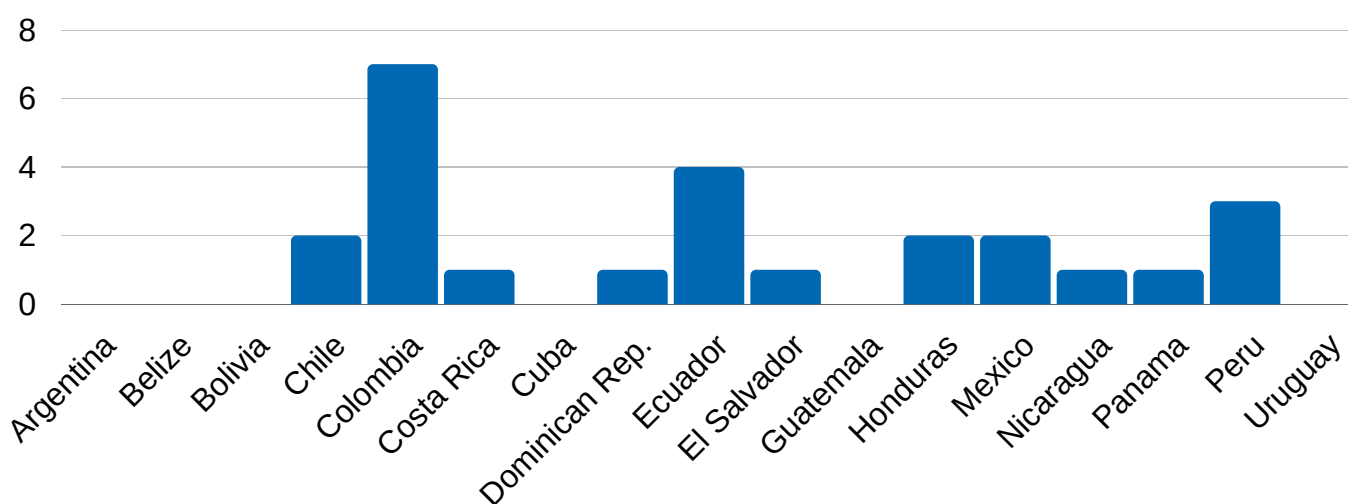


## MODULE IV

DIES IDC LA 2015/16

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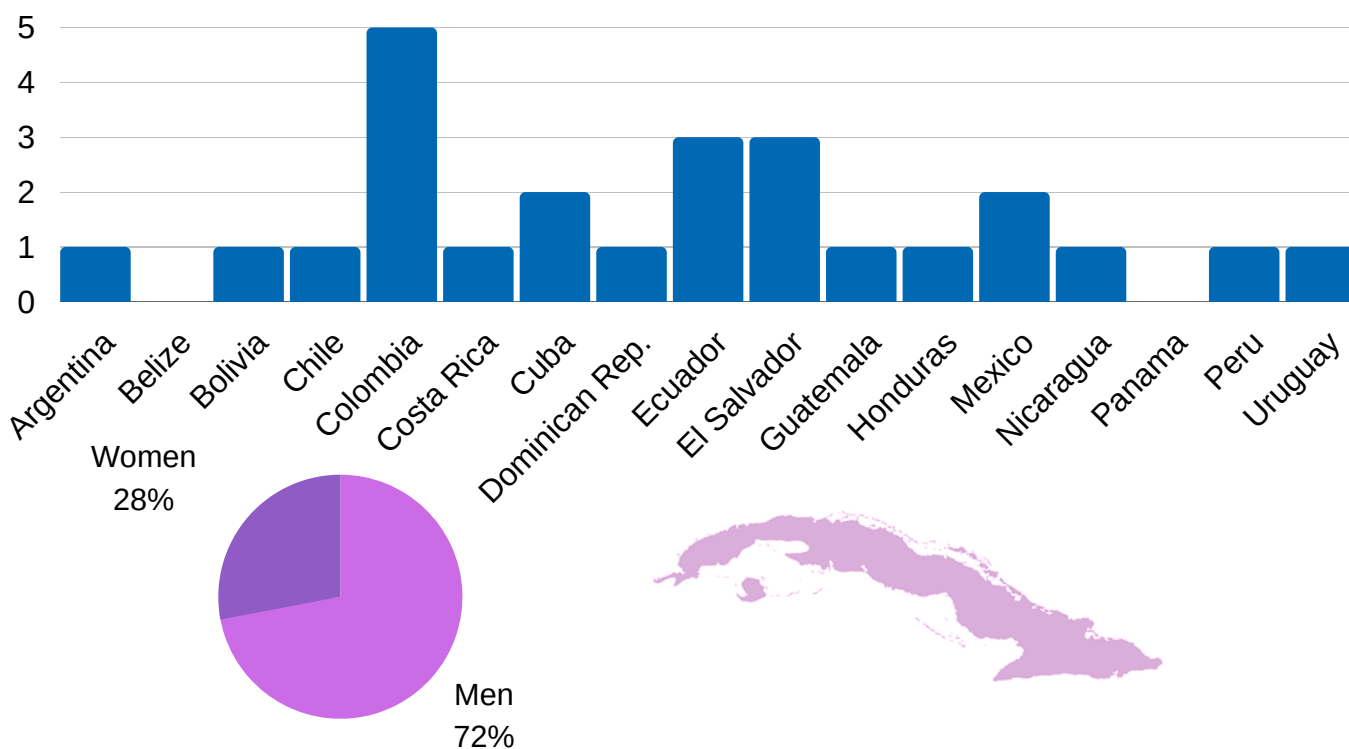


# MODULE IV

DIES IDC LA 2016/17

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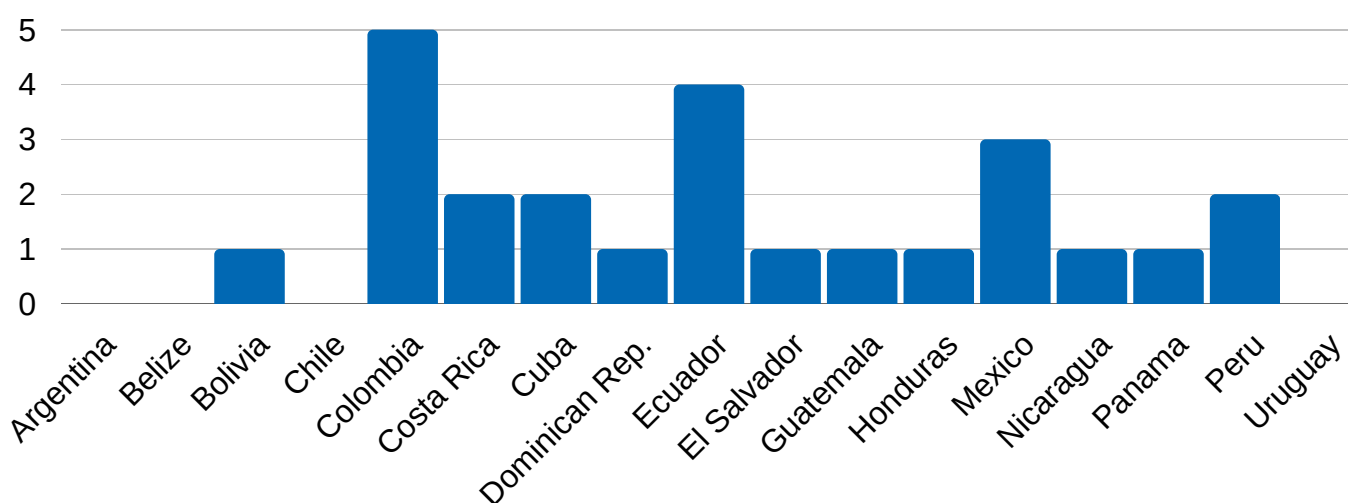


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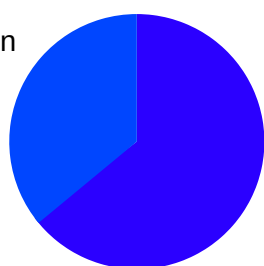
DIES IDC LA 2017/18

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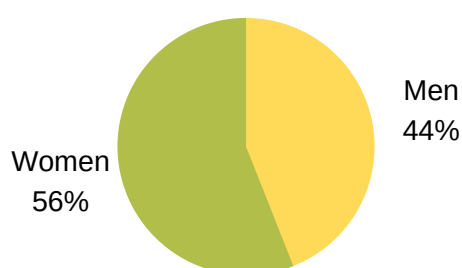
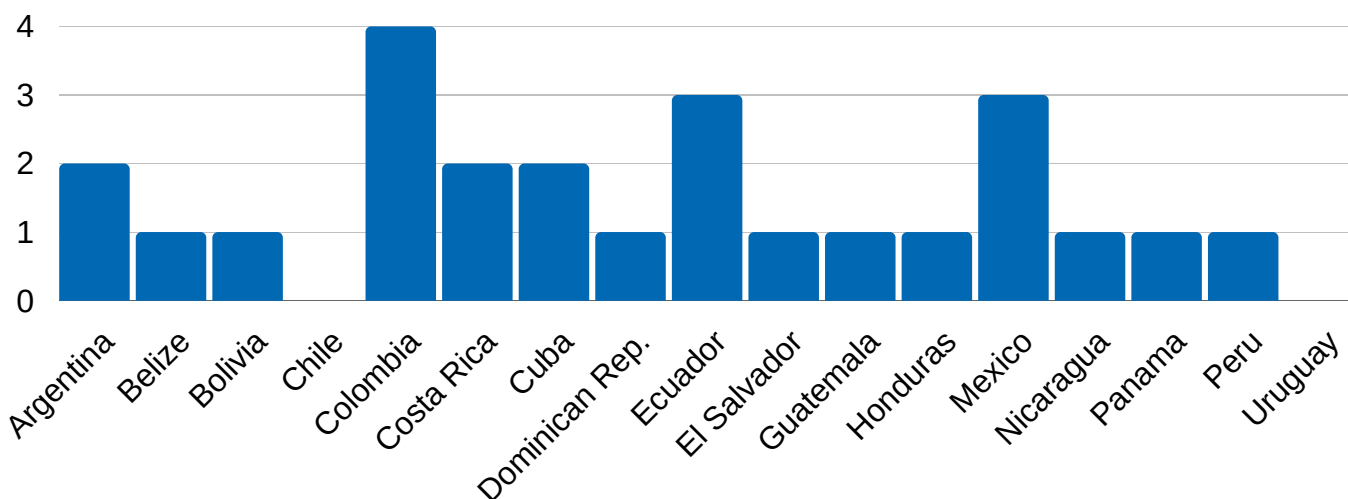


## MODULE IV

DIES IDC LA 2018/19

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

### PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DEL PERÚ LIMA, PERU

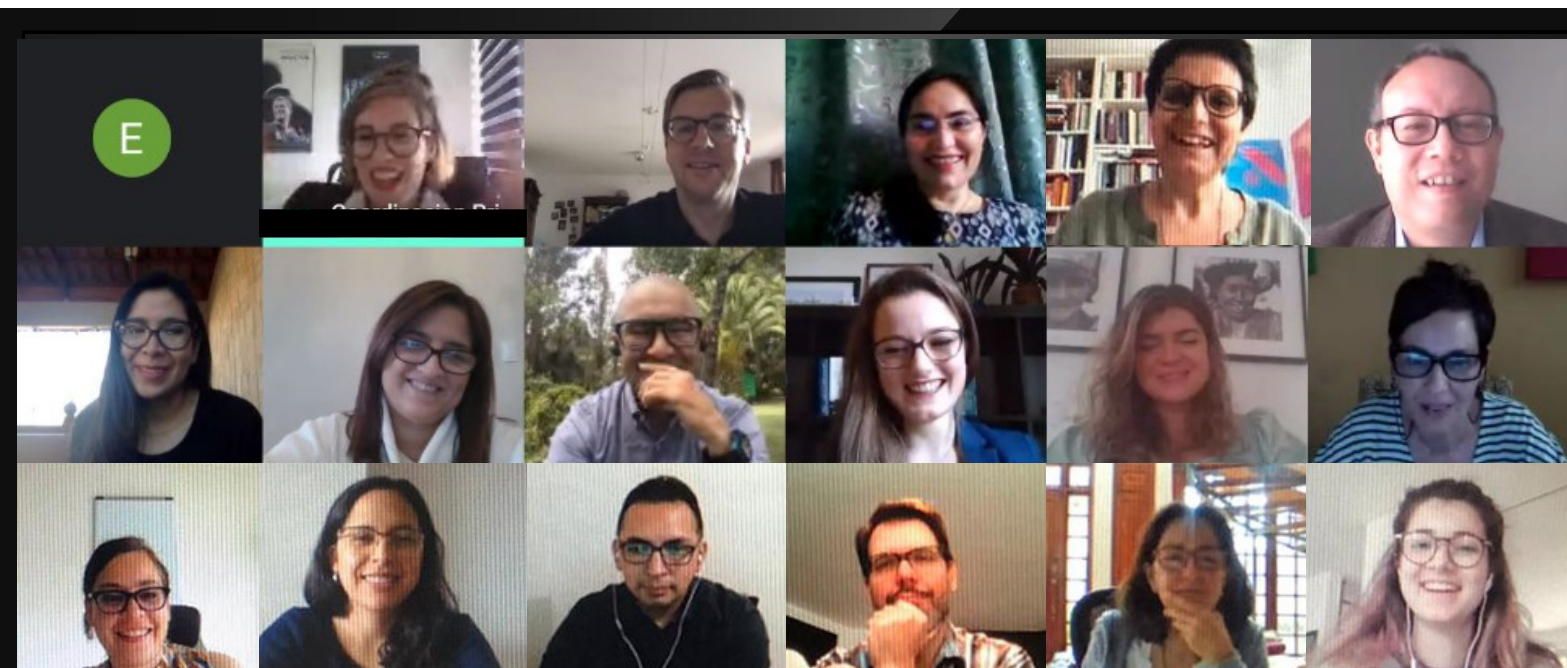
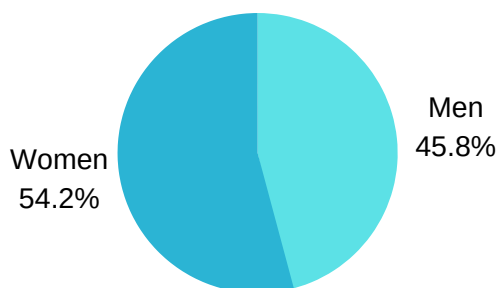
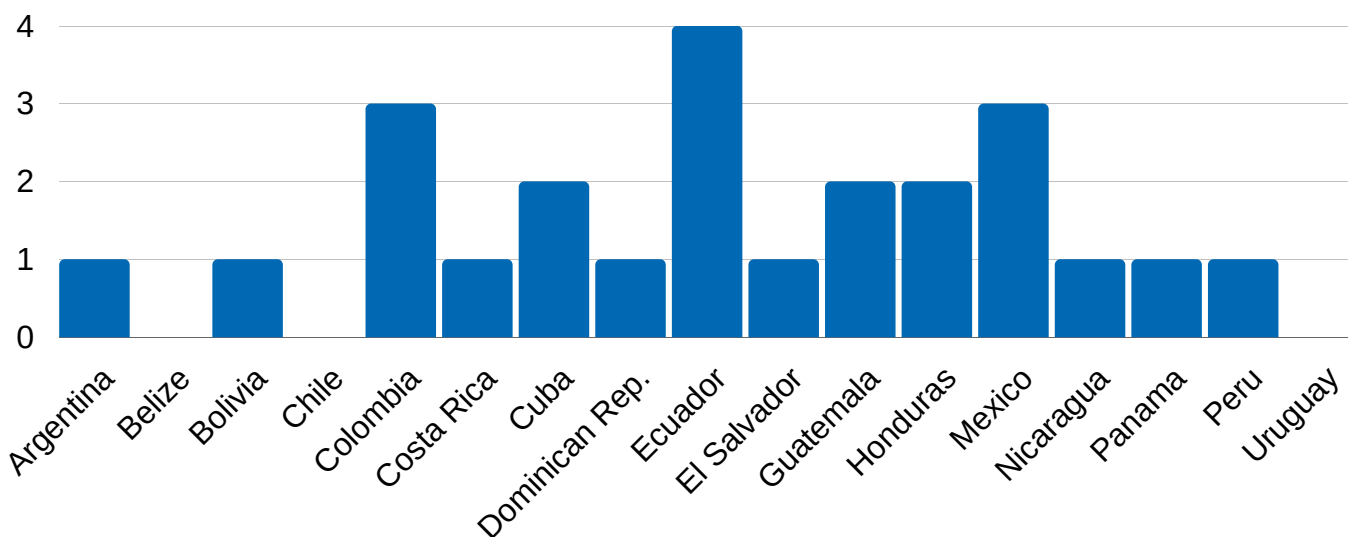


# MODULE IV

DIES IDC LA 2019/20

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## ONLINE MODULE

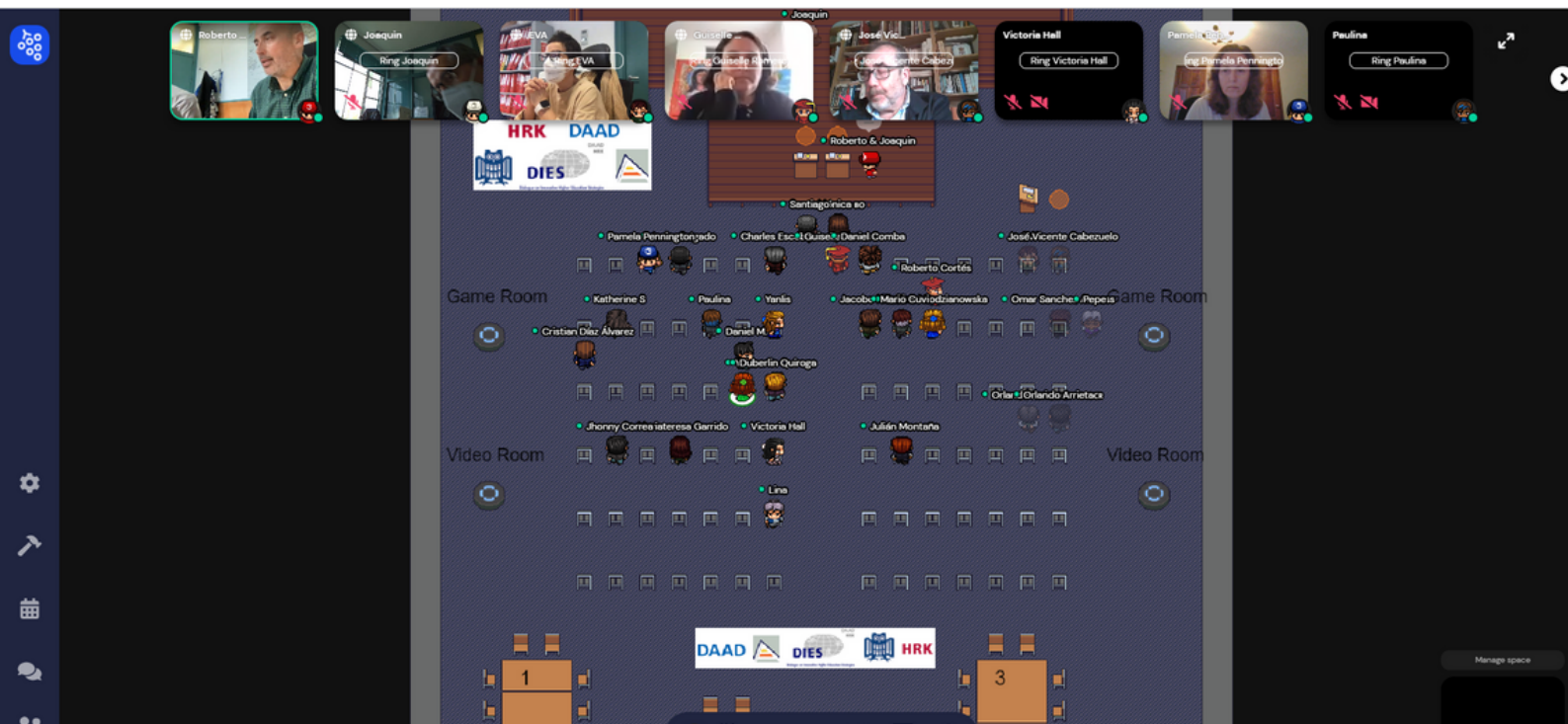
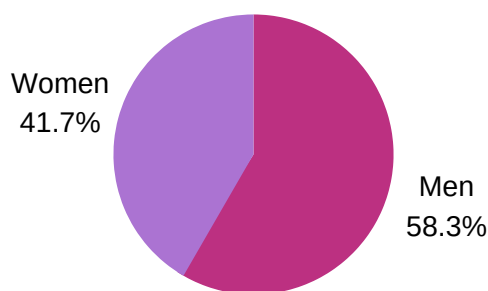
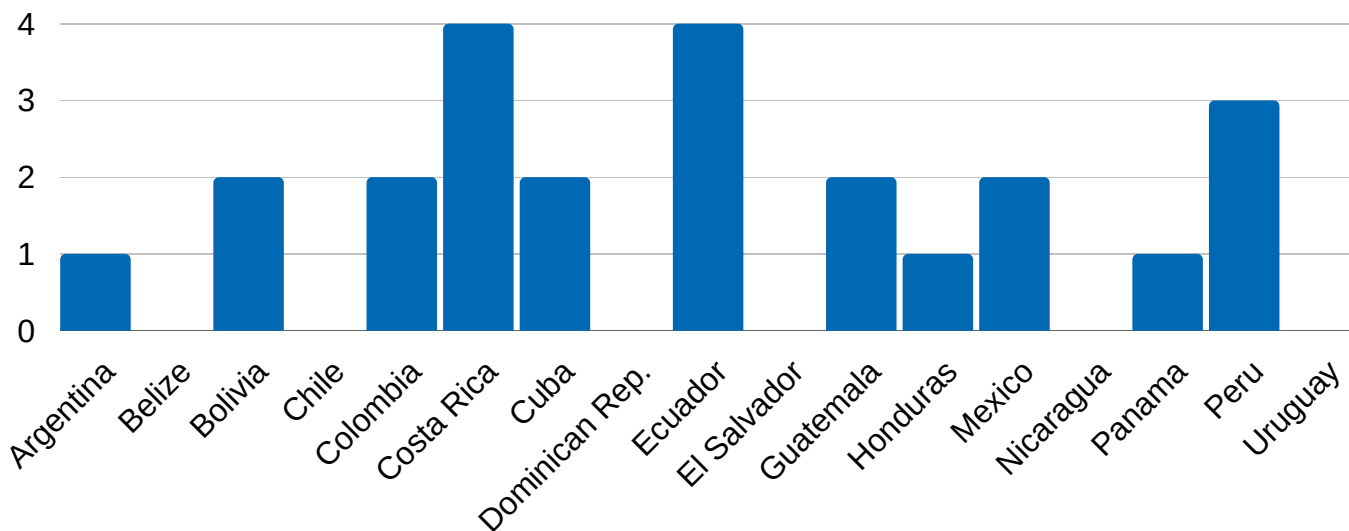


# MODULE IV

DIES IDC LA 2020/21

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## ONLINE MODULE



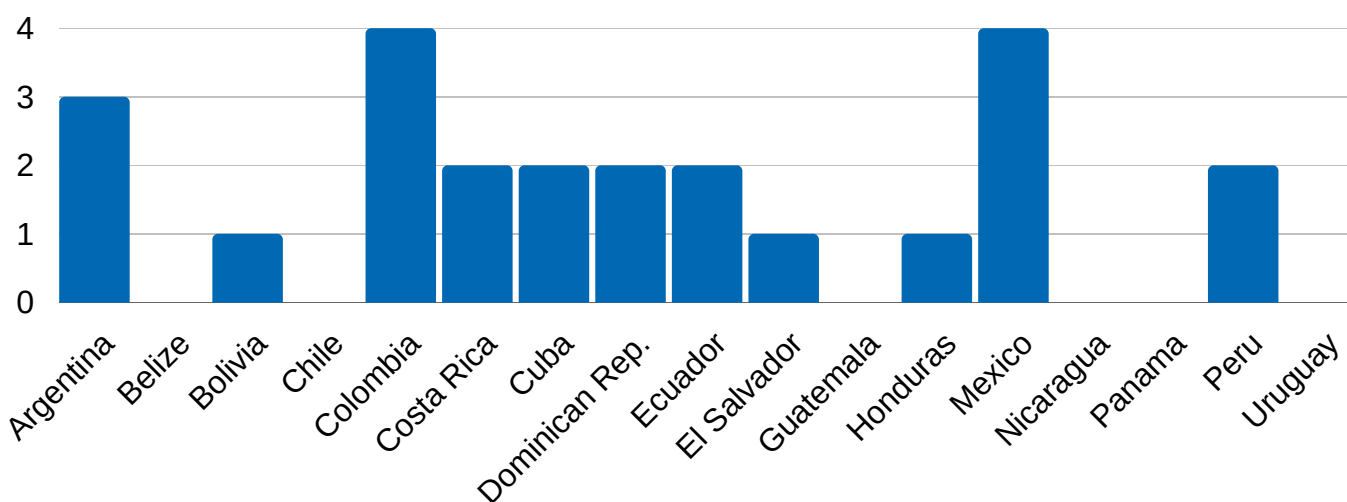
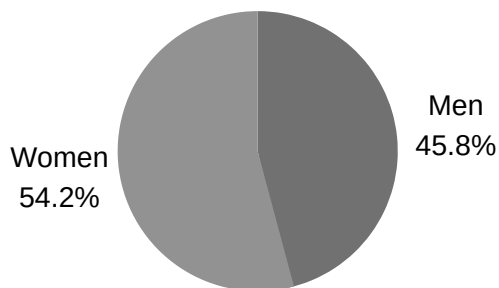


# MODULE IV

DIES IDC LA 2021/22



## UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA SANTO DOMINGO, REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA





## DIES IDC LA INITIATIVES

# ALUMNI CONFERENCE

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The main purpose of this event is to provide a detailed overview of various Latin American higher education systems, covering their respective progress and challenges. Additionally, this project seeks to strengthen networking among DIES IDC LA participants.

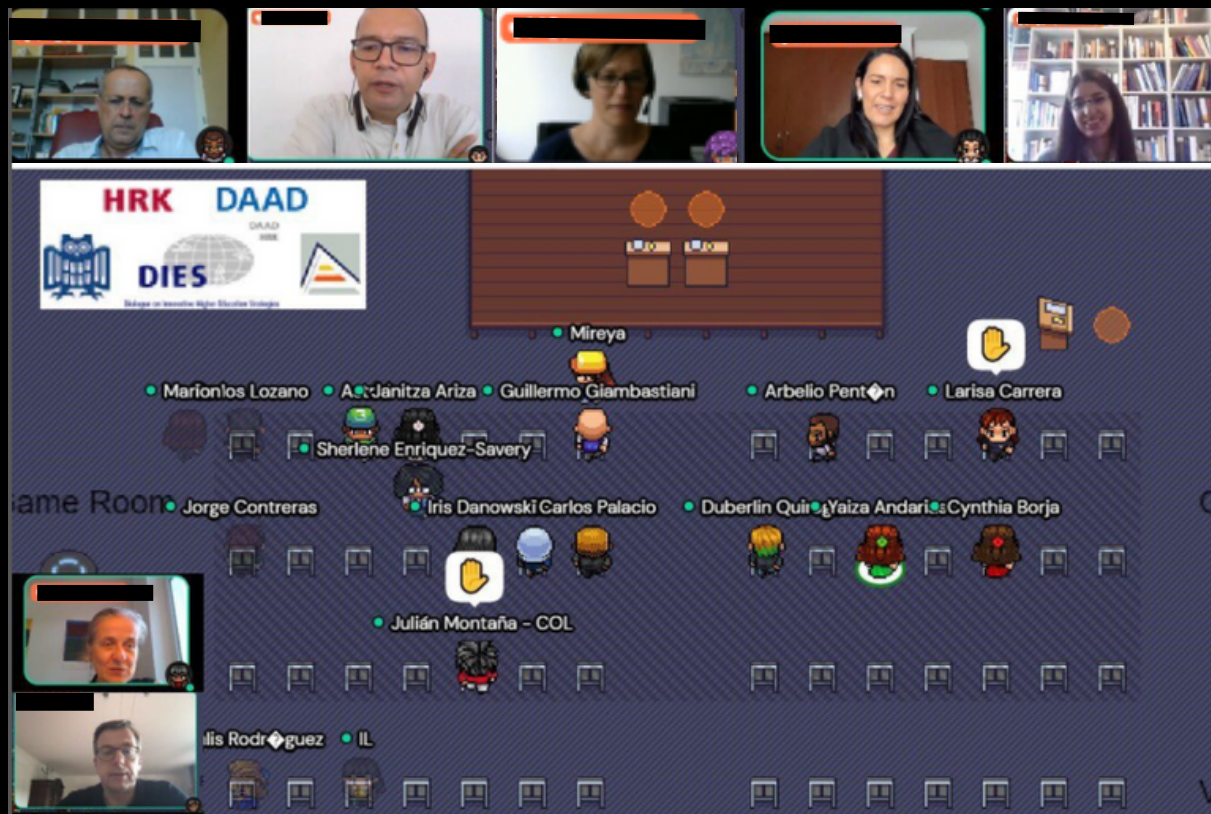
The first Alumni Conference took place in April 2018 at the Universidad Espíritu Santo in Guayaquil, Ecuador, with around 40 participants. One year later, in March 2019, the second DIES IDC LA Alumni Networking Meeting was held at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, in Lima, with the participation of more than 50 Alumni. Representatives from the DAAD in Peru, HRK in Germany, and the DFG in Latin America participated in this event as well.

Due to the unfortunate global pandemic of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), we were unable to hold an Alumni Conference in 2020 and we held an online Alumni Virtual Gathering in 2021.

In 2022, the Alumni Conference was hosted by Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. A total of 79 people (among them, 58 Alumni) participated in this event. Moreover, representatives of the German Embassy, the DAAD, and the HRK were able to join us both onsite and online.

We are looking forward to hosting further DIES IDC LA Alumni Networking Meetings in Latin America!





## DIES IDC LA INITIATIVES

# SAP EXPERIENCE SHARING WORKSHOP

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This annual online event was run for the first time in July 2021. During this virtual Alumni meeting, a group of 3-5 former participants exposes the up-to-date development, challenges, milestones, and achievements of their own SAP implementation. The debate between invited speakers (former Alumni) and attendees is strongly supported.

The purpose of this event is to offer former DIES IDC LA participants the opportunity to follow up on and learn from SAP case studies while strengthening networking among DIES IDC LA Alumni.





## DIES IDC LA INITIATIVES

# HANDBOOK OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN LATIN AMERICA: DEANS' VIEWS AND OVERVIEWS

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This handbook originated from the idea of bringing together information about factors shaping academia in Latin American countries. Its purpose was to compile essential data on the core features of higher education in countries that have already been engaged in the DIES IDC LA. These countries are Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, and Peru.

Thus, this book provides an overview of higher education dynamics to facilitate a fruitful dialogue about the varied educational approaches in the region. Furthermore, it showcases the challenges that each country is facing with regard to the topics presented during the course: Industry-University Relations, Human Resources Management, Quality Management and Accreditation, Funding and Financial Management, Research and Publishing, and Internationalisation.

This book, published in 2020, is intended to be not only a reference point for further projects taking place in Latin America but also a guide for incoming participants or individuals interested and/or involved in higher education in the area.

# TEAM MEMBERS



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# TEAM MEMBERS



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EXPERT IN QUALITY

Carolina Madeleine has dedicated her professional career to the management of international projects in the areas of higher education, international cooperation and public diplomacy. In 2005 she joined the OGPI team, since then she has implemented projects in over 45 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe for HEIs, Ministries, International Organizations and Civil Society. She worked as secondee for the EFQM in the Communication department and as EFQM Excellence Award team in 2006. From 2010-2012 she worked for the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Casa Mediterraneo as Coordinator of Social Affairs and Public Diplomacy. Having studied in France, the Netherlands and Spain, she received a BA in history and literature from the University of Montpellier, a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Amsterdam and a Master's degree in Human Rights from the University of Barcelona.



**CHRISTIANE LERMEN**  
FINANCIAL ADVISOR, UDS

Christiane Lermen finished her commercial education in 1981 before receiving her diploma on Business Administration in 1993. She has been working for Saarland University ever since. In 2006, she joined the International Deans' Course Latin America as the financial advisor of the project at the UdS.

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PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, UA

Eva Sánchez has experience in Project Management, Education and IT. She has a master's degree in Marketing from the ICADE - Comillas Pontifical University in Madrid (Spain) as well as a bachelor's degree in English Philology and a certificate in Teaching, both from the University of Alicante. Eva has coordinated and worked in EU capacity building projects such as FP5, ACP, Tempus, and Edulink, on topics related to IT Transfer, Internationalisation, Quality Assurance and Accreditation, and Innovation and Research Management. She joined the DIES IDC LA Team in 2011.



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SAP COACH AND EXPERT IN DIVERSITY,  
INTERNATIONALISATION AND LEADERSHIP

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**DR. TERESA AMIDO**

EXPERT IN INTERNATIONALISATION

Dr. Teresa Amido studied Translation and Interpreting at the University of Valladolid (Spain) and holds a PhD in Translation from Leipzig University. Dr. Amido has broad experience in coordination of projects in Europe and Latin America. After coordinating the DIES IDC Latin America at Saarland University from 2016 until 2021, she was in charge of the coordination of the International Relations Office of the Engineering School at Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Campus Bogotá, from January 2020 until mid-2021. Recently she took over the coordination of the project "Transform4European Research and Innovation" at Saarland University within the alliance of Transform4Europe. She has participated as an expert in several projects in Asia and Latin America. Moreover, she has been a guest speaker in several higher education institutions in Latin America.

## TEAM MEMBERS



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REGIONAL EXPERT AND SAP COACH

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REGIONAL EXPERT AND SAP COACH

Larisa Carrera is the Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences at Universidad Nacional del Litoral (FCM-UNL), Argentina, since 2014. She holds a Ph.D. in Medicine and a Master's degree in Higher Education. She is Head Professor of Cell Biology, Histology and Medical Embryology and has been President of the FAFEMP (Argentine Forum of Public Schools of Medicine 2016-2018). She was in charge of Academic Subjects between 2006 and 2014 (Academic Secretariat. FCM-UNL) and since 2009 she leads the Teacher Training Program and since 2021, the Ph.D program (FCM-UNL). She participates as an expert in numerous teacher training courses for health professionals. She was responsible for the accreditation process of medical program in FCM-UNL and participated as a peer in the assessment and accreditation of other medical schools.



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REGIONAL EXPERT AND SAP COACH

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## TEAM MEMBERS



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REGIONAL EXPERT AND SAP COACH

Dr. Arbelio Pentón Madrigal is professor at the School of Physics at Universidad de La Habana (UH), Cuba, and served as Dean of the School of Physics for the period 2014–2019. He was trained as a physicist at both the UH and the Technical University of Dresden, Germany, and obtained his PhD in 2006 at the UH. He has worked scientifically on X-ray crystallography and structure characterization of magnetic and ferroelectric materials by means of several characterization techniques. While his scientific work has been strongly based in Cuba, he has carried out several collaborations at the Brazilian Center for Physics Research and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, and at the Institute for Experimental Physics of the Technical University of Vienna in Austria, among others.



**PROF. DR. CYNTHIA BORJA**  
REGIONAL EXPERT AND SAP COACH

Cynthia Borja is professor, lecturer, researcher, and consultant in neuroscience, learning sciences, and psychology. She was the founding Dean and is a current teacher at the School of Psychology at Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA), Ecuador and has been an undergraduate and graduate professor at different universities in Ecuador (Universidad San Francisco de Quito and Universidad del Azuay) for more than 12 years. She is the co-founder and CEO of Connections: The Learning Sciences Platform. In addition, she is part of the teaching team in the course "The Neuroscience of Learning" at the Harvard University Extension School and part of the Sprouts Schools team leading the YouTube channel Sprouts Español. She has a BA in Neuroscience and Behavior from Vassar College, an MA in Psychology from Boston University, and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Capella University.



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# TESTIMONIALS

## Guillermo Giambastiani, Argentina Alumnus 2018/19

"Performing the IDC LA allowed me to know other realities besides being able to take a look inside the university management. The knowledge acquired allows me to perform a more efficient and effective management. A great experience!!"



## Cynthia Borja, Ecuador Alumna 2015/16

"The International Dean's Course-Latin America program helped me plan and develop theory-based, concrete, well-thought-out and contextualized strategies to better manage the School of Psychology at Universidad de las Americas-Quito.

Through these strategies it was possible to bring about the School's successful launch, expansion, and advancement in complex times for the higher education segment in Ecuador.

By participating in the workshops and webinars I gained invaluable theoretical information regarding higher education management and strategic planning, and learned a number of approaches that others have used successfully in the past. The course was deeply enriched by peer collaboration: by learning from my peers' experiences, plans and presentations, and through mutual feedback, the collective approach gave rise to a much better-developed and effective strategic action plan than would have resulted from working in isolation.

Finally, the multi-country, -culture, and -discipline nature of the course generated a diverse and supportive learning community that, to this day, remains in touch for academic and managerial support.

By participating in the Dean's Course I was able to come back to my role with a renewed sense of creativity and with clear goals set up in order to continue developing the School of Psychology to its fullest potential."

## José Luis Villa, Colombia Alumnus 2017/18

"DAAD DEAN's Course is an unique environment for developing university management skills, building an international network of latin american deans, and a framework for international collaboration."

## Janitza Ariza, Colombia Alumna 2016/17



"My experience with the IDC LA was a breaking point in my career. I was recently appointed as Dean when I took the course. I had no previous experience in higher education as I came from the private sector. I learned about the importance of different aspects and I was able to assess my business school from a global perspective. I also learned from others' experiences and bring good practices that lead us to receive an international accreditation. Additionally, our research center was able to grow exponentially. All that was achieved thanks to the lessons learned during our HR sessions, I was able to understand how to work with academic and bring the best of each one of them.

Participating in the alumni meetings had also been highly beneficial for internationalization at the Business School, I was invited to Bolivia (USFX) to a conference, we received 15 international students and 2 Faculty members from Universidad Catolica de Honduras, and we recently signed an international agreement with USFX in Bolivia. This cooperation agreement gave us the opportunity to offer a diplomado (certificate) together and have faculty mobility."

## Víctor Delgado, Panama Alumnus 2014/15

"Participating in prestigious programme like DIES represents a great opportunity to improve our competencies in Higher Education Management and Strategic Planning. The experience though all the programme was excellent, and it became an opportunity to exchange our knowledge and experiences among the participants and the staff. The DIES programme is based on results, where the participant can evidence how he or she achieves better skills and knowledge that make him or her grasp new competencies.

Finally, you can have a wonderful intercultural experience and there is no doubt that the new tools and contacts would be implementing and would be valuable once you are back in your country."



## Carlos Amadeo García Ayala, Mexico Alumnus 2018/19

"The IDC has been for me one of the most significant academic and human experiences, because I could learn a lot and develop contemporary strategic planning skills, which have contributed significantly to raising the quality of my faculty, based on process indicators, efficacy and effectiveness.

And all these learnings were developed by experts in strategic organizational management from Germany, Spain and Latin America. A fact that has left an indelible mark, because the teachers of the course, in addition to their academic training, guided us at all times with kindness, respect and commitment."



## Carla Garcés, Honduras

### Alumna 2012/13

"My name is Carla Garcés and I am the director of UNAH TEC Danlí, in Honduras. I participated in the first edition of the Latin American Deans course. The knowledge acquired in this course has allowed me to develop better management both in the academic and administrative part. Strategic planning has resulted in successful research and relationship projects with society as well as relationships with industry and public and private, national and international organizations that have allowed the development of various areas of knowledge in the university.

In the last two years I have attended the workshop for alumni of the course to refresh knowledge which has given me new ideas to implement and improve management, I have also been able to establish a network of relations with deans from other countries who have carried out academic activities to which I have been invited to participate."



## Isidro Fierro, Ecuador

### Alumnus 2017/18

"My experience at the Dean's course was outstanding. I gain lots of new experiences and meet extraordinary human beings from several countries. We learned new skills that were extremely useful for my current position."

## José Martínez Bonetti, Dominican Republic

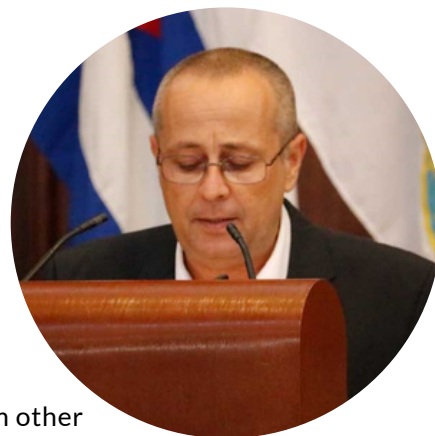
### Alumnus 2017/18

"My experience with the DAAD was extraordinary. At a personal and professional level, it enriched me at the time and it has continued to do so after that. The program is excellent and any academic who has the opportunity to participate should take it, no doubt about it."

## Arbelio Pentón, Cuba

### Alumnus 2016/17

"The dean course is very useful. Particularly it offers a group of tools for the improvement of university management in various fields from the position of dean. There was a very favorable working environment among colleagues from other Latin American universities; conditions were created to maintain contacts and collaboration related to the topics of the course and new ones that may arise. This space also offers the possibility of initiating collaborative actions with the European universities involved in the organization of this course. This type of course allowed interaction with colleagues from public, private and Catholic universities. There was always an atmosphere of respect, especially in the debates and conversations about the current Latin American realities. I hope other Cuban deans can continue participating in this course."



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# DIES IDC LA NETWORK 2012-2022



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