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INVITATION

DIES IDC LA – ALUMNI CONFERENCE 2024

Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG)

Guatemala City, Guatemala

15 – 16 March 2024

Dear Alumnus/a of the DIES IDC LA,

Herewith, you are cordially invited to participate in the upcoming Alumni Conference 2024, which will take place on 15 and 16 March 2024 in Guatemala City, Guatemala. This activity will be hosted by Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG).

The Alumni Conference is the culminating activity of the Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies – International Deans' Course Latin America (DIES IDC LA), jointly organised by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), Saarland University (Germany), and the University of Alicante (Spain). The Alumni Conference is an annual alumni meeting held by the end of Module IV in a partner institution in Latin America to strengthen networking among the DIES IDC LA Alumni and to analyse the main problems and challenges in Higher Education. The agenda of the event is still to be determined and you will receive further notifications in this regard in the future.

Registration & Confirmation of Participation

Participation in this event is free of charge for Alumni, yet attendees are required to register themselves by completing the [Alumni Conference 2024 – Registration Form](#).

The deadline for registration to attend the event is **23 February 2024 at 23:59 CET**. After this date, registrations will not be accepted.

Important notice: We welcome applications from Alumni willing to become a speaker or panellist at the Conference, please check the document "*Call for Abstracts & Proposals*", as a different (and earlier) deadline applies: 15 January 2024 at 23:59 CET.

Conference topics

The Alumni Conference 2024 will be focused on three main topics as indicated below. The extent to which the event will deal with one or the other topic will depend on the abstracts/proposals received.

- Sustainable Development
- Internationalisation
- Opportunities in Online Teaching

Funding

Participation for Alumni is free of charge. Due to the voluntary nature of this event, the DIES IDC LA Alumni will be in charge of their expenses for the complete duration of the event. For this reason,

Alumni should be able to cover the following expenses:

- Travel costs: local transportation in the Alumnus/a's own country, outward and return flights within Latin America, as well as costs arising from required ground transportation in the destination country.
- Accommodation.
- Private meals during the given period.
 - ⚠️ Joint meals with the DIES IDC LA Team and other Alumni (Alumni Dinner and catering services) will be covered for all Alumni attending the event.
- Emergency health insurance and/or travel insurance. The Alumnus/a is strongly encouraged to contract their own health insurance during the given period.

Additional costs due to extended stays will not be covered. In the event of an Alumnus/a being unable to travel, **cancellation costs incurred will not be reimbursed**. This includes cancellations due to health safety travel restrictions.



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Accommodation

The DIES IDC LA Team and the participants of the current cohort will be staying close to the UVG, at the following hotel:

AC Hotel by Marriott Guatemala City

11 Ave 35-02, Paseo Cayala Zona 16

Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala, 01016

Telephone: +5 022-225-2600

E-mail: iris.perez@marriott.com

We strongly suggest people attending the event stay in the same hotel, as it covers the necessary security standards. Nevertheless, there is no obligation to make a booking in this hotel.

We are certain that the Alumni Conference will broaden and intensify institutional as well as individual academic contacts among all countries involved. We are looking forward to seeing you in Guatemala!

On behalf of the DIES IDC LA Team,

Yours sincerely

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