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The Bloomsbury Handbook of STUDENT POLITICS AND REPRESENTATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION  
Edited by Manja Klemenčič

## Global Launch Event

### The Bloomsbury Handbook of Student Politics and Representation in Higher Education

22 March 2024 - 14:30 - 15:45 CET

Online - Register now: <http://tinyurl.com/Handbook-Launch>

#### Rationale

Following two years of cooperation between Dr. Manja Klemenčič, the Global Student Forum and various key member unions, we are proud to be launching [the Bloomsbury Handbook of Student Politics and Representation in Higher Education](http://tinyurl.com/Handbook-Launch). The book presents an unprecedented global comparative analysis of student politics and representation in higher education. It delivers a methodical and well-organized collection of specially commissioned chapters that delve into the historical context, contemporary practices, and ongoing debates surrounding student representation in higher education. The chapters scrutinize the organizational characteristics and political engagements of representative student associations within the multilevel governance of higher education while mapping out opportunities for student representatives to influence both higher education institutions and policies.

The publication undertakes a re-examination and further development of existing theoretical concepts and analytical frameworks from prior research on systems of student politics and representation and organizational models of student representative associations. It offers empirical insights gathered from 25 countries across all world regions, 4 regional student federations, and the Global Student Forum. The volume stands out by uniting established scholars with a highly diverse group of current and former student leaders, specially trained and empowered to conduct research for this Handbook. With the e-book edition of this publication being available under open access it aims to reach a broad audience and build a better understanding of student representation's importance and impact among all groups of the higher education community.

## AGENDA

<b>Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome and Housekeeping</li> <li>● Video Message from Frances Pedró (UNESCO IESALC)</li> </ul>	14:30 - 14:35
<b>Session 1: Introduction to The Bloomsbury Handbook</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presentation of the Book by Dr. Manja Klemenčič (Harvard University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overview of the Handbook's purpose and significance</li> <li>● Key themes and findings</li> <li>● Acknowledgment of contributors and collaborators</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	14:35 - 14:50
<b>Session 2: Global Perspectives on Student</b>	Moderated by Grace Franco Panel Discussion: Insights from International Organizations	14:50 - 15:15

<b>Representation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr Andreas Corcoran (IAU): The role of International Association of Universities in promoting student participation</li> <li>● Dr. Manos Antoninis (UNESCO GEM): Global Education Monitoring and how to measure student participation and democratic engagement</li> <li>● David Lock (Magna Charta Observatory): Magna Charta Observatory's contribution in holding universities accountable for democratic governance</li> <li>● Dr Lily Bosen (UNESCO IESALC): UNESCO's perspective on meaningful student representation in HE</li> </ul>	
<b>Session 3: Student Leaders Panel</b>	<p>Moderated by Katrina Spröge Contributors from ESU, AASU, CSA, OCLAE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presentation of key findings from the Handbook's chapters</li> <li>● Unique perspectives on higher education governance and politics</li> <li>● Sharing experiences and challenges in student representation</li> <li>● Opportunities for international collaboration and advocacy</li> </ul>	15:15 - 15:40
<b>Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Summarization of Key Insights by the GSF's Steering Committee</li> </ul>	15:40 - 15:45