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## UK ENIC 21 Conference: last chance to register

The UK ENIC 21 annual conference – live, interactive and online – **starts at 10:00 hrs UK time (GMT) on 4 November**.

**Registration will be open until Thursday 28 October, 23:00 hrs UK time (BST).**

A wide range of international speakers will share a wealth of knowledge and expertise on current and relevant topics under the main conference theme – **The changing face of international education.**



You can view/download the full PDF conference and workshop programme.

**Registration is free for UK ENIC members** - using this [weblink](#). (Non-members can book places for £99+VAT on the [non-member booking page](#) - members should not use this link to book). [READ MORE](#)

## Upcoming UK ENIC sessions: 2021 TAICEP Virtual Conference



The 2021 TAICEP Virtual Conference began this week and runs from **25 October – 19 November 2021**. UK ENIC led an opening keynote session on India and a session on China's vocational colleges.

**Conference registration will remain open throughout the entire conference.**

Upcoming sessions led by UK ENIC:

- [Understanding Grades Awarded for Secondary Qualifications During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) on **Wednesday 3 November (13:45 - 15:00 GMT)**

## UK ENIC 21 keynote speaker: 'How Empires Have Shaped the World' author Samir Puri



Our keynote plenary speaker at UK ENIC 21 will be Dr Samir Puri, author of *The Great Imperial Hangover: How Empires Have Shaped the World* (Atlantic Books, 2020), a Senior Fellow at ISS-Asia in Singapore, and prior to this a lecturer at King's College London.

A wide-ranging presentation will look at how international relations are still influenced today by the empires of the past. With world affairs in flux, Samir Puri will consider the changing affiliations and relationships between nations which will affect our lives and work. [READ MORE](#)

## UK ENIC 21: attendance earns training credit in our new Open Badge scheme



Attendance at the UK ENIC 21 Conference will be eligible for Open Badge certification, under our new training credit scheme. Details about the scheme and how you can certify attendance will be sent to delegates after conference.

We will soon be launching our new digital Open Badge scheme to help you evidence your professional training and development. You will be able to earn Open Badge credits across our range of training and events.

An Open Badge is a portable digital certificate, that contains verifiable data about a recipient's achievements. [READ MORE](#)

- Evaluating Distance Learning Qualifications – A Question of Quality Assurance on Thursday 18 November (14:45 - 16:00 GMT) [READ MORE](#)

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## COVID-19: schools worldwide are preparing for face-to-face exams



Grade 12 exams took place in September for Nepal students after being postponed since June.

Meanwhile, HSC exams for Australian New South Wales (NSW) students, will start on 9 November. Students in other areas of Australia are preparing for the HSC exams with blended learning as schools are only open for limited hours.

Sri Lankan students' A levels exams had been put back from August to November but have now been postponed again with new dates still to be announced. [READ MORE](#)

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## International Comparisons database: UAE country file review



We are currently in the process of reviewing the UAE country file on our International Comparisons database to reflect recent developments in the Emirati school system.

One key area of focus for the review is the curriculum and learning outcomes for the general and advanced streams at upper secondary level. This will be of particular interest to members recruiting students from the UAE onto undergraduate degree programmes. [READ MORE](#)

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## UK ENIC's Chris Lyons elected as 2022 Chair, TAICEP Committee for Standards & Quality



Chris Lyons, Head of External Engagement at UK ENIC and Ecctis, has been elected to the post of Chair for The Association for International Credential Evaluation Professional (TAICEP) Committee for Standards and Quality for 2022.

Chris will sit on the committee for a one-year term, beginning on 1 January.

The committee engages in the establishment of standards for professional practice; identifies leading trends in and advances knowledge of credential evaluation practice; and develops research standards, frameworks, and processes. The committee also evaluates organisational output to ensure quality. [READ MORE](#)

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## For individual applicants: new improved chat service with 'ChatBot' coming soon

We will soon be launching our new improved online chat service with ChatBot for individuals that are applying for qualification statements. The service will be available 24 hours a day and will help individuals with key questions or information.

The service benefits will include:

- Key FAQs
- Information and guidance on both new and existing applications for our services
- Help guide individuals through the application process, including delivery [READ MORE](#)

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## New list of UK regulated professions published

The UK Professional Qualifications Bill is currently going through the UK Parliament. The list of UK regulated professions (and their regulators) that will be considered in scope of the Bill has now been published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). New professions have been

## FAQs reminder: FAQs are now available for 20 country files

As a reminder to members, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sections are now available for 20 key country files in our online databases. The new FAQs address many common member enquiries and give immediate answers online without having to submit a member enquiry through the portal.

FAQs have been added to the following 20 country files: Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, [READ MORE](#)

added, compared to previous such lists.

The list of professions covers those that are regulated by legislation – some on a UK-wide basis, whilst others have separate regulations in the devolved nations of the UK.

Once it enters into force, the Professional Qualifications Bill will create a new UK framework for recognising overseas professional qualifications and experience, replacing the previous system for recognition based on the UK's membership of the European Union. [READ MORE](#)



## 16 qualifications reviewed; resulting in 5 updates

In the last month, UK ENIC has reviewed 16 qualifications from 12 countries including Botswana, Canada, Czechia, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, St Vincent and the Grenadines and United States of America.

Qualifications reviewed included Dentistry as well as Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. [READ MORE](#)

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