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## UKNARIC19: Bill Hayton, Chatham House Asia expert and author; Conor Burns, DIT Trade Minister lead the programme



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UKNARIC19's keynote speaker is Bill Hayton, author of *Vietnam: Rising Dragon*, and *The South China Sea: the Struggle for Power in Asia*. Bill is an Associate Fellow with the Asia-Pacific Programme at Chatham House, and a long-serving BBC News journalist. In an age faced with challenges and tensions, Bill will discuss how we can navigate the risks, maintain our values and integrity, and work towards a balanced international strategy.

Conor Burns MP, the Minister of State for International Trade at the DIT, will address the conference on 'education exports' and how we can expand our international activity.

There are significant developments in the Asia-Pacific region in skills mobility and internationalisation, with a number of countries now signed up to the Tokyo Convention. These will be discussed by Dr Libing Wang, who is joining us from Bangkok, where he is Chief of Educational Innovation and Skills Development at the UNESCO Bangkok Bureau. [READ MORE](#)



## Limited spaces left for new markets training in Australia

Last chance to book for UK NARIC training in Australia. The team will be in Melbourne [pictured above] on 8 and 9 October and Perth on 14 and 15 October. There are limited places available so you



## UKNARIC19: full programme of workshop sessions now live and bookable

The full workshop programme for the UKNARIC19 conference at London's QEII Centre on 4 and 5 November is now live and online.

If you have already booked your delegate place, you will have been emailed separately with the link for choosing and booking your workshops.

If you have not already registered for conference, you should book your delegate place as soon as possible. [You can book online.](#) [READ MORE](#)

## Initial findings of significant Syrian research will be presented at UKNARIC19

Significant new field research is being conducted in Syria by UK NARIC and UNESCO Beirut Office, to find out more about the conditions of the higher education sector in the extremely difficult situation in the country.

At UKNARIC19, we will be joined by Anasse Bouhlal of UNESCO, who is himself undertaking the field surveys in Syria. Anasse will present some of the initial findings of the research. [READ MORE](#)

## UK NARIC support SUES on exploratory UK partnership visit

Shanghai University of Engineering Science (SUES) visited UK NARIC [pictured below] on 9 September to explore partnerships with UK universities in the digital arts and digital media fields.

While in the UK, their goal was to research ways of developing progression for their students and improve their student experience. This included looking into setting up student and teacher exchanges, bridging programmes to assist progression to related UK courses, and eventually developing joint Master's programmes [READ MORE](#)

should book asap. The Perth dates coincide with the AIEC conference in the city (15-18 October) which might make for an efficient combined trip for some delegates.

This is an excellent opportunity for members in Australasia and the wider region to take part in face-to-face UK NARIC training. [READ MORE](#)



## UK NARIC CEO at launch of Asia-Pacific network of NICs in Bangkok

UK NARIC CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun attended the Second Session of the Tokyo Convention Committee in Bangkok [pictured above], 19-20 September, which saw the launch of an 'ANICs' network - a network of National Information Centres (NICs) for the Asia-Pacific region.

The importance of such a network was agreed a year ago at the First Session of the Tokyo Convention Committee in Seoul. [READ MORE](#)

## Study Group's Academic English Skills benchmarked against CEFR

UK NARIC was commissioned by Study Group to undertake an independent evaluation of the Academic English Skills (AES) module awarded by Study Group. The evaluation is completed and the module was found comparable to:

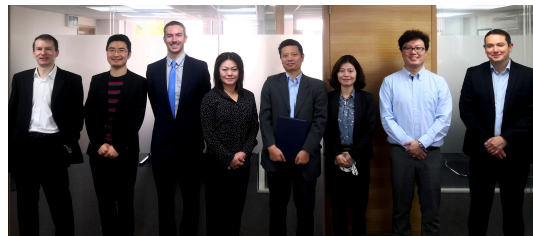
- At least CEFR B2 standard – where a minimum score of 40% has been achieved\*
- CEFR C1 standard – where a minimum score of 70% has been achieved

\* For the purpose of admission to programmes seeking a CEFR B2 level, a score of 50% is recommended. [READ MORE](#)



## International Admissions Seminar in Canada

UK NARIC's training team will be at the University of Waterloo, Ontario [pictured left] on 17 October to host an International Admissions Seminar. [READ MORE](#)



## One week left to book Admissions and Tier 4 training in London

There is one week left to secure your place for our training days and seminar events coming up in London.

Admissions Officer Training (Level 1) is on 8 October and our Tier 4 Compliance Seminar on 9 October. Also in London, our Admissions Officer Training (Level 2) is on 10 December.

We also have upcoming events in Glasgow: [READ MORE](#)



## UK NARIC offers advice at UK refugee events

UK NARIC has recently attended events aimed at helping refugees in the UK into work and study.

The most recent events were at Nottingham University with the Bayswater Foundation on 1 August, The Circle in Sheffield [pictured above] with Voluntary Action Sheffield on 12 September, and in London with Camden Council, supporting women into employment on 30 September. [READ MORE](#)



