### Open Track I

**Student and Staff Mobility in Higher Education**

**Chair: Ulrich Teichler**

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**Chair**

*Ulrich Teichler (University of Kassel, Germany)*

Ulrich Teichler, born 1942, since 1978 (full) professor at the International Centre for Higher Education Research Kassel and at the Department for Social Sciences of the University of Kassel. Ulrich Teichler was Director of the International Centre for Higher Education Research Kassel for altogether 16 years.

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*Bojana Ćulum Ilić (University of Rijeka, Croatia)*

Bojana Ćulum Ilić gained her PhD in higher education pedagogy and policy at the University of Rijeka (Croatia), where she works as Associate Professor, at the Department of Education. Her primary research interest focuses on university third/civic mission, the phenomenon of university-community engagement and the concept of an engaged university. Beside, her research interests are in the fields of citizenship education, volunteering and youth work. For the past fifteen years she has been engaged in numerous European comparative research projects focused on changes in academic profession, especially in the context of early career researchers and women in academia. Her teaching follows community-engaged learning pedagogy. The courses she teaches at undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies cover the areas related to trends in higher education, civil society development, project management in education, evaluation research, qualitative research methodology and youth work. She is one of the founders of the ECHER (Early Career Higher Education Researchers Network). She has been a member of the National Committee for Volunteering Development, and a member of the National Working Group for Youth Work, appointed to both by the Croatian Government. She has initiated the membership of the University of Rijeka in the Talloires Network, and has been appointed as a university representative. She collaborates frequently with various civil society organisations, institutions and local authorities on community-based projects where she engages her students as well. She authored and co-authored several books, book chapters and articles. She was Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Portland State University, Graduate School of Education during the 2015/2016 academic year where she was a principle investigator on the research project “Community-based Learning: Narratives on Transforming Academic Identities”.

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