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## IEAA celebrates Australia's exceptional international education professionals

**The winners of the IEAA Excellence Awards 2022 were announced during the AIEC Opening Plenary on Wednesday 19 October 2022.**

The annual IEAA Excellence Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding contribution of individuals and teams in building Australia's reputation for quality and innovation in international education.

The 2022 awards were presented at the Australian International Education Conference 2022 on the Gold Coast. The awards are proudly sponsored by Acumin, ETS TOEFL, Pearson PTE Academic, University of Sydney, and IDP Education.

"At such a critical time in international education, the achievements of these awardees are a testament to the value that international education brings to Australia. They are representative of the continuing dedication and inventiveness of so many of their peers." - said Simon Ridings, Vice President of IEAA.

The winners are:

**Distinguished Contribution to International Education** - Professor Chris Ziguras

**Excellence in Leadership in International Education** - Derek Scott

**Excellence in Professional Commentary Related to International Education** - Jon Chew

**Innovation in International Education Award** - 'Study Australia International Education Program'

**Tony Adams Rising Star Award** - Eloise Dolan (high commendation - Iori Forsyth)

**Outstanding Postgraduate Thesis** - Dr Anna Kent (high commendation - Dr Kazuhiro Kudo)

**Life Membership** - Helen Zimmerman

**Best Practice in International Education** - 'Cross-cultural engagement with students from the subcontinent: academic and professional staff resource kit'

Learn more about the winners below. The winners, bios and videos will be published at <https://www.ieaa.org.au/about-us/award-winners-2022>

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## **THE WINNERS**

### **Distinguished Contribution to International Education**

*Awardee*

Professor Chris Ziguras, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University

Professor Chris Ziguras is a leading authority on the social, economic and political dimensions of the internationalisation of education. This interest is carried across his higher education leadership and management roles at RMIT, his prominent research on cross-border higher education, his teaching in international development and public policy, and his active public engagement. Chris has also been a Board Member, Vice President and past President of IEAA.

### **Excellence in Leadership in International Education**

*Awardee*

Derek Scott, Principal, Haileybury

Derek is one of Australia's most highly regarded education leaders. He is on the Federal Government's International Education Council, the Victorian Government's International Education Expert Advisory Group and is the Chair of the Associated Public Schools of Victoria and the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority. In 2021, he was on the panel of four experts conducting a review of Initial Teacher Education in Australia. He has been Principal of Haileybury since 2007.

### **Excellence in Professional Commentary Related to International Education**

*Awardee*

Jon Chew, Global Head of Insights and Analytics, Navitas

Jon Chew significantly contributes to public debate and discussion as one of Australia's foremost experts in international education market trends. He regularly presents his research at AIEC and international conferences held by NAFSA, EAIE, APAIE and CBIE, and his comments can be found in international education publications, including The PIE News, ICEF Monitor and Times Higher Education. Jon is highly sought-after as an international education commentator in Australia and globally.

### **Innovation in International Education Award**

*Awardee*

'Study Australia International Education Program'

The Study Australia Industry Experience Program (SAIEP) is a national, flagship digital industry project program to engage international students with Australian employers – providing authentic professional experience, skills & connections for students. SAIEP is a Study Australia Partnership (SAP) Project; a joint collaboration between the Australian Government, all State and Territory Government IET destination agencies, and EdTech delivery partner Practera.

## **Tony Adams Rising Star Award**

### *Awardee*

Eloise Dolan, Program Manager and Generation Asia Lead, Asia Society Australia

Eloise Dolan is an early-career professional whose work straddles international education and global affairs. She has worked as Program Manager for Asia Society Australia (ASA) since 2019, where she drives the design and delivery of ASA's Victoria-based programming. Eloise also leads ASA's 'Generation Asia' pillar, spotlighting younger voices in Australia-Asia engagement. In 2021, Eloise was named a 'Young Woman to Watch in International Affairs'.

### *High Commendation*

Iori Forsyth, Study Australia Partnership Manager, International Education Centre of Excellence, Austrade

Iori Forsyth is an early-career international education professional and University of the Sunshine Coast graduate, who has significant achievements recognised through her work in the sector including the Connecting Globally Award 2017 from the Queensland Department of Education for her leading role in establishing governmental partnerships between Queensland and Japan, and launching the state's first "Global STEM" educational study tour for Queensland.

## **Outstanding Postgraduate Thesis**

### *Awardee*

Dr Anna Kent, Sessional Academic and Researcher, Deakin University

Thesis: 'Australian scholarships for Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific: mandates and mis-steps, 1948 - 2018'.

Dr Anna Kent's PhD research is the first comprehensive history of Australian government scholarships to the Pacific. The thesis shifts the focus away from the Colombo Plan, which has traditionally been central to the Australian narrative of both international aid and international education history.

### *High Commendation*

Dr Kazuhiro Kudo

Thesis: 'A three-stage ecological and person-in-context conceptual framework for understanding intercultural relationship development at university'

Dr Kazuhiro Kudo's thesis provides novel insights into an issue of major relevance in international education for more than four decades: promoting meaningful interactions between international and domestic students. This new insight is highly relevant for both researchers and practitioners keen to improve the quality of intercultural interactions and learning of all – international and domestic – students.

## **Life Membership**

### *Awardee*

Helen Zimmerman, Chair, Tuition Protection Services Board, Department of Education

From her time as a young graduate teacher in pre-Cyclone Tracy Darwin, Helen has devoted her professional life to her twin educational passions of indigenous and international education. She has held numerous leadership positions in the sector, culminating in several senior executive roles at Navitas. A long-standing IEAA Board member and Vice President, Helen was also its first female President. Helen is currently the Chair of the Tuition Protection Services Board.

## **Best Practice in International Education**

### *Awardee*

'Cross-cultural engagement with students from the subcontinent: academic and professional staff resource kit' by Monika Kansal, Ritesh Chugh, Stephanie Macht, Anthony Weber, Mahsood Shah and Robert Grose

The Cross-cultural engagement with students from the subcontinent: academic and professional staff resource kit was developed by a research team within CQUniveristy to educate new and existing academic and professional staff to better understand the unique cross-cultural challenges that confront international students, especially relating to cultural communication styles, learning barriers, learning styles, and learning practices. The resource kit is available to any university.

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