



FACTSHEET: GOVERNANCE

“Being a Belarusian university, EHU should be based in Minsk, as it was during the 12 years before its forced closure. The EHU will reopen in Minsk when possibilities are at hand. In the meantime, the University contributes to the development of higher education both in Lithuania and in Belarus.”

Per Unckel
Chairman of the Governing Board
Governor of Stockholm County
Sweden

The EHU has an international **Governing Board** responsible for the strategic direction, finances, and effective functioning of the University. Academic staff and students serve on the **Senate**, a self-governing body which ensures the quality of education and research. The annual **General Assembly of Part-Owners** brings together the organizations that re-established the EHU in Vilnius.

For more than 15 years, EHU has been led by **Rector** Anatoli Mikhailov, a highly respected academician on German philosophy. One of the founders of EHU in Minsk in 1992, he sought to build an alternative to the system of education inherited from the Soviet Union. After the closure of the EHU in Minsk, Prof. Mikhailov has not returned to his home country. The Rector is assisted by an international, multicultural leadership team responsible for cross-border management in the spheres of academic affairs, administration and infrastructure, and development and international relations.

GOVERNING BOARD

Per Unckel, Chairman (Sweden)

Mr. Unckel is the Governor of Stockholm County, Sweden. He served as Secretary-General of the Nordic Council of Ministers and spearheaded revolutionary reforms while Minister of Education and Science of Sweden under the government of Prime Minister Carl Bildt. He studied law at the University of Uppsala.

Dan Davidson, Vice-Chairman (USA)

Dr. Davidson is President and co-founder of American Councils for International Education in Washington, D.C. and Professor at Bryn Mawr College. He is author or editor of 26 books and more than 40 articles. Dr. Davidson received A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in Slavic Languages and Literatures from Harvard University and four honorary doctoral degrees.

Leonidas Donskis (Lithuania)

Dr. Donskis is a Professor of Political Science and Philosophy and Director of the School for Political Science and Diplomacy at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania. His scholarly works have been translated into 12 languages. Dr. Donskis received doctorates in Philosophy from University of Vilnius and University of Helsinki.

Aliaksandr Kalbaska (Belarus)

Dr. Kalbaska is Vice Rector for Academic Affairs at EHU. He became active in preservation of cultural heritage as a museum administrator, chairman of the Belarusian National Museums Committee, and author. Dr. Kalbaska received his doctorate in History from the Belarusian Academy of Science.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PART OWNERS

Institute for International Education (Lithuania)

The former EHU International is a non-governmental organization that advances international higher education through transnational education, exchange and network-building in the Central East European region. The Institute certifies the results of the learning process at EHU in partnership with institutions in Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine and USA.

Open Society Institute (USA)

Open Society Institute was created in 1993 by investor and philanthropist George Soros. The Soros foundations network encompasses more than 60 countries, including the United States. As a private operating and grant making foundation, OSI implements a range of initiatives to support higher education, among other fields.

Eurasia Foundation (USA)

As a privately managed non-profit organization supported by the United States Agency for International Development, among other donors, Eurasia Foundation has created a network of regional organizations combining local knowledge and leadership with international best practices of program management and financial stewardship.

Anne Lonsdale (United Kingdom)

Ms. Lonsdale has extensive experience in higher education worldwide. At Cambridge University, she was President of New Hall and Deputy Vice-Chancellor. A former Secretary-General of Central European University, she was awarded the title of Commander of the British Empire. Ms. Lonsdale studied Classics and Chinese Language and Literature at Oxford University.

Olli Loukola (Finland)

Dr. Loukola is Docent of Practical Philosophy and Doctor of Social Sciences working in the Department of Social and Moral Philosophy at the University of Helsinki. He heads the Baltic Philosophy Network (BalPhiN), a cooperative forum involving nine Baltic and Nordic universities. Dr. Loukola received his degrees from University of Helsinki.

Anatoli Mikhailov, ex officio (Belarus)

A member of the Belarusian Academy of Sciences, Dr. Mikhailov is currently active in the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (Austria) and Academy of Humanities Research (Russia). He received the Palmes Academique (France), Goethe Medal (Germany), Commander's Cross (Lithuania) and doctorates from universities in Germany and Belarus.

Gregory Prince (USA)

Dr. Prince is Professor Emeritus of Hampshire College. He is Senior Advisor to Pathways to College, an organization that works with students in underserved high schools. Dr. Prince featured EHU in *Teach Them to Challenge Authority: Educating for Healthy Societies* (Continuum Press International, 2008).

Blair Ruble (USA)

Dr. Ruble is Director of the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., where he serves as Program Director for Comparative Urban Studies. He worked at the Social Science Research Council and the National Council for Soviet and East European Research and received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Toronto.

Klaus Segbers (Germany)

Dr. Segbers is the Chair of Political Science at the Institute for East European Studies, Professor of International Relations at the Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Science and founder of the Center for Global Politics at Freie Universität in Berlin, Germany.

Edward M. Walsh (Ireland)

Dr. Walsh is the founding president of the University of Limerick, Ireland. He served as chairman of bodies including Irish Council for Science and Technology, National Curriculum and Examinations Board and Council of Heads of Irish Universities. A former nuclear engineer, he served as Vice President of the International Association of University Presidents.