

# Austria-India Higher Education Cooperation Forum

Monday, March 24, 2025

Austrian Cultural Forum New Delhi / Residence of the Austrian Ambassador to India

Prior to the [APAIE Annual Conference](#), this cooperation forum, organised by the Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD), offers the opportunity to enhance collaboration between Austrian and Indian higher education institutions. The goal of the event is, thus, to provide a framework for networking and exchange of projects and various forms for cooperation.

## Programme

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- 8:45 a.m.      **Site visit at Delhi University with AT delegation**
- Meeting at the **Hotel Imperial** at 8:45 am and transfer to the university
  - Meeting with Director of International Relations, Prof. Neera Agnimitra
  - Meeting with professors from the Life & Social Sciences Department
  - Small campus tour

- 1:30 p.m.      **Lunch talk: Karl August Lux**, Austrian Consul General

- 2:00 p.m.      **Registration for IND institutions | light lunch and networking**

- 3:00 p.m.      **Opening remarks**
- **Katharina Wieser**, Austrian Ambassador to India
  - **Jakob Calice**, Managing Director, OeAD

### Introduction to the event

- **Gerhard Volz**, Head International Cooperation in Higher Education, OeAD

### Why academic cooperation between our countries is indispensable

Panel discussion among Austrian and Indian university leadership:

- **Eva Schulev-Steindl**, Rector of the BOKU University Vienna
- **Thomas Madritsch**, Managing Director of the FH Kufstein University of Applied Sciences
- **Umesh Pati**, Chairperson, International Students Cell, Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, National Institute of Technology Rourkela
- **Sachin Gunthe**, Member of Academic Council and Vice Chancellor, Sindhu Central University

Moderated by **Jakob Calice**, OeAD

3:40 p.m.      **Overview of the Austrian higher education system & cooperation with India**

- **Gerhard Volz**, OeAD

**Overview of the Indian higher education system & cooperation with Austria**

- **B. Chandrasekar**, Study in India EdCIL, Ministry of Education

**Cooperation & mobility projects as vital instruments to enhance trust and excellence**

Examples of successful practice from Indian & Austrian higher education institutions from ongoing (funded) Erasmus+ and/or Scientific projects

- **Kavita Khanna**, Director Admissions and Examinations, South Asian University
- **Sabine Pendl**, Director International Relations, University of Graz

Moderated by **Gerhard Volz**, OeAD

4:30 p.m.      **Q&A session, followed by family photo**

4:40 p.m.      Tea / Coffee & networking

5:00 p.m.      **Matchmaking session**

Presentation of participating higher education institutions and matchmaking session, moderated by **Lisa Beckenberger** (Austria Side) & **Ashutosh Kumar** (India Side)

6:30 p.m.      **Closing of the event and transfer to the evening reception**

7:00 p.m.      **Networking Reception at the Residence of the Austrian Ambassador to India for participating universities and Alumni**