



# Kapuscinski Development Lecture 2016

## Education: fundamental to a country's future

Presented by:

**Ruairi Quinn**, former Minister for Education and Skills of the Republic of Ireland and former leader of the Labour Party of Ireland.

**Nesmy Manigat**, former Minister for Education of Haiti, Chair of Governance, Ethics, Risk and Finance at the Committee of the Global Partnership for Education.

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Senate Hall

University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa



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## About the lectures

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**The Kapuscinski Development Lectures** are named after Polish journalist and author, Ryszard Kapuściński, who specialised in development stories from around the world. Over 80 lectures since 2009 have had over 25 000 participants.

The lecture series offers students an opportunity to learn about and discuss development issues such as climate change, human rights, aid effectiveness, Europe-Africa relations and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The lectures are high-level events that contribute to the international debate on development and the formulation of European development policy.

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## Partners

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The lectures are jointly organised by the European Commission, the United Nations Development Programme, partner universities and development think-tanks.

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## European Union

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As the world's largest donor, the **European Union and its Member States** have collectively played a critical role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Education for All (EFA) goals and in shaping the post-2015 Agenda. If the future post 2015 education goals are to be met, all actors have to demonstrate stronger political leadership and work together for aid effectiveness.

The EU will renew its efforts to improve access to, and quality and equity of education, paying special attention to countries affected by conflict or fragile situations, in the framework of a comprehensive approach including education financing, teacher training and management, vocational training and higher education.

Thus the European Union will continue to be at the forefront of efforts to eradicate poverty and enhancing education will remain high on the international development Agenda.

### **EU support to education for development:**

- In the financial framework 2014 — 2020, the overall EU budget allocated to support education and training in developing countries stands at an estimated EUR 4600 million.
- About EUR 2660 million directed to support education and vocational training in 40 countries half of which are in fragile situations or conflict affected.
- EUR 465 million for various other activities, including EUR 375 million for The Global Partnership for Education (GPE).
- EUR 1450 million to Erasmus+ directed to increasing higher education cooperation with the developing world.

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## United Nations Development Programme

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### **The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

works in nearly 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

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## University of Pretoria

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**The University of Pretoria (UP)** is a highly ranked, research-intensive institution and is the largest residential university in South Africa. UP is home to some 60 000 students, nine faculties and a business school, spread across seven campuses in and around Pretoria and Johannesburg.

As a leading African university, UP's research output is focussed on finding solutions to local problems that have global applicability and relevance.

UP's graduates are highly sought after in the South African job market, and approximately 91% find employment within six months of graduating. The University attracts top academic achievers from across South Africa and the African continent. With a choice of over 1 000 undergraduate academic courses and a wide variety of postgraduate options, students are able to tailor their degree programmes to suit their research or career goals.

UP is committed to providing quality education and a high level of resources and facilities to its students in order to build the future leaders of South Africa.

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## Speakers

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The Kapuscinski Lecture to be delivered at the University of Pretoria will be on the topic of 'Education and employability' and how this is fundamental to a country's development. It will be delivered by the former ministers of education of Haiti and Ireland, Mr Nesmy Mangiat and Mr Ruairi Quinn.

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## Summary of the lecture:

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### **Education: Fundamental to a country's future**

'The next century is already being built daily in today's classrooms. However, it is increasingly obvious that family, government, the media and civil society must be included in the transmission of cultural heritage and key values. To address current and future challenges to peace, prosperity, public health, and the environment, especially in developing countries, education systems can no longer use traditional schooling patterns. The learning environment has to go beyond the classroom and must mobilise key actors from other sectors. We have to gradually take down the classroom walls. This will require the reengineering of curricula, learnings, and financings.' — Nesmy Manigat.

'Education 2030 must begin to explore ways in which young people, who have lost their 'natural education years' are given space and time to find them again. If we fail to address this issue, then we will not be properly prepared for the additional challenges which it poses for us all.'  
— Ruairi Quinn.

## Biographies



### Nesmy Manigat

Nesmy Manigat is the former Minister of National Education and Professional Training in Haiti. He is currently the Chair of the Governance, Ethics, Risk and Finance Committee of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE). The Governance, Ethics, Risk and Finance

Committee oversees the GPE's Conflict of Interest Policy and risk management framework, and advises the Board on ensuring that resources are managed efficiently, effectively and in line with the GPE's mission, goals, objectives and policies.



### Ruairi Quinn

Ruairi Quinn has held several ministerial portfolios in Ireland, including Minister for Enterprise and Employment (1993–1994), Minister for Finance (1994–1997) and Minister for Education and Skills (2011–2014). He was a Teachta Dála for the Dublin South-East

constituency. He attended Athens School of Ekistics (1970–1971) and wrote a book, *Straight left: a journey in politics*. Quinn has served as a public representative in Dáil Éireann (the Irish Parliament) for over thirty years and also served as a Senator in Seanad Éireann (the Upper House). He led the Labour Party for five years, from 1997 until 2002, after serving as deputy leader for the previous seven years.



### Marcus Cornaro

Ambassador Marcus Cornaro is the Head of Delegation of the European Union's diplomatic mission to South Africa since October 2015. Previously, he was Deputy Director General in the European Commission's Directorate for Development Cooperation (DEVCO). Dr Cornaro

oversaw all EU-funded development activities for partner countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He held the position of the European Commission's co-chair of the EU-South Africa Joint Cooperation Council. Dr Cornaro holds an MA in International Development from the American University in Washington, DC (1983) and is a law graduate (Dr Iuris) of the University of Vienna (1981). Prior to joining the European institutions he acquired extensive experience in the development arena while working for 10 years in Africa (in Mali for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and later in Zimbabwe and Uganda for the Austrian Foreign Service).

## Programme

- 18:00 – 18:15** Welcome remarks by Prof Norman Duncan, Vice-Principal (Academic) of the University of Pretoria, and Marcus Cornaro from the EU and UNDP
- 18:15 – 18:35** Nesmy Manigat: 'Education and employment'
- 18:35 – 19:00** Ruairi Quinn: 'Education and culture for development'
- 19:00 – 19:30** Q&A and closing remarks
- 19:30** Cocktail