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Prof Dr Jane Knight has been teaching at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) for 15 years. Her research interests include Internationalisation of Higher Education, national and international Education Policy Analysis, quality assurance, crossborder education, trade agreements, Regional Comparative Studies and Globalisation. Her current research focuses on three subjects: 1) the Regionalisation of Higher Education in Africa, 2) Knowledge Diplomacy and the role of Higher Education and Research in International Relations, and 3) Transnational Education.

As a BIGSAS guest for four weeks in October and November 2016, Prof Knight participated as a key note speaker in the conference “Higher Education Partnership Trends and Policy Issues between African and European Higher Education Institutions” and gave a public lecture on

“Internationalization of Higher Education: Benefits, Risks, and Unintended Consequences”.

With the background of working with universities, governments and UN Agencies in over 70 countries she concentrates her work on the field of Higher Education as a comparativist. For some years, she has been focussing her research on Africa. She founded the African Network for the Internationalization of Education in 2008. Prof Knight is now publishing a book series in “African Higher Education: Developments and Perspectives”. Three books on Higher Education in Africa have already been published in collaboration with colleagues in Africa.

Prof Knight is the recipient of the Outstanding Researcher Award from the European Association for Institutional Research and the Gilbert Medal from Universitas 21 for her contribution to Higher Education Internationalization. She also received an Honorary LLD from the University of Exeter in 2010 and recently an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Symbiosis International University in Pune, India.

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