

Virtual Event: Opportunities University of Groningen & Universidade de São Paulo

The **Universidade de São Paulo (USP)**, Brazil, on **Tuesday 22 June 2021**, from **9:00 to 12:00 Brazilian time** (14:00-17:00 NL time), organizes thematic academic information sessions for international opportunities at the **University of Groningen (UG)**, The Netherlands.

Time (BR)	Topic	Information
9:00-9:30	Opening	Welcome and some general information on USP-UG cooperation & practicalities of international mobility in the COVID era
9:30-10:30	Session 1a: Social Sciences & Humanities	Hosted by prof. dr. Mónica López López (UG) and prof. dr. Kavita Miadaira Hamza (USP)
	Session 1b: Science & Technology	Hosted by prof. dr. Daniel Rodrigues Valesin (UG) and prof. dr. Marcio Castro Filho (USP) - session in Portuguese
10:30-11:30	Session 2: Life Sciences & Health	Hosted by prof. dr. Han Moshage (UG) and prof. dr. Niels Olsen Saraiva Camâra (USP)
11:30-12:00	Closure	Main takeaways and follow-up

USP and UG have a longstanding history of collaboration, ranging from **student mobility** to enrollment in **Double Degree PhD programs** to **joint research** projects. Since 2020, USP has been officially listed as one of the UG "Strategic Partners". Part of the UG focus on Strategic Partners is also the active involvement of so-called UG "Academic Ambassadors" who each represent their broader academic domain.

Professors Mónica López, Daniel Valesin and Han Moshage are the **UG Academic Ambassadors** involved in the cooperation with USP. Each will host one of the thematic sessions together with one of their USP colleagues, and speak about broader opportunities pertaining to their domain. Participants will have a chance to ask specific questions. A short biosketch of each of the Ambassadors is provided below.

In order to ensure an optimal preparation, we kindly ask that **all interested participants register** to the event via the following link: <https://forms.gle/eHjXYoRpgjKmpaz98>

This will allow us to prepare the answers to any question you may have and tailor the preparations to you as participants.



Social Sciences & Humanities (session 1a)

Prof. dr. Mónica López López has worked at the Faculty of Behavioural & Social Sciences of the University of Groningen since 2012. She focuses on ways of improving child protection systems through research on decision-making, with a special interest in assessments and decisions of out-of-home placement and reunification, decisions of matching children with foster families, and participation of children and families in decision-making.

Since January 2021, Mónica has been the UG "Academic Ambassador" for the Social Sciences and, in that position, actively aims to contribute to creating added value of internationalization to education and research for her domain. At the event on 22 June for USP students and academics, she represents the broader domain of the **Social Sciences & Humanities**. Register [here](#).

Science & Technology (session 1b)

Prof. dr. Daniel Rodrigues Valesin has worked at UG's Faculty of Science and Engineering since 2017. He does research in the fields of probability theory and stochastic processes. His main topic of interest is the mathematical description of large systems of particles that are subject to simple, local rules of interaction, in the spirit of statistical mechanics. Inside this class of models, he has studied models of spread of epidemics in biological networks.

Since January 2021, Daniel has also been one of the UG Academic Ambassadors, representing the broader field of **Science and Technology**. Being a Brazilian himself, he is particularly looking forward to find synergies and collaboration opportunities with USP. His session will be in Portuguese. Register [here](#).

Life Sciences & Health (Session 2)

Prof. dr. Han Moshage works at the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG). He studied chemistry graduating with a specialization in Biochemistry. Han's research focuses on mechanisms and manipulation of cell death, inflammation and fibrogenesis in (chronic) inflammatory liver diseases, with a special emphasis on non-alcoholic fatty liver diseases (NAFLD). Han has been actively involved in international collaboration policies, including the UMCG's strategic partnership with USP, since 2019. As an Academic Ambassador, he represents the domain of **Life Sciences & Health**. Register [here](#).