

**ABSTRACT
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**The Talloires Network: Cross-cultural perspectives
on higher education and civic engagement**

In September 2005, 29 presidents, rectors, and vice chancellors from 23 countries gathered at the Tufts University European Center in Talloires, France for the first international meeting of heads of higher education institutions devoted to strengthening the civic roles and social responsibilities of higher education. They drafted the Talloires Declaration, a consensus vision for the direction of civic engagement in higher education. The Talloires Network was formed to promote action around the principles of the Declaration.

This workshop will provide a forum for a cross-cultural discussion of higher education policy and practice related to civic engagement. Members of the Talloires Network will discuss the creation of this "virtual" community of peers, their own work and the value of being part of an international network. The workshop will be an open discussion format with opportunity for question and answer.