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**Newsletter of Faculty of Education International Student Union  
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Dear Readers,

We are glad to send you our newsletter '*Time+line*' for this month; please feel free to send us any feedback/news/articles/ideas or things that you are interested in. News will be shaped on your needs; you will find open calls for conferences, academic issues, activities and things that just happen to us every day...enjoy☺

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## 1. ISU-FOE elected new President and Vice President

*By Juliana Gyasi (Minister of Media, ISU-FOE)*

The fourth presidency election of the International Students' Union, Faculty of Education (ISU-FOE) was held on 30<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016. The purpose of the election was to elect the new two most senior executives that will lead the Union for the next one year. According to the constitution of the ISU-FOE, the President and Vice President were elected internally from the outgoing members who showed interest in the position, and voted by General Executives of the union. Accordingly, Miss Mariah Khan, PhD Comparative Education student, and Mr. Gideon Tedros, MA Comparative Education student were elected as the new President and Vice President respectively.



On behalf of the Union we say congratulations to the new President and Vice President and confirm that we will be on your side anytime. It is our sincere hope that you will take the union higher that it is. Good luck.

The election for *Secretary Generals, Ministers and Member of ministry* will be held in **October 2016**. These who would like to run for these positions, please send your application consisting of your experiences, and plans for the position that you would like to compete not later than October 13, 2016.

## 2. The BNU World: Globalisation and Internationalisation of Self-experience

By *ALDUAIS, Ahmed (PhD Student)*

*'I cannot rest from travel: I will drink life to the lees. All times I  
have enjoy'd, greatly, have suffer'd greatly, I am a part of all that I  
have met; yet all experience is an arch wherethro'*

*Alfred, Lord Tennyson 1809–1892*

Globalisation and internationalisation have become part of our life. Not only governments, organisations and enterprises are moving towards globalising and internationalising plans, but also people are being part of these magical tendencies— globalisation and internationalisation. An individual can also globalise and internationalise his/her own life-experience(s). Actually, globalisation and internationalisation of self-experience is the major theme of this short opinion-article.



The type of impact that both globalisation and internationalisation would have remains an arguable issue. While some people think that having a globalised world is a positive idea, some others think exactly the opposite.

Being able to follow up and access similar and/identical knowledge that is not originally produced from your own country is a basic way to define globalisation. On the other hand, while you are wandering, have come across a company e.g. (Apple) but with the use of your national language and national touches, this is also the simplest example of internationalisation.

Globalisation and internationalisation can affect our lives in different ways and at different levels. It could be yet basically at the economic level e.g. having foreign companies, academic institutions, schools, restaurants in our own countries— representing their original destinations. It could be also at the social level where certain habits and/or traditions are being replaced with those being observed or coming from other societies. It could be also psychological at the personal level where certain individuals would experience conflicts fighting with their own society [world] and the new acquired/learned foreign [world].

Having this in mind, the globalisation and internationalisation impact can also lead to a global and international experience at the personal level, particularly, through experiencing various academic lives. To study in different places of the world is a real chance to experience the world. To teach in different countries is no wonder a greater

chance to live different lives and establish an international personality that would in one way or another have a real positive impact wherever it will be located!

All in all, being part of BNU seems to be a cup that will partially quench my thirst of gaining knowledge and experiencing academic life in different destinations around the world. It is in this very particular sense where I can personally talk about the positive side of both the globalisation and internationalisation of [higher education].

### 3. Amazing Beijing

*By Alex S. M. Mhone (MA Student)*

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Beijing Beijing Beijing

Adventurous Beijing

Wonderfully learning

Success possible

Normal university amazing

#### 4. The Mid-Autumn Festival

*By Gidoen Tedros (Minister of Culture and Activities, ISU-FOE)*

The mid-autumn festival (traditional Chinese: 中秋節; simplified Chinese: 中秋; Vietnamese: tết Trung Thu) is a harvest festival celebrated by ethnic Chinese and some other South-East Asian people. This holiday is celebrated in mainland China, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and by ethnic Chinese worldwide. Mid-Autumn Festival is a term sometimes also used to describe Chuseok in Korea and Tsukimi in Japan.

The festival is held on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar with full moon at night, corresponding to late September or early October of the Gregorian calendar. This year, it was celebrated on September 15, 2016. China listed the festival as an "intangible cultural heritage" in 2006 and a public holiday in 2008. It is also public holiday in Taiwan and Hong Kong. In the Vietnamese culture, it is considered the second-most important holiday. The festival was a time to enjoy the successful reaping of rice and wheat with food offerings made in honour of the moon. Today, it is still an occasion for outdoor reunions among friends and relatives to eat moon-cakes and watch the moon, a symbol of harmony and unity.

Making and sharing moon-cakes is one of the hallmark traditions of this festival. In Chinese culture, a round shape symbolizes completeness and reunion. Thus, the sharing and eating of round moon-cakes among family members during the week of the festival signify the completeness and unity of families.

There are different flavours of moon-cakes, of which the top ten are: Five Kernel and Roast Pork, Red Bean Paste, Lotus Seed Paste, Snow Skin, Vegetable and Fruit, Chocolate, Green Tea, Ice Cream, Cream Cheese, and Seafood. I would recommend international students to try these moon-cakes with friends, and feel the Chinese experiences of completeness and unity.



- Sources:** 1. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mid-Autumn\\_Festival](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mid-Autumn_Festival)  
2. <http://www.chinahighlights.com/festivals/top-10-mooncake-flavors.htm>

## 5. Announcements

- Conference: [CALL FOR PAPERS: 6th Biennial BNU / UCL IOE Conference](http://fe.english.bnu.edu.cn/html/003/1/201609/505.shtml)  
(<http://fe.english.bnu.edu.cn/html/003/1/201609/505.shtml>)



- ✓ **Dates:** Friday 12 and Saturday 13 May 2017 Title: Education and Mobilities: Ideas, People and Technologies
- ✓ **Who should attend:** This is a BNU/IOE organised conference open to scholars from around the world. Presentations can be in Chinese or English, but abstracts should be submitted in English.
- ✓ **Deadline:** The deadline for receipt of abstracts is **15 October 2016**. No abstracts received after this date will be considered.
- ✓ **Where to send:** Abstracts should be submitted by email to [IOEinternational@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:IOEinternational@ucl.ac.uk) OR [oie-foe@bnu.edu.cn](mailto:oie-foe@bnu.edu.cn). Please use the subject heading BNUIOE 2017 abstract
- Due to the national holidays which starts from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 the International Students Office (ISO) will be closed but CSC and CIS students have to sign on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016.
- The trip to great wall is just around the corner. Remember to board the bus with your **Brown student ID card**.