



UNIVERSITY OF
PATRAS
ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΠΑΤΡΩΝ



Fulbright Specialist Lecture Series 2025

Theme: *Empowering Global Scholars through Research, Writing, and Collaboration*

Facilitator: **Dr. Krishna Bista**, Award-Winning Author, Editor, and Professor of Higher Education, Department of Advanced Studies, Leadership and Policy, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Host Institution: University of Patras, Greece

For Questions: Professor Grigorios N. Beligiannis, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Patras – Agrinio Campus, G. Seferi 2, 30100 Agrinio, Greece, gbeligia@upatras.gr

Session 1 — Thursday, October 16, 2025 | 3:00 – 3:50 PM

From Ideas to Impact: Leveraging AI for Research, Writing, and Publication Success

Transforming Scholarly Work through Innovation, Clarity, and Ethics

Description:

This interactive session introduces participants to the evolving role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in academic research and writing. Participants will explore **ChatGPT**, **Google Gemini**, and other AI-assisted tools for literature review, data analysis, and academic writing. The workshop will emphasize strategies for improving clarity, coherence, and research impact while maintaining ethical and responsible AI use. Topics include research ethics, plagiarism prevention, and citation management using AI-based platforms. Participants will gain actionable skills to enhance their research productivity and scholarly visibility.

Zoom Link: <https://morganstate.zoom.us/j/5374678434>

Meeting ID: 537 467 8434

Session 2 — Friday, October 17, 2025 | 12:00 – 12:50 PM

Publish with Purpose: Strategies for Academic Publishing and Research Visibility

Building a Successful Publication Portfolio for Global Impact

Description:

This session offers a practical roadmap for publishing high-quality research and advancing professional visibility. Drawing on global publication experiences, Professor Bista will discuss how to:

- Select **high-impact journals or book series** and understand submission requirements.
- Strengthen argumentation and manuscript structure for publication success.
- Increase **citation impact** through open-access platforms and networking.
- Navigate editorial and peer-review processes effectively.

Participants will leave with a publication strategy plan and tools to strengthen their scholarly profile within the global research community.

Zoom Link: <https://morganstate.zoom.us/j/5374678434>

Meeting ID: 537 467 8434

Session 3 — Monday, October 20, 2025 | 3:00 – 3:50 PM

Beyond Borders: Building Research Networks and Future Collaborations

Creating Sustainable Partnerships for Global Scholarship and Innovation

Description:

The final session focuses on building sustainable international research networks and developing collaborative projects. Participants will engage in discussions about forming **faculty-led research teams**, drafting competitive research proposals, and connecting with international partners for long-term academic collaboration. The Fulbright Specialist will highlight examples of successful global partnerships and mentorship models that foster innovation, inclusion, and shared learning.

Zoom Link: <https://morganstate.zoom.us/j/5374678434>

Meeting ID: 537 467 8434

About the Fulbright Specialist

Prof. Dr. Krishna Bista

Department of Advanced Studies, Leadership and Policy
Morgan State University, Maryland (USA)
Phone: (443) 885-4506
Email: krishna.bista@morgan.edu

Biography

Dr. **Krishna Bista** is a Professor of Higher Education in the Department of Advanced Studies, Leadership and Policy at **Morgan State University**, Maryland (USA). He is an **award-winning author and editor**, internationally recognized for his scholarship on technology in teaching, global student mobility, leadership in higher education, educational statistics, and mixed methods research.

Dr. Bista teaches doctoral courses and supervises dissertations on international education, technology, and college access. At Morgan State University, he has led initiatives such as the **Teach Online Workshop** and the **Faculty Summer Writing Institute**, and chaired committees on research and publication, international affairs, and technology.

He has published **over 150 scholarly works**—including journal articles, essays, and book chapters—and edited more than three dozen books and journal volumes. Dr. Bista is the Founding Series Editor of the Routledge Global Student Mobility Book Series, and the Founding Chair of the Study Abroad and International Students at the Comparative and International Education Society. Currently, he serves as the Senior Executive Vice President of the STAR Scholars Network (Maryland, USA). Previously, he served as Director of Global Education and Chase Endowed Professor of Education at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

His recent books include, *Advancing Global Competencies in Education: Theory and Practice* (Routledge, 2025), *Global Pathways: Insights on Studying, Working, Thriving Abroad* (AAC&U & STAR Scholars, 2025), *ChatGPT and Global Higher Education: Using Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Learning* (STAR Scholars, 2024), and *Reimagining Internationalization and International Initiatives at Historically Black Colleges and Universities* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2022)

Dr. Bista serves on editorial boards for *Teachers College Record*, *Journal of Leadership and Organizational Studies*, *International Journal of Leadership in Education*, and *Kappa Delta Pi Record*, and regularly reviews book projects for Oxford University Press, Springer, Routledge, Sage, Palgrave MacMillan, and Bloomsbury.