

Biography – Prof Jan Palmowski

Jan Palmowski has been Secretary-General of The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities since its creation in 2016. A contemporary historian, he started his career at the University of Oxford before moving to King's College London where he taught European politics and EU integration. He was Head of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at King's College London (2008-12), and Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Academic Vice-President at the University of Warwick from 2013 to 2018. He is Professor at the University of Warwick, and adjunct Professor at the University of Oslo.



Since 2018, Jan Palmowski has co-led a close collaboration between The Guild and the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA), to emphasise the need for equitable, long-term partnerships in research and higher education, to address common societal challenges across Africa and Europe. Since 2023, ARUA and The Guild have created 22 Clusters of research excellence, which bring together around 300 researchers in 120 institutions based on equity and long-term collaboration, in support of the African Union's Agenda 2063, and the EU Global Gateway.