

**BCCIE SPEAKER SERIES:  
THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
IN SMALLER COMMUNITIES**

*Hosted by  
Vancouver Island University*

*Dr. Roslyn Kunin*

**Thursday, March 3, 2011**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

**Student Services Building 200, Room 203  
Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC**

International education has become a key contributor to British Columbia's (BC) economy. BC is in the fortunate position of being one of the leading destinations for international students in Canada. While international students are a critical contributor to the social and cultural well-being of our province, international student tuition, spending in local communities, and travel result in an estimated \$2.5 billion revenue gain for British Columbia.

The BC Council for International Education (BCCIE) has engaged the support of noted economist Dr. Roslyn Kunin to provide an updated analysis of the economic impact of international students in BC, and Vancouver Island University is graciously sponsoring her visit to Nanaimo. During her talk at Vancouver Island University, Dr. Kunin will offer a broad framework for understanding this impact and will highlight the economic contributions of internationalization to smaller cities and communities in BC.

Dr. Kunin has been a Director of the Business Development Bank of Canada, chair of the Workers Compensation Board of British Columbia and member of the National Statistics Council of Statistics. She has also served as the Chair of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, Governor of the University of British Columbia and has served the community as Chair of the Vancouver Crisis Centre, and as Vice President of the YWCA. In her career, Dr. Kunin has worked in the private sector, taught at several Canadian universities (including Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia) and served twenty years as Regional Economist for the federal government in BC.

This event is free and will be hosted by Vancouver Island University as part of the BCCIE Speaker Series. The BCCIE Speaker Series creates a forum for dialogue among education institutions, faculty, students, and local communities regarding the benefits of international education.

To register for this event, visit [www.bccie.bc.ca/educators/professional-development](http://www.bccie.bc.ca/educators/professional-development) before **Wednesday, March 2, 2011**. For information about future BCCIE events, visit [www.bccie.bc.ca](http://www.bccie.bc.ca).