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**Esteemed Global Affairs Expert Gisèle Yasmeen
Joins Milwaukee-Based ECE's Board of Directors**

Yasmeen appointed for the 2025-2027 term



Milwaukee — Jan. 15, 2025 — [Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.](#) welcomed its newest board member, Gisèle Yasmeen, on January 1.

Yasmeen is a global fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., providing nonpartisan research and analysis to policymakers. In her previous roles as associate vice president, international, at the University of Ottawa and senior fellow at the University of British Columbia's Institute of Asian Research, Yasmeen shared her expertise on food security through published works, ongoing consultancy and media commentary. A former French and English-language radio columnist for Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and Radio-Canada, Yasmeen is regularly asked to collaborate on food and agriculture topics as well as higher education resources.

"Gisèle excels at forging lasting partnerships and a strong global network across the higher education and government sectors," said ECE President Stacy Riley. "She's a natural connector with more than 20 years of multicultural collaboration and data analysis. We're incredibly lucky to have her."

In addition to holding multiple advisory roles, Yasmeen currently serves as a board member for the Council of Canadian Academies and the Margaret A. Gilliam Institute for Global Food Security of McGill University in Canada. The seasoned researcher has a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia, a master's from McGill and a Bachelor of Arts Honours from the University of Ottawa.



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“I am driven by the power of international connectedness and understanding,” said Yasmeen. “ECE’s reach is unlimited; they are a critical resource for global students and professionals. It seems fitting to start the new year by empowering people to make the future they envision a reality.”

Interim Co-Chair Kavita Pandit departed ECE in December. The team is grateful for the knowledge, inspiration and insight she brought to the organization. Current ECE Board Member Kris Olds has assumed the role of board chair and will work alongside Yasmeen to continue to advise ECE with diverse perspectives and immeasurable skills in education, business and non-profit work.

Board members typically serve three-year terms and may serve up to six consecutive years.

To learn more about the board of directors at ECE, visit <https://www.ece.org/ECE/About/Board-of-Directors>.

About Educational Credential Evaluators

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Founded in 1980, ECE evaluates foreign educational credentials of individuals for the purposes of studying or working in the U.S. and studying in Canada. ECE reports give individuals from other countries the recognition they deserve for education completed in their home countries and give higher education institutions, employers, health care organizations and licensing boards confidence that educational equivalencies between countries are accurate. ECE’s mission is to promote the betterment of individuals’ lives and society by ensuring that educational qualifications are fairly and accurately recognized across borders. Launched in 2016, ECE Aid is a charitable initiative developed to provide free evaluation reports for vulnerable and displaced populations. In addition to providing reports, ECE team members provide ongoing training and support to the international education community.

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