



DEAR PARTNERS,
Greetings from São Bernardo do Campo!

We bring you some news from our university: the visit to FEI by the president of the Association of Universities Entrusted to the Society of Jesus in Latin America – AUSJAL; and the participation of FEI professors in events and conferences around the world. In this edition, you will find testimonials from students who participated in exchange programs at FEI and abroad.

Enjoy reading!

Deadline for fall Semester 2026

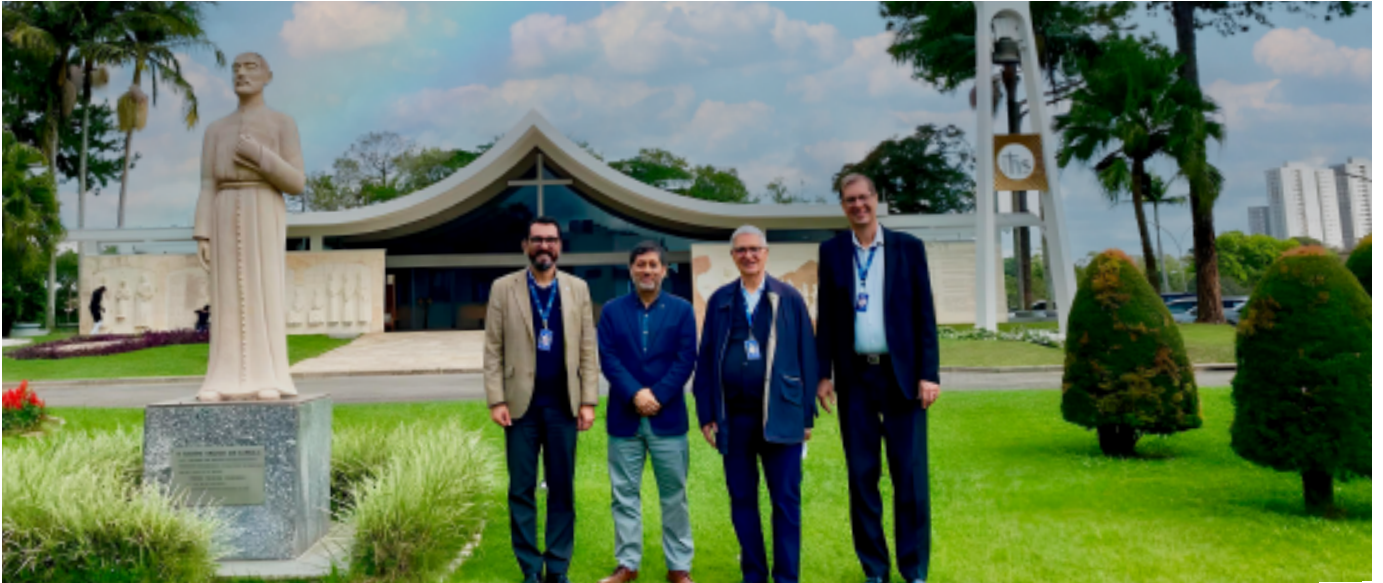
FEI is pleased to invite undergraduate students enrolled at partner institutions to apply for the Exchange Program. Typically, international students choose to carry on their mobility for 6 months or 1 year, using this time to deepen their studies and experience Brazilian culture. São Bernardo do Campo campus is based FEI's headquarters, which has an area of 243,000 sqm², comprising laboratories, specialized centers, the Institute for Industrial Research and Studies (IPEI), classrooms, a library, snack bars, restaurants, a sports complex, a chapel and parking for students.

Our deadline to receive applications for the Fall Semester (from February to July) is October 15th. Student can find information about the application procedure on the website:

<https://fei.edu.br/sites/internationalaffairs>



FEI welcomes the President of AUSJAL



Dr. Ricardo Belchior Torres, Vice-Rector for Education and Research (FEI); Fr. Dr. Fernando Ponce León, S.J., presidente of AUSJAL; Fr. Theodoro Paulo Severino Peters, S.J., President of Ignatian Educational Foundation Padre Sabóia de Medeiros – FEI; and Dr. Vagner Bernal Barbeta, Rector (FEI).

FEI University welcomed Father Dr. Fernando Ponce León, S.J., presidente the Association of Universities Entrusted to the Society of Jesus in Latin America – AUSJAL on May 13th. The agenda began with the reception of Father Theodoro Paulo Severino Peters, S.J., President of Fundação Educacional Inaciana Padre Sabóia de Medeiros – FEI, professor Dr. Vagner Bernal Barbeta, Rector of the FEI University and professor Dr. Ricardo Belchior Torres, Vice-Rector for Education and Research at FEI University.

A meeting was held to present the FEI and discuss opportunities to improve partnerships within the AUSJAL Network, as well as with the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador - PUCE, which Father Dr. Fernando is also rector. During his time in Brazil, Father Fernando will also visit other Jesuit Catholic institutions belonging to the AUSJAL network to strengthen relations and cooperations.

The visitor also had the opportunity to participated in a tour of the campus São Bernardo do Campo, visiting the laboratories, the chapel, institutional projects and talked to FEI students.

EQUAA Executive Director visits FEI – São Paulo campus



FEI Professor Dr. Edson Sadao Iizuka and EQUAA Executive Director, Eric Talavera Campbell

EQUAA - Education Quality Accreditation Agency - aims to encourage teacher and student exchanges, especially in Latin American countries, to promote the exchange of experiences among participants and disseminate positive and inspiring cases among participating institutions. EQUAA Executive Director, Eric Talavera Campbell, visited FEI, São Paulo campus on May 7, 2025, in recognition of the excellence of FEI's educational program in Business Administration.

FEI promotes the Second International Week

FEI University hosted its Second International Week from April 1st to 3rd, bringing together students and teachers from all courses for a dialogue about internationalization. The event was conducted online and the recordings are available on the institution's YouTube channel: (<https://www.youtube.com/@feiplay>)

During the official opening of the event, FEI's Vice-Rector for University Extension and Community Affairs, Professor Dr. Michelly de Souza, highlighted the importance of taking advantage of globalization and the benefits it offers for students' education. "We live in an increasingly globalized world and the internationalization of our studies is fundamental. FEI recognizes this importance and works to build opportunities in a global network to expand the training of our students. It's an event aimed at students, teachers and coordinators and I'm sure that this second edition of the event will bring many benefits to our academic community. I hope our students can make the most of these opportunities".

The second International Week's program covered topics such as: internationalization in Latin America; Educational Programs and Scholarship Opportunities in the UK; Exchange Programs offered by FEI; International Careers; and the Internationalization of Research. It was interesting to see an increase in the participation of the institution's teaching staff and, above all, the interaction with the guest speakers. Consolidating the event as an environment for debate and opportunities for FEI's internationalization.

Currently, FEI maintains collaboration agreements with foreign institutions, including international academic mobility programs lasting one semester and double degrees.

These opportunities provide intercultural experiences in other countries, aiming at the professional qualification of students, through cultural and scientific exchange.



FEI around the world!



Professor Dr. Aline Faria at BALAS Conference 2025

FEI professor attended BALAS Conference

The coordinator of the undergraduate course in Administration (campus São Paulo), professor Dr. Aline Faria, attended the BALAS Conference 2025, organized by the Business Association of Latin American Studies (BALAS) and hosted by INCAE Business School, between April 8 and 11, 2025, in San José, Costa Rica. The event brought together researchers from all over Latin America and the world, promoting debates on the theme “Sustainable Business: Challenges and Opportunities for Latin America”.

According to Dr. Aline, it was an excellent opportunity for networking and international visibility for the research produced at FEI.

The FEI professor presented the article entitled “Intangibility in a Tangible-Intensive Industry”, co-authored with professor Dr. Eduardo Kayo, from the School of Economics, Administration, Accounting and Actuarial Science at the University of São Paulo - FEA USP. The study investigates how intangible assets - such as human capital, innovation

and organizational knowledge - affect the performance and competitive advantage of companies in the electricity sector, which is traditionally intensive in tangible assets.

"The research used a global panel with 3,851 observations of companies from 54 countries on six continents, with data from 1990 to 2019. The text makes methodological and theoretical contributions. As a methodological contribution, we developed a proxy to measure intangibility. As a theoretical contribution, we demonstrated that countries with higher renewable energy production have higher levels of aggregate intangibility, something that is directly related to the sustainable competitive advantage of energy companies," highlighted Dr. Aline.

The Business Association of Latin American Studies (BALAS) was founded in 1989 and the objectives are to foster education, encourage research, and provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and the discussion of Latin American issues that affect the business environment of both domestic and transnational enterprises. For more information visit the website: <https://balas.org>



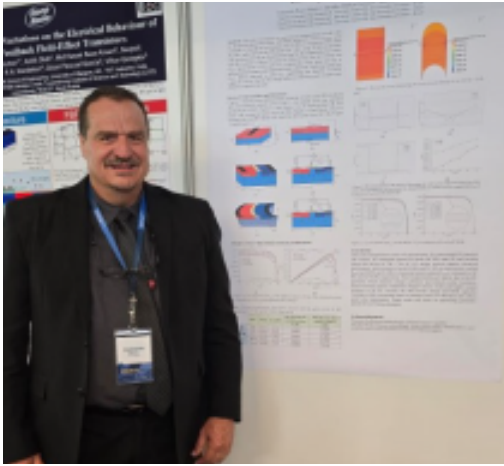
FEI around the world!



Professor Salvador Gimenez and Professor Michelly de Souza at EuroSOI-ULIS 2025, held in Warsaw/Poland.

FEI Professors Showcase Advanced Semiconductor Research at EuroSOI-ULIS

Two professors from FEI's Electrical Engineering Department, Dr. Michelly de Souza and Dr. Salvador Gimenez, recently participated in the prestigious EuroSOI-ULIS 2025 event, held from May 14th to 16th, 2025, at the Warsaw University of Technology in Poland. This "semiconductor week" was inspiring, friendly, and fulfilling, serving as a leading forum for scientists and engineers in SOI technology and nanoscale devices. Professor de Souza delivered an oral presentation on "Experimental Investigation of 7-Level Stacked Nanosheet nMOSFETs for High-Temperature Applications," co-authored with researchers from FEI and CEA-Leti, France. Professor Gimenez contributed with a poster presentation titled "Impact of Using Half-Circular MOSFETs (PIN Diode) for Implementing Solar Cells." Their participation highlights FEI's engagement with cutting-edge research and international collaborations in the semiconductor field.



FEI around the world!

FEI professor takes part in the AIB-LAC 2025 Conference

Between June 20 and 24, 2025, Dr. André Luiz Teixeira, from the Department of Production Engineering at FEI, attended the AIB-LAC 2025 Conference, held at the University of Monterrey, Mexico. According to the professor, it was an extremely enriching experience, where he presented his doctoral research at the Paper Development Workshop (PDW) and an article co-authored with Dr. Fernanda Ribeiro Cahen and Dr. Mario H. Ogasavara.

During the week, Dr. André Luiz Teixeira actively participated in several sessions and debates. "I had the opportunity to deepen my knowledge on topics crucial to the field of International Business, such as publishing trends, the challenges of teaching and research in intercultural contexts, the relevance of Latin America and the Caribbean in the global geopolitical scenario, sustainability strategies in emerging markets, global value chains, and the frontiers of research and theory in NI", he reports.

The FEI professor also said thanks for the chance to be part of the event: "I'd like express my gratitude to the Academy of International Business (AIB) Latin America & the Caribbean Chapter for sponsoring me, and especially to FEI for always supporting my growth and making it possible for me to be part of this important event. This experience reinforces our institution's commitment to research and cutting-edge knowledge on the international scene".

About AIB-LAC: AIB-LAC is a chapter of the Academy of International Business, and is a leading association of scholars and specialists in the field of international business in Latin America & the Caribbean. AIB-LAC organizes an annual conference, aimed at scholars and PhD students from Latin America & the Caribbean working in the international business field, along with scholars from other regions interested in Latin America & the Caribbean. For more information visit the websit: <https://lac.aib.world/>.



FEI around the world!



Professor Dr. Rodrigo Condotta and Professor Dr. Sandro Luis Vatanabe at Forum BRAFITEC

FEI professors attend BRAFITEC Forum in France

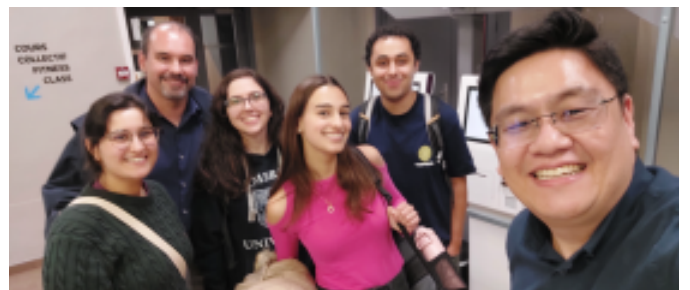
From June 11th to 13th, 2025, the BRAFITEC Fórum (BRASIL France Ingénieurs TEChnologie) brought together professors, researchers and officials involved in this Franco-Brazilian cooperation and exchange program. BRAFITEC is supported by the Brazilian Ministry of Education (MEC), the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR), with operational support from CAPES and CDEFI. Projects run for two years, renewable once for an additional two years. The program reflects a shared goal of training engineers who can thrive in international, innovative, and sustainable environments.

In this 18th edition of the event, which took place in Paris, two FEI faculty members participated: Professor Dr. Sandro Luis Vatanabe, Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and Professor Dr. Rodrigo Condotta, Head of the Chemical Engineering Department. The two professors also had the opportunity to visit the Lille Campus of L'Institut Catholique d'Arts et Métiers - Icam, FEI's partner institution in the BRAFITEC program. During the mission, Dr. Sandro and Dr. Rodrigo met three FEI students who are doing a double degree program at Icam, with BRAFITEC scholarships.

According to Dr. Sandro Luis Vatanabe, it was a very enriching experience to visit Icam Lille, get to know the institution's structure and meet the Brazilian students again, who proved to be fully integrated and motivated by the program. "Participation in the 18th BRAFITEC Forum was also very productive, both for the presentations and for the networking with other institutions, reaffirming the importance of internationalization in strengthening our students' training and developing collaborative projects."

Professor Dr. Rodrigo Condotta pointed out that taking part in the 18th BRAFITEC Forum was an excellent opportunity to reaffirm the FEI University Centre's commitment to the student internationalization program. "Particularly for the Chemical Engineering course, this experience was essential for getting closer to French institutions in the field of Chemistry, which belong to the select group of Écoles de Chimie, broadening the horizons for future proposals. The visits to the laboratories, which took place on the first day of the event, highlighted the concern of the chemical and urban sectors with two of our planet's greatest assets: water and biodiversity - themes that are directly in line with the trends of FEI's Chemical Engineering course, whose recently created extension track focuses precisely on water and sanitation."

The Head of FEI's Chemical Engineering Department also said that the visit to Icam Lille allowed him to get to know the institution's structure and to meet the Brazilian students again, who mentioned that they had not encountered any difficulties in learning the subjects they had studied at Icam, recognizing the quality of the technical training they had received at FEI.



FEI student participates in Nuclear Science event in Cuba



FEI Electrical Engineering master's student Thalia Alves da Silva took part in the NUMAR 2025 event (International School on Nuclear Methods and Applied Research in Environmental, Materials and Life Sciences), organized by JINR (Joint Institute for Nuclear Research) and AENTA (Agency of Nuclear Energy and Advanced Technologies). The event, held in Havana between February 24 and 27, offered various courses covering life sciences, environmental studies and materials science, providing a broad and up-to-date overview of the areas. It is notable for its interdisciplinary approach, bringing together experts to discuss the latest advances and their applications in various strategic areas.

FEI master's student Thalia Alves da Silva, who has a degree in Automation and Control Engineering, is also currently a member of the Ionizing Radiation Effects Laboratory and is developing her master's degree in the area of radiation effects in detectors, in the Graduate Program in Electrical Engineering at FEI.

"This event represents a unique opportunity for learning and interaction, promoting contact with the most advanced technologies and scientific methods used in various areas of knowledge. By participating, the students had access to cutting-edge content and were able to broaden their perspectives and contribute to scientific and technological innovations in their respective fields. I hope that, in future editions, FEI students can be given this opportunity again," said professor Dr. Marcilei Guazzelli, from FEI's Physics Department, coordinator of the Ionizing Radiation Effects Laboratory and Thalia's master's degree advisor.



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Student Testimonials



Leonardo Antunes Ferreira - doctoral student in Electrical Engineering - FEI

“My name is Leonardo Antunes Ferreira, a doctoral student in Electrical Engineering with an emphasis on Image and Signal Processing, under the supervision of Professor Dr. Carlos Eduardo Thomaz. In the first semester of 2025, I conducted a research project in collaboration with Professor Dr. Carlos Moreno-Garcia and doctoral student Craig Pierre from Robert Gordon University (RGU), Scotland. The study analyzed the agreement between human visual perception and explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) methods in the task of classifying facial expressions associated with neonatal pain. As a result, the work was accepted for presentation and publication at the XAI World Conference, which will take place in July 2025. Recently, I was awarded a Doctoral Sandwich Scholarship (PDSE), and between September and December, I will be at RGU furthering research in explainable AI for neonatal applications”.



Flávia Joaquim Simonelli e Maria Fernanda Mattar Robeiro – Production Engineering Students - FEI

“Studying abroad was the best decision we could have made!

We are Maria and Flávia, Industrial Engineering students from FEI, spending a semester studying at KIT in Karlsruhe. Academically, the university exceeded all expectations. The professors were incredibly knowledgeable and approachable, always encouraging open dialogue and critical thinking. The international environment also allowed us to connect with students from all over the world, broadening our perspectives and making us feel like true global citizens.

One of the things that many students worry about before coming to Germany is the language barrier—but we want to say clearly: don’t let that stop you. While German is, of course, the local language, most people speak English very well, especially in universities and bigger cities. We found that locals were friendly, patient, and more than willing to help, even if we made mistakes trying to speak German.

This journey has taught us not only about a new country, but also about ourselves. We Will return home more confident, open-minded, and inspired. Studying in Germany has truly been an unforgettable chapter in our lives, and we’re grateful for every moment of it”.



Sibylle de Christen - Engineering Student - L'Institut Catholique d'Arts et Métiers – ICAM (France)

“As a French student in Engineering, I had the opportunity to spend a semester at FEI, in Sao Bernardo do Campo. This experience has been extraordinary and has fulfilled me on different points. From an academic point of view, classes were very complete and interesting, we could improve our skills on the base that we already had. From a human point of view, the Brazilians students and teachers were warmly welcoming and concerned about our success. This semester has been quite challenging, as long as we were having classes in Portuguese without knowing the language before. I am now proud to have learnt a new language so quickly. The university was incredibly qualitative with its sports facilities, huge refectories, beautiful chapel and a lively associative life.

Finally, Brazil is a country with much to offer that makes the time here particularly incredible”



Margot Delbeque - Engineering Student - L'Institut Catholique d'Arts et Métiers – ICAM (France)

“I had the opportunity to spend one semester at FEI University, and it was truly an amazing experience. The university campus is very pleasant, offering a wide range of facilities that make daily life easier for students. During my stay, I was able to work on my final project (TCC) in the field of Production Engineering. This project allowed me to deepen my technical knowledge and develop valuable research skills. I am particularly grateful for the excellent academic support I received from professors and supervisors throughout the semester. Their guidance and availability were essential for the success of my work. Moreover, I met many kind and inspiring people, both on campus and during social events. These encounters made my experience even more enriching on a personal level. Brazilian hospitality is truly exceptional, and I will always remember the warmth and friendliness of everyone I met. I sincerely hope to return to Brazil in the future for new academic or professional opportunities”.



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