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## **The AIEA 2026 Charles Klasek Award for Outstanding Service in the Field of International Higher Education**

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce Dr. Gil Latz, University Professor at Waseda University and Leadership Fellow at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, as the recipient of the 2026 Charles Klasek Award.

Created in honor of Charles Klasek's exceptional contributions to international higher education and to AIEA, the Klasek Award recognizes individuals whose long-term and distinguished service has shaped the field. Few embody this legacy more fully than Dr. Latz.

Across his four-decade career, Dr. Latz has made a profound and lasting impact on international education as a senior leader, scholar, consultant, and mentor. He has served as the primary catalyst of international strategies at multiple major universities, where his vision strengthened global learning, elevated international partnerships, and positioned institutions to meet the challenges of an increasingly interconnected world. Colleagues consistently praise his ability to unite diverse stakeholders, think strategically, and build structures that endure.

Beyond his institutional leadership, Dr. Latz has played a pivotal role in shaping national conversations on internationalization. As a former President of AIEA and a long-standing Senior Associate with the American Council on Education's Internationalization Laboratory, he has guided dozens of campuses through comprehensive and mission-driven global engagement planning. His influence extends across associations, advisory boards, and international initiatives, where his thoughtful insights and collaborative style have become hallmarks of his professional identity.

A prolific scholar, Dr. Latz has advanced the field's understanding of curriculum internationalization, regional development, and global learning. His work spans books, articles, media projects, and public scholarship that have informed policy, enriched academic practice, and expanded public awareness of global issues. Yet those who know him emphasize that his most enduring contributions may be his mentorship and generosity—he is widely regarded as a supportive, wise, and trusted colleague who invests in the growth of others.

AIEA congratulates Dr. Gil Latz on receiving the 2026 Charles Klasek Award and celebrates the extraordinary breadth and depth of his service to international higher education.