

Building Excellence – The ASPIRE EFRI Project:

How we can further strengthen institutional collaboration

TUESDAY, 10/17/23, 11AM - 1PM

BONDA ROOM - UR 254

Join us for celebration of nearly 20 years of engagement and collaboration



Saša Drezgić

Dean and Professor of the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Rijeka

Join Cleveland State University and the Levin College of Public Affairs and Education in welcoming newly named Levin Senior Fellow **Saša Drezgić** from the University of Rijeka in Croatia as we celebrate the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding between our two institutions.



Nigamanth Sridhar

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cleveland State University

The new MOU will further solidify the partnership and collaboration that has been supported by the Unger Program since its founding in 2001. The signing will be followed by a presentation by Dean Drezgić on the regenerative economy and the current ASPIRE project at the Faculty of Economics and Business.

The partnership seeks to further global knowledge exchange in the areas of smart and resilient cities and the economics of digital transformation, as well as the work being conducted through the Public Interest Technology University Network (PIT-UN). The exchange of researchers, faculty and students will cultivate shared programming and pave the way for opportunities in student-faculty learning exchanges, professional development, and the sharing and creation of educational materials and resources. It will also further the Society 5.0 initiative of CSU's TECH Hub, which is designed to confront big questions concerning human-machine interfaces, knowledge formation, privacy, security, and what constitutes life.

The Unger Program at the Levin College of Public Affairs and Education was founded in 2001 with the mission of catalyzing an educational bridge between Levin College and the University of Rijeka. Today, the program supports and fosters economic and community development through independent research and civic education and engagement. The Unger Program provides matching funds to the Center for Economic Development's U.S. Economic Development Administration University Center initiatives.