

The Affiliates of UC Riverside Luncheon

Monday - December 2, 2019

The SEED Lab - Sowing the Seeds for a Better Future!

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Many see start-up social enterprises or social-impact ideas as risky missions. The real risk, however, is ignoring the incredible potential of individuals within the communities on the margins. And with great ideas and opportunity comes real change!

The UCR SEED Lab, or the **Social Entrepreneurship, Engagement and Development Lab**, is an accelerator for social entrepreneurs aiming to tap the deep reservoir of unrecognized talent within marginalized and under-served communities. By tapping this deep reservoir of talent, the SEED Lab hopes to create pioneering paths out of long term problems such as chronic poverty, systemic inequality, and deep-rooted discrimination that have buried that talent and muffled their voices.

The SEED Lab, led by Mihai Patru, was designed to support the implementation of visionary ideas into similarly powerful tools to generate social impact, deepen civic engagement, and bring about empowerment and sustainable change. This is a story you'll want to hear!

Mihai Patru joined the UCR School of Public Policy as a Senior Policy Fellow in 2018. He co-founded the Caravanserai Project, a non-profit organization that works with social innovators supporting their journey. Patru also launched a social enterprise in Guatemala which works towards empowering indigenous women weavers by connecting these artisans to the global market.

With A Delicious Lunch Buffet Featuring:

Grilled Chicken Marsala - topped with cremini mushrooms and a Marsala wine reduction

Spinach and Strawberry Salad - Baby spinach, fresh strawberries, bleu cheese, and almonds with a raspberry vinaigrette

Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Mixed Berries with Whipped Cream, Rolls, and Beverages

Monday, December 2, 2019 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
UCR Alumni & Visitors Center - 3701 Canyon Crest Drive
\$21.00 for members and \$26.00 for non-members

The cost includes parking: Please follow the signs to the appropriate parking lot.

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, November 25th

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