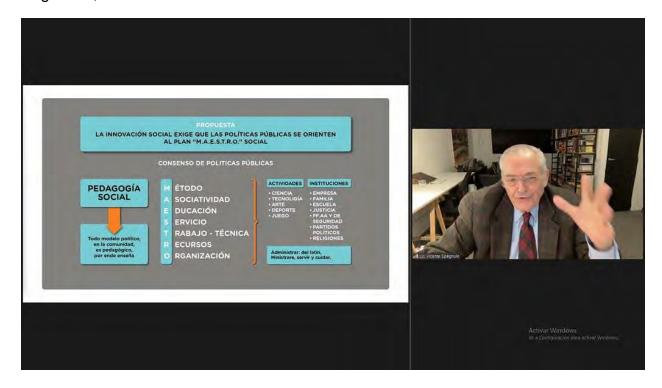
IAED & UPF Argentina: Business Social Responsibility - Social Observer?

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Argentina -- On August 29, 2022, the "Business Social Responsibility: Social Observer?" theme was addressed by **Vicente Spagnulo**, a specialist in social, business, community and social innovation projects, during the inauguration of the IAED/UPF-Argentina 2022 Series. The discussion was moderated by **Dr. Jorge Tuero**, representative of IAED-Argentina, with comments and questions from panelists. It was broadcast on UPF-Argentina's YouTube channel.

Mr. Spagnulo suggested that companies are a "social observer," and that function exceeds the goal of only raising money. First, he briefly explained the concept of "Responsibility," which came from the adjective "responsible" back in the 18th century to the noun "responsibility" in the 20th century. He talked about ethics of conviction and ethics of responsibility, and the consensual guidance on Business Social Responsibility according to the international standard ISO 26000, useful for private, public and nonprofit sectors.



Later, he shared his experiences at a company where he could put into practice social responsibility with its staff: Work Integration Program for special abilities, housing and summer camps. Projects to aid the community included the 2001-2002 Social Emergency Program to assist Malvinas veterans, Reengineering of San Nicolás and Ensenada Municipalities, and Ramallo Hospital – Emergency Room recycling.

Finally, he answered questions from the panel, consisting of **Prof. Julio Nardini**, representative of IAAP-Argentina, and **Esperanza Gómez**, representative of YSP-Argentina. A final commentary was given by **Miguel Werner**, president of UPF-Argentina, and words of appreciation were given by Dr. Tuero, who

invited everyone to the discussion.



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Recording: "BSR: Social Observer?": youtu.be/vaiPg9PNRhk

Quotes:

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