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Christopher Cripps has been the Dean of International Affairs at the Ecole Centrale in Paris, one of France's premier engineering schools, since September 1, 2007. Prior to that date, he was the Associate Dean for International Affairs at Grenoble Ecole de Management in Grenoble, France.

At the Ecole Centrale Paris, Chris is a member of the Executive Committee and has full responsibility for the Ecole Centrale Paris' international development, strategy, and policy. The school is the founding member of the Top Industrial Managers for Europe (TIME) network which includes over 50 top engineering schools from Europe, Asia, and South America. The Ecole Centrale Paris has strategic alliances and partnerships with nearly 100 academic institutions around the world including Cornell, Harvard, Stanford, MIT, Cambridge, TU Munich, Tsinghua in China, and many others.

The Ecole Centrale Paris has a sister campus in Beijing known as the Ecole Centrale Beijing created through a strategic alliance with Beihang University at the request of the Chinese government. The program at the Ecole Centrale Beijing attracts top students from all around China.

Chris also oversees the Ecole Centrale Paris' international corporate relations and executive training and conducts seminars on intercultural management issues for both students and executives in Europe and Asia.

From 1989 to August, 2007, Christopher Cripps helped lead the international development of Grenoble Ecole de Management, taking his final position as Associate Dean for International Affairs in January 2002.

At Grenoble Ecole de Management, Chris developed an expertise for international development in the US, China, and India.

As Associate Dean of International Affairs, Chris was in charge of policy, strategy, international alliances, and international executive education, an activity he launched in 1996 to provide executive programs for international managers in both Europe and Asia.

Christopher Cripps was born in Detroit, Michigan, USA but grew up mostly in southern Illinois.

He holds a dual Bachelor's degree in French and International Relations from Southern Illinois University and an MBA from Henley Management College in the UK.

Chris is also a professional singer, avid skier, and wine connoisseur.