



2ND UNITAR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

UN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM — 3-4 DECEMBER 2024

UN 2.0: Our Common Agenda and the Role of Higher Education in Conflict, Peace, and Development Research Conference

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Central European Time (CET) Brussels, Belgium · UTC+1

DAY 1 3 DEC, TUESDAY

8 – 9 a.m. REGISTRATION

9 – 10.30 a.m. OPENING REMARKS

MAIN ROOM

9 – 9.30 a.m.

Inaugural Speech

Dr Jon-Hans Coetzer, Senior Specialist, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) • **Ms Camilla Brückner**, Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Brussels • **Mr Mark Pedersen**, Adviser, Division for Peace, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) • **Full Professor Dr Luísa Neto**, President of the Board, Instituto Nacional de Administração, I.P., (INA, I.P.) • **Dr Sylvia Gavigan**, Eut+ TU Dublin Project Manager, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) & European University of Technology (EUt+) • **Dr Manel Jiménez Morales**, Vice-rector of Alliances, Community and Culture, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)

9.30 – 10.30 a.m.

Keynote Speakers: Education and the Global Compact

Ms Helena Fitzgerald, Head of Societal Engagement, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • **Dr Murat Gülmez**, Deputy Dean at Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Çağ University • **Dr Venkatesh K A**, Professor & Registrar(E&E), Alliance University • **Dr Dolapo Fakuade**, Senior Lecturer, Derby University • **Dr Ricardo Lozano**, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, Texas A&M International University • **Dr Jon-Hans Coetzer**, Senior Specialist, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

10.30 – 11 a.m. COFFEE BREAK



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11 – 12 a.m.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

MAIN ROOM

11 – 12 a.m.

Higher Education in Addressing Extremism as Driver of Violence and Conflict in Contemporary Global Order (Derby University)

Dr Dolapo Fakuade, Senior Lecturer, Derby University • **Ms Maria Osmara Cueva Martinez**, Radicalisation Intelligence Analyst, Derby University • **Ms Nell Mineyko**, Derby University • **Ms Lidia Kozłowska**, Master's student, Derby University • **Mr Sam Hatfield**, Postgraduate Student in MSc Intelligence, Security and Disaster Management, Derby University

ROOM 1

11 – 12 a.m.

Education for Peace and Sustainability (Instituto Nacional de Administração, I.P.)

Ms Sofia Nascimento Rodrigues, Consultant Jurist, Researcher, Consultant, and Trainer in the Field of Education • **Prof. Pedro Rocha dos Reis**, Full Professor, Institute of Education, University of Lisbon • **Mrs Mónica Martins**, Técnica Superior, Directorate of Knowledge, Innovation, and Development, Instituto Nacional de Administração, I.P., (INA, I.P.) • **Full Professor Dr Luísa Neto**, President of the Board, Instituto Nacional de Administração, I.P., (INA, I.P.)

12 – 13 p.m.

PARALLEL EXPERT PANELS

MAIN ROOM

12 – 13 p.m.

Reimagining Education: Shifting Paradigms with AI and Human Rights for Sustainable Peace and Empowered Leadership

Dr Ricardo Lozano, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership – Texas A&M International University • **Dr Ann Kristin Glenster**, Executive Director, Glenlead



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ROOM 1

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Market Forces, Dependency Complexities, and Ethical Responsibilities in AI-Driven Learning for Development

Dr Isabel Fisher, Associate Professor (Reader) of Responsible Digital Innovation and Education University of Warwick • **Dr Luca Longo**, Professor, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • **Dr Dominik Lukeš**, University of Oxford • **Dr Erik Brezovec**, Assistant professor University of Zagreb • **Dr Kunduz Turekhanova**, al-Farabi Kazakh National • **Ms Lucy Wills**, Founder Health Heard

ROOM 2

12 – 13 p.m.

Education for Sustainable Development as a Pillar of Human Security: Economic, Environmental, and Health Dimensions

Dr Brian Gormley, Head of Sustainability Education Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) & European University of Technology (EUt+) • **Dr Jarmila Zimmermannová**, Vice-Dean for International Relations and Internationalisation Páskov University • **Mr Jon Mark Walls**, Manager, Business Development NGO

13 – 14 p.m.

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PARALLEL SESSIONS (AFTERNOON 1)

MAIN ROOM

14 – 14.50 p.m.

Redesigning Learning for a Sustainable Future: Global Competency, Cultural Awareness, and Skills Development in Digital Education

Dr Veronica Kelly, Senior Lecturer South East Technological University (SETU) • **Dr John Scailil**, Lecturer Atlantic Technological University (ATU) • **Ms Amna Ben Amara**, Senior Researcher George Simons International, Diversophy • **Dr Florinda Maria Carreira Neto Matos**, DINÂMIA'CET-Iscte - Centro de Estudos sobre a Mudança Socioeconómica e o Território (ECSH)

ROOM 1

14 – 14.50 p.m.

Advancing Peace and Development: Multisectoral Innovations in Health, Inclusion, and Education for Sustainable Futures

Dr Lia Pop, "Alternative Pedagogies For The Digital Age: Rethinking EducationPexsch xel" expu, Technical University Clu-Napoca • **Dr Lucía Morales**, Lecturer Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • **Mr David Arango**, International Medical Exchange Program Coordinator Brown University

ROOM 2

14 – 14.50 p.m.

Transformative Approaches to Peace and Development: Inclusive Mental Health, Climate Resilience, and Global Collaboration in Higher Education

Mrs Alicia Orata, University of South Australia • **Dr Paschal Mugabe**, Researcher, University of Dar es Salaam • **Ms Areej Al Khathlan**, PhD Researcher University of St Andrews

14.50 – 15.05 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK – NETWORKING



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PARALLEL SESSIONS (AFTERNOON 2)

MAIN ROOM

15.05 – 15.50 p.m.

Education for Peace and Social Equity: Human Rights, Climate Action, and Transformative Change in Crisis and Conflict Prevention

[Ms Marybelle Cherfan](#), [Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna](#) • Assistant Professor [Dr Catarina Vieira da Silva](#), Professor Faculdade de Filosofia e de Ciências Sociais, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

ROOM 1

15.05 – 15.50 p.m.

Transdisciplinary Approaches in Higher Education: Advancing Health, Climate Resilience, and Sustainable Ocean Management

[Mrs Dhwani Oakley](#), Lloyd's Register • [Ms Maya Guellner](#), Lloyd's Register • [Ms Nell Mineyko](#), [Derby University](#) • [Ms Abrar Alzankawi](#), PHD Candidate Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin)

ROOM 2

15.05 – 15.50 p.m.

Leveraging AI and Data-Driven Leadership for Sustainable Development: Advancing Security, Education, and Industry in UN 2.0

[Dr Ricardo Lozano](#), Associate Professor of Educational Leadership Texas A&M International University • [Ms Elizabeth Njatha](#), Associate Lecturer [Derby University](#) • [Dr Murat Gülmez](#), Deputy Dean at Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences [Çağ University](#)

15.50 – 16.10 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK – NETWORKING



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16.10 – 17.10 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

MAIN ROOM

16.10 – 17.10 p.m.

International Peace & Security and Science, Technology, and Innovation (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Derby University and Technological University Dublin)

Dr Cristina O'Callaghan-Gordo, Professor Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) • Dr Terry Savage, Associate Professor at Nova Southeastern University and Researcher with KU Leuven • Dr Manel Jiménez Morales, Vice-rector of Alliances, Community and Culture Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) • Dr Grazvydas Jasutis, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies / United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

ROOM 1

16.10 – 17.10 p.m.

European Research Structures of the EU+: groups, institutes and beyond

Prof. Christophe Couteau, Professor, University of Technology of Troyes • Prof. Hichem Snoussi, Deputy-Director of LIST3N / Full Professor University of Technology of Troyes • Dr Ioana Moldovan, Associate Professor Architect / Deputy Academic Lead ECT Lab+ European Culture and Technology Lab+ from EU+, European University of Technology • Dr Santiago Perez, European University of Technology (EU+)

17.10 – 18.10 p.m.

VR, AI, Educators, Student Voice and the Future of Education (UNITAR, EU+ VWEC, Çağ University)

Mr John O'Connor, Strategic Lead EU+, Technological University of Dublin (TU Dublin) • Dr Murat Gülmez, Deputy Dean at Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Çağ University • Dr Valerie Hill, Library Director, Community Virtual Library • Ms Rosanna I. Barrios, Llorens. University of Puerto Rico's Medical Sciences Campus • Mr Ersin Inal, Research Assistant Çağ University • Ms Gizem Kocak, Research Assistant Çağ University • Ms Abrar Alzankawi, PHD Candidate Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • Mrs Intesar Madi, Assistant Lecturer Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • Dr Lucía Morales, Lecturer Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin)

MAIN ROOM



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18.10 – 18.30 p.m. DAY 1 - CONCLUDING REMARKS

MAIN ROOM

Celebration of the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and ÇAĞ University (ÇAĞ Üniversitesi)

19.30 – 21 p.m. DINNER



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8 – 9 a.m. REGISTRATION

9 – 10 a.m. OPENING OF DAY 2 AND KEYNOTE SESSION

MAIN ROOM

Keynote Speakers: Education and the Global Impact

Professor **Dr Thomas Cooney**, Professor of Entrepreneurship, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • **Dr Ioana Moldovan**, Associate Professor Architect / Deputy Academic Lead ECT Lab+, Faculty of Civil Engineering / Technical University of Cluj-Npoca & ECT Lab+ / European University of Technology • **Dr Simone Digennaro**, Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator, University of Cassino and Southern Lazio • **Dr Jon-Hans Coetzer**, Senior Specialist, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

10 – 10.50 a.m. PANEL DISCUSSION

MAIN ROOM

Transforming Practice: The Field Impact of Innovative & Reflexive Humanitarian Action and Peacebuilding Education (UNITAR and Oxford Brookes University)

Ms Rhiannon Croker, Trainee Solicitor, Duncan Lewis Solicitors • **Ms Julia Heemstra**, Founder, Amanzi - Water to Schools, NPC • **Mr Angelo Gianturco Colleta**, Independent consultant • **Dr Brigitte Piquard**, Reader in humanitarian action and conflict, Oxford Brookes University • **Ms Alexandra Severino**, Programme Coordinator, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

10.50 – 11.05 a.m. COFFEE BREAK



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11.05 a.m. – 12.05 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION

MAIN ROOM

Maritime Security and Governance (Atlantic Center, CoESPU - Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units and UNITAR)

Military Officer, External Relations & Cooperation Advisor Portuguese Ministry of Defence Francisco Santos Silva de Arantes e Oliveira, Advisor for External Relations & Cooperation Atlantic Centre • Rear Admiral Admiral, Coordinator of the Atlantic Centre Nuno Braganca, Atlantic Centre Coordinator, Atlantic Centre • [Dr Jon-Hans Coetzer](#), Senior Specialist, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) • [Mr Sascha Weh](#), Chief of Division for Peace Office in Brussels, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

12.05 – 13 p.m.

EXPERTS PANEL

MAIN ROOM

12.05 – 13 p.m.

Alternative Pedagogies for the Digital Age: Rethinking Education and Learning (Dynamic Panel Discussion EU+ ELARA Research Group)

[Dr Lia Pop](#), "Alternative Pedagogies For The Digital Age: Rethinking EducationPexsch xel expu", Technical University Clu-Napoca • [Associate Professor Dr Ivaylo Peev](#), Director of Department, Assoc. Professor, Technical University Sofia • [Dr Murat Gülmez](#), Deputy Dean at Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Çağ University • [Dr Anna Zherdeva](#), "Alternative Pedagogies For The Digital Age: Rethinking EducationPexsch xel expu", Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • [Ms Abrar Alzankawi](#), PHD Candidate, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin)



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Applied Education to Drive Change

Dr Gerard Colleran, Senior Lecture, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • Mr Olegs Tucs, Associate Lecturer, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • Associate Professor Dr Paulo C. Dias, Associate Researcher, TESTEd Consortium • Associate Professor Dr Duygu Gür, Assistant Professor Dr., Çağ University • Associate Professor Dr Daniel Rajmil Bonet, Associate Professor, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)

ROOM 2

12.05 – 13 p.m.

Poster Presentations

Dr Mariya Riekkinen, Senior researcher, Åbo Akademi University & Nord University • Mrs Intesar Madi, Assistant Lecturer, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) & European University of Technology (EUt+) • Dr Lucía Morales, Lecturer, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • Mr Ersin Inal, Research Assistant, Çağ University

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MAIN ROOM

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Innovative Pathways to Sustainability: Entrepreneurship, AI, and Knowledge Exchange in Advancing Global SDGs

Dr Sylvia Gavigan, Eut+ TU Dublin Project Manager, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) & European University of Technology (EU+) • Dr Geneve Phillip-Durham, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, University College of the Cayman Islands • Dr Jonathan Bratt, Assistant Professor, University College of the Cayman Islands • Dr Hazal Ezgi Özbek, Professor, Çağ University • Dr Gizem Koçak, Research Assistant, Çağ University

ROOM 1

14 – 14.50 p.m.

Global Governance and Sustainable Development: Enhancing Economic Equity, Resource Stewardship, and Human Capital for a Resilient Future

Dr Sevgi Balkan, C Equity, Resource Stewardship, And Human Capital For AoelDch Irnaaloe • Dr Cormac MacMahon, Head of Finance, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • Mr Robert Oloyede, Deputy Group Managing Director, Divcon Group, Inc.

ROOM 2

14 – 14.50 p.m.

Advancing Peace and Development: Addressing Gender-Based Violence, Statelessness, and Sustainability through Higher Education and Policy Innovation

Ms Vu Thi Lan Anh, Ha Noi University of Science and Technology • Ms Graça Brites, Knowledge & Innovation Officer, Instituto Nacional de Administração, I.P., (INA, I.P.)

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15.05 – 15.50 p.m.

Advancing Peace and Development through Higher Education: Integrating Sustainability Literacy, Multilingualism, and Geospatial Technologies

Mrs Odette Gabaudan, Lecturer, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • Dr Mirna Vohnsen, Lecturer, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • Dr Pradeep Kumar Garg, Emeritus Fellow, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India • Dr Catarina Vieira da Silva, Professor, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

ROOM 1

15.05 – 15.50 p.m.

Bridging Local and Global Perspectives: The Role of Higher Education in Climate Leadership, Creative Innovation, and Quality Education

Ms Amna Ben Amara, Senior Researcher, George Simons International, Diversophy • Ms Özge Çetiner, Research Assistant, Çağ University • Mrs Soad Louissi, Lecturer & Researcher, Grenoble Ecole de Management

ROOM 2

15.05 – 15.50 p.m.

Policy, Innovation, and Partnership in Education: Driving Economic Development, Conflict Resolution, and Sustainable Growth

Ms Olubunmi Oludipi, Doctoral Student, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • Mr Ilham Agustian Candra, Universitas Gadjah Mada • Dr Toprak Karakuş, Research Assistant, Çağ University • Dr Ayşegül Kurtulgan, Ic Development, Conflict Resolution, Andleopch oovaconfolh, Çağ University • Dr Ahmet Gökhan Sökmen, Ic Development, Conflict Resolution, Andleopch oovaconfolh, Çağ University

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PANEL DISCUSSION

MAIN ROOM

Systems Approach to Behavioural Change as a Mitigation Strategy to Counter Climate Crisis

Professor V.J. Byra Reddy, Professor and Dean - Academic Affairs, Alliance University, India, Iigation Strategy To Counterseatch assibehanh – Alliance University • **Dr Cormac MacMahon**, Head of Finance, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) • **Ms Julia Heemstra**, Founder, AMANZI: Water to Schools
• **Mr Jon-Mark Walls**, Manager, Business Development, Wyss Center for Bio and Neuro Engineering • **Dr Lucía Morales**, Lecturer, Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin)

17.05 – 18 p.m.

REFLECTION AND ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Reflections, Insights, and Future Directions for UN 2.0 in Higher Education

18 – 18.30 p.m.

DAY 2 - CLOSING REMARKS

- The names highlighted in blue correspond to the moderators of the respective sessions.
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