



International Conference

XVIII International Seminar on Teaching Social Studies Research (virtual)

Democratic culture and education for the future

October 21st and 22nd of 2021

First circular letter, July 2021

Presentation

The International Conference on Democratic Culture and the 28th International Conference on Research in Social Sciences Education is part of the work plan of the project "Embedding a Democratic Culture Dimension in Teacher Education Programmes" funded by the Council of Europe/European Union Joint Programme Democratic and Inclusive School Culture in Operation (DISCO), carried out by the GREDICS Group from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, the Instituto Politécnico de Lisboa and the Manchester Metropolitan University.

The conference will be focused on the democratic culture. We aim to know the democratic culture's current situation in policies and educational practices in general, as well as in social sciences education. We believe it is important to debate and share experiences about why and how to introduce the democratic culture in both teaching practices and teacher training.

Training in democratic culture is essential for building a better future, therefore we understand the democratic culture as a preparation for responsible participation and social action. For this reason, we narrowly relate the democratic culture with the Education for the Future. Which are the possible and probable futures? What future do we want? How can we achieve it?

We are interested in finding answers, making new questions and discussing educational research and innovation for democratic participation, with children and young people in general. In this regard, both pre-service and in-service teacher training has a crucial importance and is a key element in finding tools that improve democratic education and participation.

The Conference will be a good opportunity to connect theory with practice, the educational realities of each school with the more general proposals, the day to day of the classrooms with the research carried out in academia.

The Conference will be a meeting point to share experiences, innovation, research, interests and reflections about social sciences teaching and learning, the democratic culture and the education for the future. Our proposal is to face these tasks from different fields and educational stages: childhood education, primary education, secondary education and university, formal and non-formal education, to share ideas, to create links and network.

The lines of this Conference are as follows:



1. **Research and innovation in education for democratic culture.**
2. **Education for global citizenship, diversity and gender.**
3. **Critical digital literacy and counternarrative hate speech.**
4. **Education for the future and social action.**

The Conference will count with simultaneous translation Spanish-English.

Participants

- Teachers of infant, primary and secondary education, and university.
- All those professionals interested in democratic education and education for the future, from research, innovation and teacher training.
- Students interested in social sciences education, geography and history education, and the possibilities of the democratic culture.

Paper presentations

The participants of the Conference will have the opportunity to present their papers about any educational stage (childhood, primary, secondary and university), written in either Catalan, Spanish, French, Portuguese or English.

In the evaluation of the proposals, those that include the framework of democratic culture proposed by the Council of Europe. This information can be found at the following link:

<https://rm.coe.int/prems-008318-gbr-2508-reference-framework-of-competences-vol-1-8573-co/16807bc66c>

The participants are required to send a 1000 words summary of their presentation (including spaces), from the 15th of July until the 6th of September 2021, which must include the title, the author, contact details, context, goals, descriptions, valuation and 3 bibliographical references. This must be sent to:

pr.disco@uab.cat

Authors will be informed about the acceptance or not of their proposal by the 14th of September 2021.

Inscription at the conference is required for those who send a presentation proposal.

Summaries must be prepared using the [template in this Link](#)

Authors that send their contribution agree with the inclusion of the documents, in case of being accepted, at the Digital Documents Repository of the Autonomous University of Barcelona, (DDD <https://ddd.uab.cat>), on the Creative Commons Attribution license (CC BY 4.0) for an indefinite period of time and on a non-exclusive basis. Authors will receive a certificate.

Registration dates



The registration period will begin on July 15th, 2021, and end on September 30th, 2021 (limited places).

The registration form can be found in the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/FZNUwzzJZU>

Registration is free, funded by the Council of Europe and the European Union.

Dates overview

Beginning of registration period and sending of presentation proposals	July 15th
Deadline for sending presentation proposals	September 14th
Feedback of presentation proposals	September 20th
Deadline for registration without presentation proposal	September 30th

Academic certification

This Conference is recognised by the Department of Education of the Generalitat de Catalunya, as a teacher training activity (15 hours).

Activity supported by the Faculty of Educational Sciences, Unit of Social Sciences Education and GREDICS Group (Research Group in Social Sciences Education).
Recognised group by AQU: 2017 SGR 1600.

Activity included in the Master's in Educational Research and the PhD in Education Program.

Publication

A collection of the different keynotes and presentations will be published.

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Programme

Thursday the 21st.

10:00 - 10:20 a.m. Welcome and opening

10:20 - 10:35 a.m. Project ECDPT presentation

10:35 - 11:35 a.m. Opening keynote. [Dra. Karen Pashby](#) (Manchester Metropolitan University)

11:35 - 12:00 a.m. Break

12:00 - 13:00 p.m. Presentation of project conclusions (policy analysis)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Keynote

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Project presentation: resources and practices conclusions

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Break

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. communications

Friday 22

10:00-10:45 a.m. Keynote. [Dr. Roberto García Morris](#)

10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Keynote [Dra. Melinda Dooly](#)

11:30 to 12:00 a.m. Pause

12:00 to 13:00 p.m. Communications

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Communications

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Presentation general project conclusions

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Break

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Final keynote. [Dr. Joel Whestheimer](#)