

Introduction and conceptual framework

The XVIII Congress of the Spanish Society of Comparative Education, to be held in Valencia - Spain between 11-14 December 2023, is aimed at researchers, teachers, and professionals in the fields of education, social sciences, and civil society whose purpose is **to improve the education system by contributing to the development of its intercultural democratic and inclusive character**. The congress provides an opportunity to engage academics in dialogue with decision-makers, and practitioners and to exchange innovative research and practices on a national and international level addressing the role of education in the development of global citizenship.

Topic to be addressed in the congress

- Challenges and achievements in Comparative Education and the **development of inclusive and democratic citizenship**.
- Comparative analysis of different **international competence frameworks** (EU, CoE, UNESCO,) Reflection on educational policies and the development of a democratic culture.
- "Good practices" in the development of **Teacher Competencies for interculturality and Democratic Culture**.

MONDAY 11th / AFTERNOON. 16:00 - 18:30

16:00 - 16:30. Arrival and registration.

16:30 - 18:30. **Simultaneous workshops** for teachers and researchers.

Workshop 1. "Re-imagining the Future of Education" best practices for the implementation of the UNESCO Report.
Moderator: Mr. **José M.ª González Ochoa**, Fundación SM Spain (Target audience- practitioners).

Taller 2. Whole School Approach and the development of democratic culture in schools (Target audience - Practitioners, schools staff and education policymakers).
Speaker: Ms. **Carolina Guevara**, European Wergeland Centre - CoE.
Moderator: Ms. **Neus Álvarez Rubio**, UCV-ES.

Workshop 3. Innovation and research in Comparative Education: Proposals and Methodological Approaches. Exchange of Best Practices. (Target audience - PhD candidates).
Speakers: Dr. **Adrián Neubauer Esteban**. UDIMA and Dra. **Judit Ruiz Lázaro** Universidad Europea de Madrid.
Moderator: Dr. **María Matarranz**, UCV-ES.

TUESDAY 12th / MORNING. 08:30 - 14:30 - AFTERNOON. 16:00 - 18:30

08:30 - 09:30. Arrival and **Registration**.

- 09:30 - 10:30. **Opening ceremony** (Aula Magna main building).
- **Representative of the Catholic University of Valencia.**
 - **Representative of the Educational Administration of the GVA** (pending confirmation).
 - Dr. **María Teresa Terrón Caro**. President of the Spanish Society of Comparative Education.
 - Dr. **Tamar Shuali Trachtenberg**. President of the Congress.
 - **Representatives of the CoE** (pending confirmation).

10:30 - 11:00. **Artistic performance.**

11:00 - 12:30. **Keynote address.**
The Comparative Analysis of International Frameworks for the Development of Democratically Competent European Teachers.
· Prof. Dr. **Claudia Lenz**. Chair for Prevention of Racism and Antisemitism, Norwegian School of Religion, Theology, and Society, Council of Europe expert.
· Prof. Dr. **Darla K. Deardorff**. Director of the Unesco Chair for intercultural competences - Amsterdam University, NL and UNESCO expert - EE.UU.
Moderator: Dr. **Michael Remmert**. Former head of the Education policy Department CoE.

12:30 - 13:00. **Coffee Break*.**



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13:00 - 14:15. Round Table. International and supranational institutions and the development of democratic, intercultural and inclusive citizenship. · Ms. Ana Perona. Director, European Wergeland Centre, CoE & Government of Norway. · Ms. Clara Centeno. Senior research Officer JCR – EC Guidelines for Policy Makers. · Dr. Javier Valle. UAM-IP Research Group GIPES. Moderator: Dr. Guillermo Ramón Ruíz. Teacher and Researcher, UBA.
14:30 - 16:00. Break*.
16:00 - 18:30. Option A - First Session Papers Presentation (following strands) . 16:00 - 16:45. First Session Strand Invited Key -Note: · Strand I: Methodological Innovations in Comparative Research for Global, Intercultural and Democratic Contexts. Dr. María Jesús Martínez Usarralde (UV), Dr. Lourdes Belén Espejo (USAL), Dr. María José García Ruiz (UNED). · Strand II: Supranational Education: Contributions to the Analysis of Supranational Educational Policies for Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Contexts. Dr. Javier M. Valle López (GIPES-UAM), Dr. María Matarranz García (GIPES-UAM). · Strand III: Critical Pedagogy and Higher Education: Fostering Human dignity through a Critical Understanding of Reality in pre-service teacher and non-formal education (in english). Ms. Martha Monetro (IAIE), Dr. Loucia Constantino (Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus), Dr. Vasiliki Pliogou (AUTH). · Strand IV: In-service Teacher education and the Development of Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Citizens. Dr. Tamar Shuali Trachtenberg (UCV), Dr. Asumpta Aneas Álvarez (UB), Dr. Carmen Carmona Rodríguez (UV). · Strand V: Engaging Pedagogies and Innovative Practice : Tools for the Development of Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Citizenship. Dr. Victoria Tenreir, Ms. Mayte Mayte Ortiz Velez, Fundación SM. · Strand VI: Inclusive education in democratic societies: Policies and practices for Promoting Participation of Vulnerable groups. Dr. Ana María Casino García (UCV), Dr. Tania Fátima Gómez Sánchez (UCO), Dr. Jordi Pamies Rovira (UAB). · Strand VII: Gender, Research, and the Construction of Shared Knowledge in a Democratic Society. Dr. María Teresa Terrón Caro (UPO), Dr. Ana Ancheta Arrabal (UV), Dr. Miriam Lorente Rodríguez (UV).
16:45-18:30. First Session of Papers Presentations.
16:00- 18:30. Option B - Simultaneous Workshops: "Best Practices" for Practitioners, School Administrators and Policymakers. · Workshop 4: Presentation of Fragments of Himmelweg theater and debate with the play writer Dr. Juan Mayorga (tbc) on "The teaching of history in secondary education, the contribution of theater to the development of a critical view and democratic culture". Speakers: Dr. Tamar Groves. UEx. Dr. Juan Gomis Coloma. UCV-Es. Mr David Garcia Ramos. UCV-Es. · Workshop 5: "Good practices in the development of competencies and their evaluation", (Target Group Practitioners for International Schools). Speakers: Dr. Maripé Menéndez. International Baccalaureate, Spain and Latin America. Ms. Cristina Gutiérrez. International Baccalaureate. Mr Antonio Soriano. Coordinador IB Mas Camarena College. Moderator: Dr. Neus Álvarez. UCV-ES.
19:00. Departure to the center of Valencia.

20:30. Congress Dinner*.
Optional upon pre-registration and payment (25 €).
Balansiya Restaurant. Address: Valencia, paseo de las facultades, 3. 46021- Valencia.

WEDNESDAY 13th / MORNING. 09:00 - 13:15 - AFTERNOON. 16:00 - 18:00

09:30 - 11:00. Symposium: The contribution of (Comparative) Research to the Development of Critical and Reflective Teachers. (Aula Magna- main building). · Prof. Dr. Zvi Bekerman. HUJI (Israel). · Prof. Dr. Simon Janashia. Caucasus University (Georgia). Moderation: Dr. Natalia Natsvlishvili CoE and University of Tbilisi Georgia.
11:00 - 11:30. Coffee Break*.
11:30-13:15. Option A - 2nd Session of Papers Presentations (per strand). 11:30-12:00. Second Session Invited Key-Note. · Strand I: Methodological Innovations in Comparative Research for Global, Intercultural and Democratic Contexts. · Strand II: Supranational Education: Contributions to the Analysis of Supranational Educational Policies for Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Contexts. · Strand III: Critical Pedagogy and Higher Education: Fostering Human dignity through a Critical Understanding of Reality in pre-service teacher and non-formal education (in english). · Strand IV: Inservice Teacher Training for the Development of Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Citizens. · Strand V: Participatory Pedagogical Practices as Tools for the Development of Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Citizenship. · Strand VI: Education and Construction of Democratic Societies: Policies of Inclusion and Promotion of the Participation of Vulnerable Groups. · Strand VII: Gender, Research, and the Construction of Shared Knowledge in a Democratic Society.
12:00-13:15. Second Session of Papers Presentations. 11:30 - 13:15. Option B - Simultaneous Workshops: "Best Practices" for Practitioners, School Administrators and Policymakers. · Workshop 6: "Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue and the Training of Teachers and Social Educators". Speakers: Dr. Asumpta Aneas Álvarez, UB ES. Dr. Niva Dolev Kineret College, Israel. Moderator: Dr. Victoria Tenrerio Rodriguez, ECUDEM-UCV ES. · Workshop 7: "RFCDC and the Development of Democratic Culture in School". Speaker: Dr. Calin Rus, Intercultural Institute Timisoara. Moderator: Dr. Tamar Shuali Trachtenberg, UCV ES.
13:15 - 13:30. Coffee break*.
13:30 - 14:00. Painting Exhibition HOMUS ETHICUS. · Mr. Antonio Camaró. Painting artist. · Ms. Patricia Ponce de Asenso. Exhibition curator.
14:30 - 16:00. Break*.
16:00-16:30. Option A - Third Session of Papers Presentation (per strand). · Strand I: Methodological Innovations in Comparative Research for Global, Intercultural and Democratic Contexts. · Strand II: Supranational Education: Contributions to the Analysis of Supranational Educational Policies for Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Contexts. · Strand III: Critical Pedagogy and Higher Education: Fostering Human dignity through a Critical Understanding of Reality in pre-service teacher and non-formal education (in english). · Strand IV: Inservice Teacher Training for the Development of Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Citizens. · Strand V: Participatory Pedagogical Practices as Tools for the Development of Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Citizenship.

- **Strand VI:** Education and Construction of Democratic Societies: Policies of Inclusion and Promotion of the Participation of Vulnerable Groups.
- **Strand VII:** Gender, Research, and the Construction of Shared Knowledge in a Democratic Society.

16:30-18:00. Third Session of Papers Presentations.

- 16:00 - 18:00. Option B - Simultaneous Workshops: "Best Practices" for Practitioners, School Administrators and Policymakers.
- **Workshop 8: "Education and the Fight Against Racism, Antigypsyism, Antisemitism, and Islamophobia"**.
Speakers: Dr. **Marta Simó**, Isor Group ES. Ms. **Elke Griglevsky**, Memorial Bergen Belsen, Germany. Dr. **Marouan Lahmidani**, University (Morocco). Moderator: Mr. **Arcadio Sánchez**, San Bartolomé School.
 - **Workshop 9: "Open Conference Space Dialogue: Challenges and Barriers in Social Research for the Development of a Sustainable and Inclusive Society"**.
Speakers: Prof. Dr. **Zvi Bekerman**, HUJI. IL. Dr. **Carmen Carmona**, UV-ES. Moderator: Dr. **Alexis Cloquell Lozano**, UCV ES.

18:00. Departure for Valencia.

18:30 - 20:30. Guided tour "The Valencia of the Three Cultures".

THURSDAY 14th / MORNING. 09:00 - 13:00

- 09:30 - 10:30. SEEC Assembly (SEEC members only).
- 10:00-11:00. Fourth Session of Papers Presentations (per strand).
- **Strand I:** Methodological Innovations in Comparative Research for Global, Intercultural and Democratic Contexts.
 - **Strand II:** Supranational Education: Contributions to the Analysis of Supranational Educational Policies for Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Contexts.
 - **Strand III:** Critical Pedagogy and Higher Education: Fostering Human dignity through a Critical Understanding of Reality in pre-service teacher and non-formal education (in english).
 - **Strand IV:** Inservice Teacher Training for the Development of Global, Intercultural, and Democratic Citizens.
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11:00 - 11:30. Coffee Break.

- 11:30 - 12:30. Closing Round Table. Preventing Racism, Anti Semitism, Islamophobia and Anti gypsyism: the Role of Education and Research.
Introduction and moderation: Prof. Dr. **Antonio Bar Cendón**, Jean Monnet "ad personam" professor of Constitutional law and EU Policies UV-Spain.
Participants: Dr. **Benno Herzog**, UV-ES, Dr. **Marta Simó Sánchez**, UAB-ES, Dr. **María Giménez Delgado**, UA-ES, Dr. **Alicia Ferrández Ferrer**, UA-ES.

12:30 - 13:15. Plenary Session SEEC Awards Ceremony.

13:15 - 14:00. Closing of the Congress.

* During the breaks, participants can enjoy a book fair (discounted) the stands would be located in the **Agora of the main building** (level -1).