

Online UNICA EduLAB Workshop

Innovative pedagogies and virtual mobility in the (post) COVID-19 era

Friday, 4 December 2020 (9:30-12:00 CET)

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PROGRAMME

9:30-9:45	<p>WELCOME ADDRESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Preda, Rector of the University of Bucharest and President of CIVIS • Sorin Costreie, Vice-Rector for University Networks & Public Relations of the University of Bucharest and Member of the UNICA Steering Committee • Luciano Saso, Vice-Rector for European University Networks of Sapienza University of Rome and President of UNICA - Network of the Universities from the Capitals of Europe
9:45-09:55	<p>KEYNOTE SPEECH, by Adrienn Király, Head of Cabinet of the EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth</p>
9:55-10:55	<p>SESSION 1. INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGIES</p>
9:55 – 10:10	<p>Chair: Sorin Costreie, Vice-Rector for University Networks & Public Relations, University of Bucharest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Learning Transformation in Turbulent Times: The case for innovative pedagogies</i>, by Lucian Ciolan, Vice-Rector for Development Projects, Lifelong Learning and Educational Infrastructure, University of Bucharest

10:10 – 10:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What does “face-to-face” mean in higher education and what do we need it for?</i>, by Clara Molina Ávila, Vice-Rector for Undergraduate Studies, University Autonoma de Madrid
10:25 – 10:55	Discussion
10:55-11:55	SESSION 2. LEARNING AND TEACHING ABROAD THROUGH VIRTUAL MOBILITY
	Chair: Romita Iucu , President of the Council for Orientation and Strategic Analysis, University of Bucharest
10:55 – 11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Micro-credentials as means to promote innovation and mobility</i>, by Tia Loukkola, Director of institutional development, European University Association
11:10 – 11:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Academic virtual mobility: institutional and pedagogical challenges</i>, by Anca Nedelcu, Vice Dean, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, University of Bucharest
11:25 – 11:55	Discussion
11:55-12:00	Closing by Sorin Costreie , Vice-Rector for University Networks & Public Relations of the University of Bucharest and Member of the UNICA Steering Committee

Speakers and Chairs



Marian Preda

Rector of the University of Bucharest and President of CIVIS

Marian Preda is a professor of Sociology, Management & Social Policy, the Rector of the University of Bucharest since December 2019, and the president of the CIVIS alliance as of 1 October 2020. He is the former president of the Senate of the University of Bucharest (2015-19), former dean of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work (2008-15), former president of the Romanian Sociological Society (2010-12), president of the Presidential Commission for Social & Demographic Risks Analyses (2009-10). Prof. Preda has 29 years of experience in carrying out scientific projects on social issues in Romania both in his capacity of researcher at the Research Institute for Quality of Life and as a member of the academic and scientific life of the University of Bucharest. He has been a consultant for the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity, National Antipoverty and Social Inclusion Commission of the Romanian Government under projects financed by EU, DFID and The World Bank and in the Republic of Moldova (for UNICEF and for UNFPA). Prof. Preda had a Fulbright Research Grant hosted by the Sociology Department of the George Washington University (May – August 2017).

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Sorin Costreie

Vice-Rector for University Networks & Public Relations of the University of Bucharest and Member of the UNICA Steering Committee

Sorin Costreie is currently Vice-Rector of the University of Bucharest and State Advisor to the Prime-Minister for Education and Research. He has been also a member of the University Senate since 2011, and he was Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy in 2016 and 2017. In 2016, he was Adviser to the Minister of Education and Research and State Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Research. He was the head of the Quality Management Department of the University of Bucharest for 2008-2016.

He is Associate Professor at the Department of Theoretical Philosophy, University of Bucharest. He holds a PhD in Philosophy at the University of Bucharest, (2007) with a thesis in the philosophy of mathematics and has been also pursuing doctoral studies between 2000 and 2008 at University of Western Ontario, Canada in philosophy of language and analytic philosophy.

His contributions (articles, books and edited volumes...) were published by Routledge, Springer, Oxford University Press, Taylor & Francis, Elsevier, Humanitas, University of Bucharest Press, .etc.

He studied with various scholarships and fellowships for extended periods of time in Canada, USA, Germany, Spain and Italy. His area of interest has lately focused on mathematical cognition, critical thinking and medical humanities. He is member of various professional associations, and currently he is member of the Steering Committee of the ESAP - European Society of Analytic Philosophy, CIVIS – European University Network and of the UNICA - Network of the Universities from the Capitals of Europe.



Luciano Saso

Vice-Rector for European University Networks of Sapienza University of Rome and President of UNICA

Prof. Luciano Saso (Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy) received his PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Sapienza University in 1992. He is author of more than 220 scientific articles published in peer reviewed international journals with impact factor (SASO-L in www.pubmed.com, total impact factor > 500, H-index Google Scholar 45, Scopus 37). He coordinated several research projects in the field of pharmacology and has been referee for many national and international funding agencies and international scientific journals in the last 30 years. Prof. Saso has extensive experience in international relations, and he is currently Vice-Rector for European University Networks at Sapienza University of Rome. In the last 15 years, he participated in several projects including IMS2020, EGRACONS, IMOTION, BUCUM, UZDOC, TRAIN and has been speaker and chair at many international conferences organised by UNICA and other university networks. He coordinates the Sapienza team in the European University CIVIS (www.civis.eu). Prof. Saso has been Member of the Steering Committee of UNICA for two mandates (2011-2015) and in November 2019 he has been re-elected President of UNICA for the second mandate (2019-2023).



Adrienn Király

Head of Cabinet of the EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

Adrienn Király joined the European Commission in 2007 and is now Head of the Cabinet to Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Education, Culture and Youth. Adrienn started her career in Brussels in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security dealing with international relations and coordinated visa liberalisation dialogues with the Western Balkan countries. In 2010 Adrienn joined

Directorate-General for Home Affairs where she continued her work as coordinator for the Western Balkans. From September 2011 to March 2014 Adrienn was an inter-institutional coordinator at Directorate-General for Justice. In April 2014 she joined the Cabinet of the Vice-President of the European Commission, Ms Viviane Reding, Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. From July 2014 to October 2014 she was a Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Martine Reicherts, Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. From November 2014 November 2019, Adrienn was the Head of Cabinet of Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport. As from December 2019, Adrienn is the Head of Cabinet to Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Education, Culture and Youth.

Adrienn studied at University of Economic Sciences in Budapest (M.Sc. in Economics and International Relations), at the Robert Schuman University in Strasbourg (DEA de Science Politique) and at the ELTE University, Faculty of Law in Budapest (Post graduate studies for a Master's degree in law).



Lucian Ciolan

Vice-Rector for Development Projects, Lifelong Learning and Educational Infrastructure, University of Bucharest

Lucian Ciolan, PhD is professor of Educational Policy & Research at University of Bucharest (Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences), where he is also serving as Vice-Rector for Development Projects and Lifelong Learning. His main academic fields of interest include (but are not limited to): influencing decision-making through public / educational policy, cognitive neurosciences applied in behavioral change, learning research and teacher education.

Starting with 2014, Lucian became member of the EERA Council, representing Romania and now he is president of ARCE – Romanian Educational Research Association.

Alongside his academic activity, Lucian was extensively involved in consultancy and capacity building programs in Europe and beyond, mainly focused on public policy and educational reforms. In this capacity, he is member of a professional network of trainers and consultants on policy change called International Centre for Policy Advocacy, based in Berlin.



Clara Molina Ávila

Vice-Rector for Undergraduate Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
Clara MOLINA, PhD is a professor at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, where she has been lecturing Linguistics for over twenty years. As Vice-Rector for Undergraduate Studies, she is currently in charge of academic affairs. Her previous background includes quality assurance, design and management of graduate and undergraduate degrees. She is actively involved in teacher training programmes for pedagogical innovation in higher education and, as a member of the CIVIS Education Transversal Force, she is currently involved in the assessment of conditions and possibilities for new joint degrees within European alliances. Her teaching and research work focuses on language variation and change; identity construction processes in multilingual and multicultural environments; and language and communication consultancy.



Romita Iucu

President of the Council for Orientation and Strategic Analysis, University of Bucharest

Professor Romita IUCU is the President of the Board of Trustees, of the renowned higher education institution in Romania's Capital City, the University of Bucharest and professor at the Department of Educational Sciences. He has been appointed as Steering Committee Member of the EUA – European University Association, Teaching and Learning Initiative. Professor Iucu held several professional and management positions (former Acting Rector of the University of Bucharest 2016-2017, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, for more than 16 years) on designing, managing and validating higher education and adult education policies, at international and national level. He was, since 2010 to 2015, the ENTEP Coordinator (European Network on Teacher Education Policies) and between 2016-2017 country representative in The BFUG - Bologna Follow-up Group. In the field of Policy analysis and development: Vice-President National Council for Educational Reform, EU - member of Cluster Teachers and trainers, EU - member of the Expert Group on Improving the Education of teachers and trainers, in 2015-2016, he was the Coordinator of QUALITAS - Barometer of Higher Education (National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education), MofE Ministry of Education and Research (deputy general director, designed and implemented the National Strategy for Adult Education), Consultant for Teacher Training Policies, National Socrates Agency / EURIDYCE – consultant for lifelong learning policies and country expert in the Modernization of Higher Education in Europe -Academic Staff - 2017, UNICEF - Coordinator for National Project – Strategy for Preschool Teacher Training, World Bank expert for rural Romanian Education. Since 2011 he has been inducted as a member of the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame. He was working for ECORYS as country expert dealing with NRP, Themes of the Ad-Hoc requests, country updates.



Tia Loukkola

Director of institutional development, European University Association

Tia Loukkola is the Director of the European University Association's (EUA's) Institutional Development unit. She is in charge of a variety of the EUA's activities dealing with improving and monitoring the quality of universities and their educational mission, as well as specific topics including quality assurance, recognition, rankings and learning and teaching. This includes developing membership services for EUA's 800+ member universities and representing their views at European policymaking, including the Bologna Process and European Union. Before joining EUA Tia worked at the University of Turku in Finland for ten years in various capacities both in faculty and central administration.



Anca Nedelcu

Vice Dean, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, University of Bucharest

Anca Nedelcu is a senior education specialist, with an extensive theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of educational sciences. Anca is PhD professor at Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, University of Bucharest, where she is also serving as Vice Dean. Anca's main academic fields of interest include (but are not limited to): pedagogy of diversity, promoting inclusive and democratic approaches, disadvantaged groups and equity in education, reflective teaching practice. Anca nurtures a keen interest in researching and promoting such academic themes and she has authored several publications, exploring these areas of interest.

Alongside her academic activity, Anca was involved in consultancy and educational capacity building initiatives, both at governmental and nongovernmental level. Her professional records include activities as consultant/senior educational adviser contracted by different national and international institutions, ministerial adviser within Ministry of Education and Research, trainer, project coordinator.