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I·HE2023 **EADTU** **ANADOLU UNIVERSITY**

Call for abstracts

Accelerating towards a digital and inclusive campus
Empowering Learners: Microcredentials, Generative AI, and Equity

Call for abstracts: Innovating Higher Education 2023
The Innovating Higher Education conference (I-HE2023), hosted by Anadolu University in Istanbul, is now accepting abstract submissions! Read the call for abstracts here. This year's theme is:

Accelerating towards a digital and inclusive campus
Empowering Learners: Microcredentials, Generative AI, and Equity

The conference will highlight the need for higher education institutions to adopt a more digitally focused approach in promoting inclusive learning environments. It will examine the role of microcredentials, generative AI, equity as well as a range of other themes accelerating digital transformation.

A full list of topics for I-HE2023 is available here.

MCE

MCE has two new reports published!
EADTU's project MCE - *Modularization of Continuing Education and Micro-credentials* has recently published two reports.

The first, compiled by UNINETTUNO and UNED *on case studies on modularization and micro-credentialing*, presents 19 case studies collected within the partnership, and proposes a set of 9 dimensions to be taken into consideration for the next phase of the project: piloting.

The other report maps and analyzes existing institutional qualifications for continuing education and professional development and depict learners' preferences based on the data collected within MCE. It has been compiled by FernUniversität in Hagen involving all the HEIs in the MCE partnership: UNINETTUNO, UNED, Universidade Aberta, Hellenic Open University, Open Universiteit, Open University of Cyprus, Kaunas University of Technology, Open University of Catalunya, and KU Leuven.

Read more on mce.eadtu.eu

Looking back at the Microcredentials Summit
The International Micro-Credentials Summit was held in Castelldefels, Barcelona, on 20-24th March. The summit built on the EU Council Recommendation on micro-credentials, finding ways to use this legislative basis as an instrument to accelerate adoption, acceptance and recognition of short-form education across the continent and beyond.

MCE coordinator Alessandra Antonaci contributed as a speaker, by disseminating MCE project results and collecting feedback and ideas from relevant stakeholders. Alessandra's presentation - discussing Microcredenials from a distance education perspective - can be found here.

Staff Support Event co-hosted by EADTU and the Open University of Cyprus
The Open University of Cyprus (OUC) and the European Association of Distance Teaching Universities (EADTU), co-organized a Staff Support Event on 9-10 March 2023, with the aim of building the capacity of conventional and distance teaching universities in open and distance education, and exchanging ideas, know-how and best practices between the participating institutions. Sixteen participants from Uninettuno, Open Universiteit Netherlands, Bifröst University, Open University of Catalonia (UOC) participated on-site at the OUC premises in Nicosia/Cyprus. In addition, several colleagues from UNED, Jyväskylä University and Universidade Aberta contributed online.

DIGITAL Universities_EUROPE

In partnership with **UOC**

The road to digital, equitable and green higher education

23-25 October 2023 | Barcelona, Spain

Digital Universities Europe
EADTU delighted to be an official event partner of Digital Universities Europe. Held at Universitat Oberta de Catalunya on 23-25 October, this event will address key challenges and opportunities of digital-first higher education across Europe.

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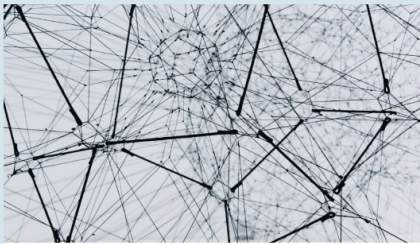
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New online courses on biodiversity loss
In spring 2023, the Open University of the University of Jyväskylä introduces two new courses on how and why species and ecosystems are increasingly becoming threatened, and how threat status is assessed.

The free-of-charge Nature Under Threat online courses provide insight into the ecological and social phenomena surrounding endangerment.

"Endangerment is an ecological fact that carries many implications for society. These courses delve into the deterioration of nature in light of the latest scientific research and explore conservation methods that have been found to be effective," says Postdoctoral Researcher Kaisa Raatikainen, who created the new studies.

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From Hyperconnectivity to AI
Wireless communication systems and digital technologies have transformed our society to such an extent that it now seems almost impossible to live without Wi-Fi or a smartphone. The **accelerated digitalization** of our world has **led to many advances, but it has also come with an increase in energy consumption and environmental impact**. What if using networks for more than just communications could contribute to real sustainability in the digital world?

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Are micro-credentials the future?
Finish school, study for a bachelor's degree, specialize through a master's degree or postgraduate qualification and then begin to work. **This traditional linear route** taken by higher education, which culminates and perhaps ends forever with the securing of a job, is increasingly coming into question, as it **fails to meet the needs and demands of today's employment ecosystem.**

'**Micro-credentials**', is the new buzzword. They certify learning outcomes provide **flexible and personalized** help for people in acquiring the knowledge, skills and competencies they need for their personal and professional development, quickly and efficiently.

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PROWIDE Seminar: Future of Online Assessment and Proctoring
Are you interested in online assessment and exam proctoring? Anadolu University invites you to a hybrid seminar on the "Future of Online Assessment and Proctoring" on **May 5th, 2023.**

This event is part of an Erasmus+ project entitled "PROWIDE: Online Proctoring Manager – Further Education Program for Supporting Digital Transformation at Higher Education Institutions". The project aims to initiate a new profession called Online Proctoring Manager (OPM) in higher education institutions and is coordinated by Fachhochschule des Mittelstands in Bielefeld, Germany.

More information

To register for the event please use this Zoom link

36th Asian Association of Open Universities Annual Conference at Anadolu University

Anadolu University is hosting the 36th Asian Association of Open Universities Annual Conference (AAOU 2023) on September 28-30, 2023, in İstanbul, Türkiye, with a specific focus on "The Future of Open Universities in the Age of Digitalized Higher Education." The aim of AAOU 2023 is to provide a platform for researchers and practitioners to present and discuss a broad range of topics related to open and distance learning. For more information, paper submissions, and the latest news, please visit https://aaou203.anadolu.edu.tr/.

EVENTS 2023

The European MOOCs Stakeholder Summit
Potsdam, Germany
14 - 16 June 2023

Innovating Higher Education Conference 2023
Istanbul, Turkey
04 - 06 October 2023

Digital Universities Europe
Barcelona, Spain
23 - 25 October 2023