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NEWSLETTER



July 2020

EADTU NEWS

I · HE2020

“Innovating Higher Education Conference”

Digital Transformation and Innovation in Education

ONLINE BRIDGING EVENT

28-30 October 2020

I · HE2020 “Innovating Higher Education Conference”

New Date I · HE2020!

As announced, our Innovating Higher Education (I · HE2020) Conference was planned for [the 28th till 30th October 2020](#), in Bari Italy, as long as the developments around Covid-19 would allow us.

Although the crisis is decreasing and regulations are loosened, most of academics are not allowed to travel this year.

This has made us decide, in close consultation with our host, to postpone the conference [until 3-5 November 2021](#). However, an online “Bridging event” for the last week of October 2020 is in the planning to already get the flavour of next year’s conference and be updated on most crucial innovations in higher education, like amongst others;

- Microcredentials and short learning programmes
- University of the future
- Artificial Intelligence in education
- After Covid-19 approach of higher education institutions; educating the educators

The event will include 2 training sessions on the EMBED blended education model, including educating the educator.

We thank you for your understanding and will keep you informed.

Hoping to meet you all at next year’s conference!



Virtual Mobility Webinar for Universities and European University Alliances

Online seminar

18-19 June 2020

EADTU & Open Virtual Mobility E+ project

EADTU & Open VM Webinar
Thursday 18 June and Friday 19 June 2020

EADTU in cooperation with the [OpenVM partnership](#) organised a 2 days online event, demonstrating opportunities and formats of virtual mobility. Various mobility schemes of online/virtual mobility and blended mobility were presented with examples of good practices from all over Europe. Next to universities in general, the European University Alliances representatives were invited as VM is one of the priorities in their cooperation.

Please find here the [link for the presentations](#) of the Webinar.

Furthermore you will find [here](#) the recordings of the Webinar.

Press Release: Get ready for virtual mobility with the new OpenVM SIG

On June 19th 2020, there was the launch of the OpenVM Special Interest Group (SIG), dedicated to virtual mobility. The OpenVM SIG is hosted by EADTU and emerged from the Open Virtual Mobility Erasmus+ strategic partnership (2017 - 2020) following the commitment of all project partners to mainstreaming virtual mobility in context of open education. The goal of the OpenVM SIG is to share resources, experience and know-how that can be used by staff and students in higher education institutions to develop, assess and recognise virtual mobility skills. Anyone interested in supporting virtual mobility within their institution is welcome to join the OpenVM SIG!

Please read the Press Release [here](#)



Open
Virtual
Mobility

Short Learning Programmes

WEBINAR WEEK

13-14-15

October 2020



Short Learning Programmes webinar week

EADTU in cooperation with the [E-SLP project](#) partners is organising the Short Learning Programmes Webinar Week from 13–15 October 2020. In this webinar week 12 experts will look deeper into the topic of Short Learning Programmes in online education.

Find more information about the webinar week and registration [here](#)

MEMBER NEWS

DCU's University of Sanctuary Scholarships

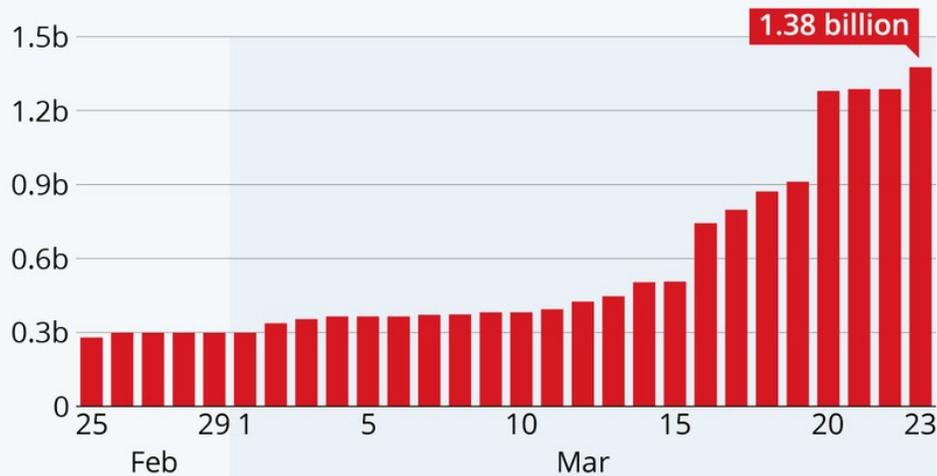
To recognise World Refugee Day on June 20th, Dublin City University (DCU) was pleased to [announce](#) the continuation of its highly successful scholarship initiative for online study for Irish-based refugees and asylum seekers. A total of 30 scholarships are available, including 10 in partnership with FutureLearn offering access to all short online courses for one year through the upgrade model. A [recent summary](#) of the research conducted by the NIDL team at DCU demonstrates how impactful the scholarship initiative has been for refugees and asylum seekers. This video further illustrates the transformative impact of the scholarships in sharing the brave story of one recipient.

See [Video](#)



COVID-19's Staggering Impact On Global Education

Number of learners impacted by national school closures worldwide



Figures refer to learners enrolled at pre-primary, primary, lower-secondary, and upper-secondary levels of education, as well as at tertiary education levels.

Source: UNESCO



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Beyond the Covid Pivot at DCU

A team in the National Institute for Digital Learning (NIDL) at DCU was successful in securing a special [Covid-19 research grant](#) that will investigate affective aspects to how students learn online. The research recognises that learning online is not the same as learning in a traditional classroom, it requires a different set of skills to master. With the staggering impact of Covid-19 on higher education, the ability to learn effectively online has never been more important. This [project](#) will, therefore, develop and conduct research on a MOOC

designed to give students the "inside track" to online learning as they pursue higher education. More specifically, the study will research students' experiences and perceptions of barriers to learning online in response to COVID-19. These insights will inform future decision-making, help the sector harness the potential of online education and provide improved online learning experiences for students.

A related DCU study is investigating how educators have responded to the Covid-19 pivot with a particular focus on their emotions. This international survey is still [open](#) should you wish to participate.

Anadolu University has organized the most well-attended online exam in Turkey

Within the scope of the measures taken against the epidemic of COVID-19, Anadolu University Open Education System Spring Term midterm exams were held online for the first time.

Nearly 1 million students attending the Open Education System participated in the exam held between April 18th and May 7th. More than 32 thousand questions from a total of 706 lessons were directed to the students in nearly 100 million combinations and a total of 4 million 618 thousand 847 exam sessions took place. This exam is the largest internet-based exam in Turkish education history.

Final exams of the Open Education System will also be held online between June 24 and July 8.

[Read more](#)

 **Asian Journal of
Distance Education**

**A global outlook to the interruption of education due to COVID-19 Pandemic:
Navigating in a time of uncertainty and crisis**

Aras Bozkurt, Insung Jung, Junhong Xiao, Viviane Vladimircsi, Robert Schuwer, Gennady Egorov, Sarah R. Lambert, Maha Al-Freih, Judith Pete, Don Olcott, Jr., Virginia Rodes, Ignacio Arancibia, Maha Ball, Abel V. Alvarez, Jr., Jennifer Roberts, Angelica Pizurek, Juliana Elisa Raffagnelli, Nikos Panagiotou, Perrine de Coëtlogon, Sadik Shahadu, Mark Brown, Tutaleni I. Asino, Josephine Tumwesige, Tzmit Ramirez Reyes, Emma Barrios Ipenza, Ebba Ossiannilsson, Melissa Bond, Kamel Belhamel, Valerie Irvine, Ramesh C. Sharma, Taiseen Adam, Ben Janssen, Tatiana Sklyarova, Nicoleta Olcott, Alejandra Ambrosino, Chrysoula Lazou, Bertrand Mocquet, Mattias Mano, Michael Paskevicius



**A global outlook to the interruption of
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The Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic hit hard and interrupted many dimensions of our lives, particularly education. As a response to interruption of education due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this study is a collaborative reaction that narrates the overall view, reflections from the K12 and higher educational landscape, lessons learned and suggestions from a total of 31 countries across the world with a representation of 62.7% of the whole world population.

[Link to website/article](#)

First totally online examinations due to COVID-19

The [Open University of Cyprus](#) successfully carried out the final examinations of the spring semester 2019-2020 totally online, using its technological tools, know-how and expertise in distance learning in light of the current crisis due to COVID-19.

Three types of examinations, 4000 students and 250 academics participated in the examination procedures for 207 courses using the University's eLearning Platform platform with electronic identification and supervision.



New publications by Open University of Cyprus

[Michalinos Zembylas](#), OUC Professor of Educational Theory and Curriculum Studies, Dr. Vivienne Bozalek (The University of Western Cape) and Dr. Dorothee Hölischer (Griffith University) have co-edited a new publication entitled "[Nancy Fraser and Participatory Parity. Reframing Social Justice in South African Higher Education](#)".

[More info](#)

"[Landscapes in the Eastern Mediterranean between the Future and the Past](#)" is the title of the new collective volume, co-edited by Ioannis Vogiatzakis, OUC Professor at the MSc "Environmental Conservation and Management", in collaboration with Theano S. Terkenlis, Maria Gabriella Trovato and Nizar Abu-Jaber.

[More info](#)

OTHER NEWS

700+ participants in Learn STEM Online Conference!

The Conference "Learn STEM: Innovative pedagogy for STEM education" was an unexpected and incredible success: More than 700 teachers and headmasters from all five continents registered to join online on Wednesday, 29th of April 2020. The coordinator of the European initiative Learn STEM, Dr. Christian M. Stracke, is excited: "We are happy about the amazing interest in innovative STEM learning and in our pedagogical model and free tools". 22 international experts from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) presented latest developments in STEM education from scientific research to practical experiences. The whole [Learn STEM Online Conference is published online now!](#)

Learn STEM Online Conference: click [here](#)

Learn STEM

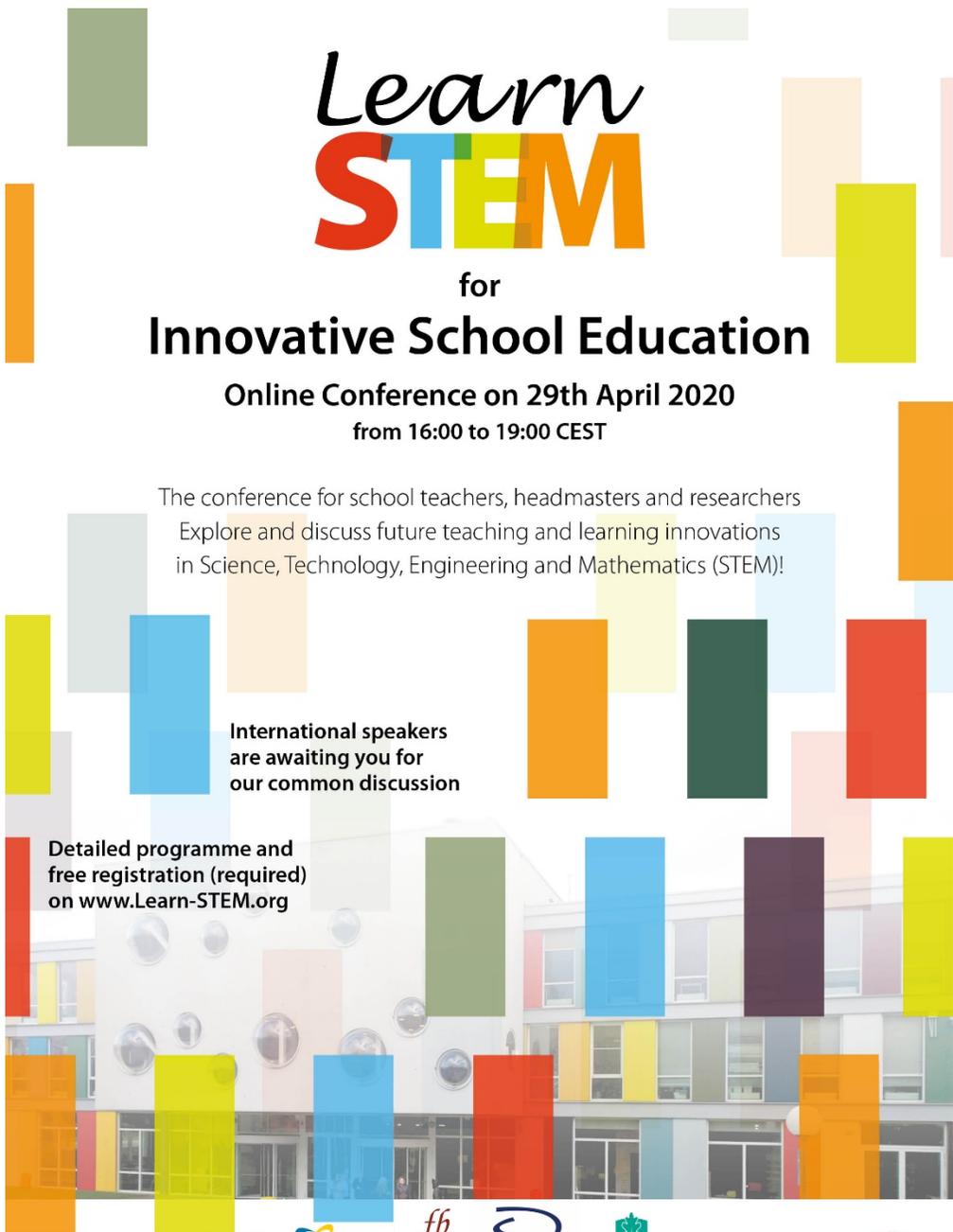
for
Innovative School Education

Online Conference on 29th April 2020
from 16:00 to 19:00 CEST

The conference for school teachers, headmasters and researchers
Explore and discuss future teaching and learning innovations
in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)!

International speakers
are awaiting you for
our common discussion

Detailed programme and
free registration (required)
on www.Learn-STEM.org



- * [Erasmus+ Staff Week 2020](#), FernUni, POSTPONED
- * [Empower Webinar Week on Short Learning](#), 13 – 15 October 2020
- * [I-HE2020 Online Bridging Event](#), 28 – 30 October 2020
- * [EQAF Espoo](#), 12–13 November 2020 ONLINE

More information about the events will follow soon

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