

CRITICAL THINKING IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND LABOUR MARKET

INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
December 9-10, 2021, Mykolas Romeris University

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – THURSDAY (09/12/2021)

11:00 – 12:45 PLENARY

Chair: Assoc. prof. dr. Daiva Penkauskienė

OPENING CEREMONY

Prof. dr. Inga Žalėnienė, Rector of *Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania*

11:15 – 11:45 RESULTS AND INSIGHTS OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT

Assoc. prof. dr. Jolanta Pivorienė (presenter), prof. dr. Valdonė Indrašienė, assoc. prof. dr. Violeta Jegelevičienė, prof. dr. Odeta Merfeldaitė, assoc. prof. dr. Daiva Penkauskienė, assoc. prof. dr. Asta Railienė, assoc. prof. dr. Justinas Sadauskas and assoc. prof. dr. Natalija Valavičienė, *Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania*

Critical Thinking in Higher Education: Study and Labor Market Perspectives

11:45 – 12:45 I KEYNOTE

Ronald Barnett, *Emeritus Professor of Higher Education at University College London, Institute of Education, UK; President of the Philosophy and Theory of Higher Education Society, Higher education consultant*

Critiquing Critical Thinking: Being on the Edge

12:45 – 13:15 BREAK

13:15 – 14:00 PLENARY

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II KEYNOTE

Gonçalo Cruz, *University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, Portugal*

Prof. Caroline Dominguez, *University of Trás-os Montes and Alto Douro, Portugal*

Quo vadis critical thinking? Exploring the university-business cooperation road ahead

14:00 – 14:40 I SESSION

Chair: Assoc. prof. dr. Daiva Penkauskienė

Assoc. prof. Mare Leino, *Tallinn University, Estonia*

Critically important thinking: looking for background of facts

Dr. Nelly Balode, *Free International University of Moldova, Moldova*

Specifics of critical thinking and mental health under COVID-19 pandemic

14:40 – 15:00 BREAK

15:00 – 16:20 II SESSION

Chair: Assoc. prof. dr. Daiva Penkauskienė

Prof. Marketa Rusnakova, *Catholic University in Ruzomberok, Slovakia*

Development of critical thinking in higher education students through a Student-centered approach

Dr. Olena Protsenko, *Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University, Ukraine*

Interdisciplinary Approach in the Critical Thinking Development of the Future Higher Education Teachers: experience of Ukraine

Prof. dr. Lela Tavdgiridze, *Nato Sherozia, Ia Khasaia, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia*

Environment and factors promoting critical thinking in the higher education

Dr. Elena Marin, *University of Bucharest, Romania*

Students' perspective on overcoming barriers to teaching critical thinking

16:20 – 16:30 BREAK

16:30 – 18:00 PLENARY

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16:30 – 17:30 III KEYNOTE

Stephen D. Brookfield, *Distinguished scholar at Antioch University; Adjunct Professor at Teachers' College, Columbia's University (New York) and Emeritus Professor at the University of St. Thomas (Minneapolis-St. Paul), USA*

The Dynamics of Teaching for Critical Thinking

17:30 – 18:00 DISCUSSION

DAY 2 – FRIDAY (10/12/2021)

10:00 – 11:00 III SESSION

Chairs: Assoc. prof. dr. Justinas Sadauskas and
assoc. prof. dr. Natalija Valavičienė

Assoc. prof. Jonas Christensen, Nils Ekelund, Margareta Melin, Pär Widen, *Malmö University, Sweden*

The Beautiful Risk of Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Research. A Challenging Collaborative and Critical Approach toward Sustainable Learning Processes in Academic Profession

Dr. Panagiota Christodoulou, Dimitrios Pnevmatikos, *University of Western Macedonia, Greece*

University-Business Collaboration to foster graduates Critical Thinking: The European Project Critical Thinking for Successful Jobs

11:00 – 11:15 BREAK

11:15 – 12:45 IV SESSION

Chairs: Assoc. prof. dr. Daiva Penkauskienė and
assoc. prof. dr. Jolanta Pivorienė

Assoc. prof. Antonella Nuzzaci, Andrea Natalini and Paola Rizzi, *University of L'Aquila, Italy*

The role of critical thinking in teacher training contexts: a higher-order competence to educate for citizenship

Dr. Barbara Maria Popiel, *Szczecinska Szkola Wyzsza Collegium Balticum, Poland*

Developing Critical Thinking about the literature in higher education of the students of pedagogy of preschool and early childhood education

Dr. Monika Grochalska, Hanna Kędzierska and Monika Maciejewska, *University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland*

Gamification as a method of developing critical thinking of teachers-to-be at the university

Niculeta Cristea Plesan, *University of Petroșani, Romania*

The value of critical thinking in the psycho-pedagogical training of the teaching staff

12:45 – 13:30 BREAK

13:30 – 14:30 V SESSION

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assoc. prof. dr. Natalija Valavičienė

Dr. Lolita Vilka, Ilze Trapenciere and Marika Lotko, *Riga Stradiņš University, Latvia*

Value of Critical Thinking in Social Work education

Monika Gruslytė, *Klaipėda University, Lithuania*

Developing Critical Thinking in Social Work Education through Embedding an Educational Innovation

Dr. Lynette Barbara Joubert, *University of Melbourne, Australia*

Teaching research through a practice lens: promoting critical thinking in emerging social work practitioners

Dr. Sorina Corman and Lucian Blaga, *University of Sibiu, Romania*

The role of critical thinking in the development of future social workers

14:30 – 14:45 BREAK

14:45 – 15:30 VI SESSION

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assoc. prof. dr. Jolanta Pivorienė

Prof. Natalia Mospan, *Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University, Ukraine*

Dr. Svitlana Sysoieva, *National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine*

Dr. Oleksii Sysoiev, *Kyiv International University, Ukraine*

Critical Thinking Development for Higher Education Sustainable Interaction with the Labour Market

Prof. habil. dr. Felicia Andrioni, Ion Hirghiduş and Valentin Fulger, *University of Petroşani, Romania*

The alienation level perceived by the students attending the University of Petroşani

Oluwaseun Ayotunde Jegede, *Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania*

Become Insightful through multiple Lens

15:30 – 16:00 FINAL REMARKS AND CLOSING