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**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)**

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| 11:00 – 12:45 | PLENARY | Chair: Assoc. prof. dr.Daiva Penkauskienė |
| OPENING CEREMONYProf. dr. Inga Žalėnienė, Rector of *Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania*11:15 – 11:45 RESULTS AND INSIGHTS OF THE RESEARCH PROJECTAssoc. 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 KEYNOTERonald 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** |
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| 12:45 – 13:15 | BREAK |  |
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| 13:15 – 14:00 | PLENARY | Chair: Assoc. prof. dr.Daiva Penkauskienė |
| II KEYNOTEGonçalo 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** |
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| 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** |
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| 14:40 – 15:00 | BREAK |
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| 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** |
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| 16:20 – 16:30 | BREAK |
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| 16:30 – 18:00 | PLENARY | Chair: Assoc. prof. dr.Daiva Penkauskienė |
| 16:30 – 17:30 III KEYNOTEStephen 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)**

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| 10:00 – 11:00 | III SESSION | Chairs: Assoc. prof. dr.Justinas Sadauskas and assoc. prof. dr.Natalija Valavičienė |
| Panagiota Christodoulou, prof. dr. Dimitrios Pnevmatikos, *University of Western Macedonia, Greece* **University-Business Collaboration to Foster Graduates Critical Thinking: The European Project Critical Thinking for Successful Jobs**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**  |
| 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** |

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| 12:45 – 13:30 | BREAK |

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| 13:30 – 14:30 | V SESSION | Chairs: Assoc. prof. dr.Justinas Sadauskas and 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** |

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| 14:45 – 15:30 | VI SESSION | Chairs: Assoc. prof. dr.Daiva Penkauskienė and 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 Hirghiduș and Valentin Fulger, *University of Petroșani, 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** |

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| 15:30 – 16:00 | FINAL REMARKS AND CLOSING |