The Role of Intercultural Dialogue in Managing Diversity in Europe

Wednesday, November 18th 2020

Session 1: Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue in Europe - EU Citizens and the Others
16:00-18:00 [Athens time]

Cultural Diversity in the EU: Theoretical Insights and Critical Notes on the EU Migration Policy, in the Context of the Refugee Crisis
Nikolaos Papadakis, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Crete, Deputy Director, University of Crete Research Centre for Humanities, Social and Education Sciences, Director, Centre for Political Research and Documentation, Crete, Greece

Interculturalism and Minority Rights
Alexandra Xanthaki, Professor, Director of Research, Law School, Brunel University, United Kingdom

Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue
Despoina Anagnostopoulou, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Academic Coordinator, Jean Monnet Project EUVaDiS, Thessaloniki, Greece

Religion, Education and Peacemaking in the Postmodern Era
Georgios Mavrommatis, Associate Professor, Department of Preschool Education, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece

Best Practices of Intercultural and Interreligious Contacts in Russia
Iulia Sushkova, Dean, Professor, Law Faculty, Ogarev Mordovia State University, Jean Monnet Chair-holder, Saransk, Russia

Session 2: Cultural Diversity – Reconciling the Differences
18:15-20:30 [Athens time]

Building Resilience through the Development of Intercultural Competencies: Story Circles
Joyce Monteiro, Associate Programme Specialist, UNESCO, Paris, France

People to People Intercultural Communication and Diplomacy: The US-Pakistan Academic Exchange
Eirini Gouleta, Associate Professor, Department of Educational & Social Policy, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

Intercultural Mediation as a Policy of Managing the Migration-Refugee Issue
Dr. Maria Vlachadi, Department of Computer Science and Telecommunications, University of Thessaly, Lamia, Greece
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Session 3: Intercultural Education – New Concepts and Best Practices
16:00- 18:00 [Athens time]

An Analysis of Globalization and Cultural Localization in the Perspective of Constructivism
Tien-Hui Chiang, Distinguished Professor, Academy of Globalization and Education Policy, Zhengzhou University, China, Vice-president, RC04, International Sociological Association

Intercultural Education and the Pursuit of Social Justice: Paradoxes, Challenges and Opportunities
Concepción Maiztegui Oñate, Professor, Universidad de Deusto, Spain

On Borders, Limits and boundaries: Bridging HR and Intercultural Education in Second Modernity
Christos N. Tsironis, Associate Professor, Department of Ethics and Sociology, Faculty of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Director, Social Research Centre for Culture and Religion, Thessaloniki, Greece

Intercultural Dimensions in the Educational Policy of the EU
Sofia Boutsiouki, Assistant Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

The Promotion of Intercultural Dialogue in Schools through Intangible Cultural Heritage
Vera Dilari, MSc, National Coordinator ASP net-UNESCO Greece, Scientific Partner of Laboratory of Education Policy, Research, Development and Interuniversity Cooperation, University of Piraeus.
Katerina Christodoulou, EFL and CLIL Teacher, Ralleio Lykeio Thileon Greece

Session 4: Interreligious Dialogue
18:15-20:30 [Athens time]

Religious Peacemaking: the Role and Contribution in Conflict Prevention
Lidija Georgieva, Professor, UNESCO Chair Holder “Intercultural Studies and Research” (2014-2018), University St Cyril and Methodius, Republic of North Macedonia

Knowledge and Acknowledgment: the New Challenge of Interreligious Dialogue
Alberto Melloni, Professor, University of Modena-Reggio, Director, John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies, UNESCO Chair Holder “Religious Pluralism and Peace”, University of Bologna

Interfaith Dialogue for Combatting Extremism among Young People
Dr. Richard Willson, Research Associate, European University Institute, Italy