

LERA CONFERENCE „EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE AND RESEARCH IN A TURBULENT WORLD“

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The 6th Lithuanian Educational Research Association (LERA) conference is organized by the Lithuanian Educational Research Association and the Academy of Education of Vytautas Magnus University

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We kindly invite you to participate in the 6th Lithuanian Educational Research Association (LERA) conference „Educational Practice and Research in a Turbulent World“ organised by the Lithuanian Educational Research Association (LERA) and the Vytautas Magnus University Academy of Education“

Technology-driven change has already become a part of the world’s daily routine, but climate change, COVID, and military aggression in Europe have shown that the world has to cope with a multitude of simultaneous challenges, and crisis situations. What must education be, how must it intersect with the lives of individuals, communities and organisations in order to help people, and especially the younger generation, to become individuals capable of living and working in a rapidly changing world? Human learning is more than cognitive or academic development. Learning is a complex phenomenon and goes hand in hand with social, emotional and psychological development, and the formation of personal identity. Learners’ identities interact with a range of factors that include the context of the educational institution, racial, geographical, gender, socio-economic aspects, and different ways of knowing, communicating, valuing, thinking, speaking, and writing. Teachers are an important focus of this theme, trying to answer how teachers develop a personal and professional identity that is shaped by their qualifications, experience, professional learning, school context, and personal and professional goals. How should this younger generation be educated so that children and young people develop an identity based on values? What are the challenges for educators and the school to inspire such education? How to enable lifelong learning, so necessary for people in a turbulent world? Are Lithuanian universities developing individuals who take responsibility for the future of Lithuania? What are the challenges for educational researchers?

The conference will be held from October 13th to October 14th, 2022. The first day (on the 13th of October) will be held in a contact room at Vytautas Magnus University (7 Gimnazijos St., Kaunas, Great Hall-203) but video recordings will be made and uploaded to <https://lera.lt> after the conference. The second day of the conference will be held remotely. The first day of the conference will consist of plenary announcements of invited key speakers, and the second day of the conference will consist of breakout sessions with oral and poster presentations.

Registration for the conference with announcement is open until September 26th, 2022 (extended until 1 October), and registration for the conference without announcement is open until October 5th, 2022 (extended until October 12th).