

# EDUCATION UNCERTAINTY AND COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES: THE INTERSECTION OF PAST AND FUTURE

**8th Lithuanian Educational Research Association (LERA) Conference**

**17-18 October, 2024**



**We kindly invite to the 8th Lithuanian Educational Research Association (LERA) Conference organised by the Lithuanian Educational Research Association (LERA) and the Faculty of Creative Industries of VILNIUS TECH University**

The variety and abundance of technologies and communication channels raises many questions for education: What and how to teach? How much technology should be included in the educational process? How to engage learners? How to prepare children and young people for the future? How to develop personality? How to communicate? The changing economic, technological, and social environment is leading to a transformation from a knowledge-based to a creative society, where the role and relevance of knowledge are being rethought and critical thinking is being updated. In 2020, a pandemic has paralysed the world, bringing with it a bundle of challenges requiring lightning-fast solutions, without being able to resolve, at either international or national level, the perplexities posed by a changing environment. This period has given everyone the opportunity to rethink their values, their priorities, their activities, and their lives, to test their capacity to learn and change quickly, to reflect, and to act adaptively. While the pandemic was still unfolding, society was confronted with geopolitical tensions and the threat of a world war. These circumstances add to and adjust the set of challenges facing education. Generational theorists argue that the basis of human communication is a system of values that is formed before the age of five.

The rapidly changing social and technological context calls for a rethinking of the value foundations, orientations, and communication strategies of education. We have to operate in an environment we do not know. We have to work with a generation that is called the natives of the virtual world. We need to apply technologies that we have seen in fictional films. We do not know today where, how, and with whom we will have to work tomorrow. The educational community is in a state of uncertainty. And it is more important than ever to learn the lessons of the past so that we can discover the focus of tomorrow.

At the conference, we will examine the phenomenon of uncertainty in education and the challenges of communication at the intersection of the past and the future. We will discuss in support of each other, strengthening the community that is so necessary in an age of uncertainty.

**The first day of the conference** (17 October) is devoted to plenary announcements, scientific discussions and other general activities. The work will take place at the Faculty of Creative Industries of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (1 Trakų St., 01132 Vilnius). Exhibitions and excursions await during breaks. In the evening, theatre lovers are invited to visit VILNIUS TECH theatre "Palėpė".

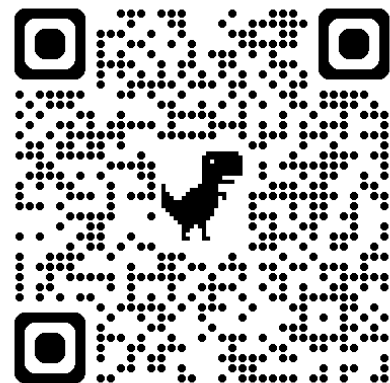
<b>17 October, 2024</b> <b>VILNIUS TECH University, Faculty of Creative Industries</b> <b>(1 Trakų St. Vilnius, auditorium).</b>	
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Registration for the conference</b>
<b>1st session</b>	
10.30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Introduction to the Conference</b> Assoc. prof. Živilė Sederevičiūtė-Pačiauskienė, Vice-Rector of VILNIUS TECH Studies
11.00 a.m.–11.30 a.m.	<b>Epistemic Flexibility and Current Technological Contexts for Education</b> Lina Markauskaitė, Professor, University of Sydney
11:30 a.m.–12.00 a.m.	<b>Millennial Students' Educational Expectations and University Opportunities</b> Živilė Sederevičiūtė-Pačiauskienė, vice-rector of VILNIUS TECH studies
12.00 a.m. –1.30 p.m.	<b>Commitment to Uncertainty: Testimonies of Pioneers of Education Reform</b> Daiva Penkauskienė (M.Romeris University) , Eglė Pranckūnienė (Klaipėda University)
1.30 p.m.–2.00 p.m.	Lunch break and VILNIUS TECH organised tours of the building, creative studios (photo exhibitions, film studio, etc.)
<b>2nd session</b>	
2.00 p.m.–3.30 p.m.	<b>Education Leadership in an Age of Uncertainty</b> Olena Chepelyuk, Rector of Kherson National Technical University, Ukraine
2:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>Artificial Intelligence and Digital Inequality</b> Maira V.FAUL, Executive Director, NORRAG (Network for international policies and cooperation in education and training)
3.00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>Learning for Uncertainty</b> Algis Mickūnas, Professor, Athens (Ohio) University
3.30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Coffee break
<b>3rd session</b>	
4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	Panel discussion with the presenters of the 1 <sup>st</sup> day
5:00 p.m.	Reception

**The second day of the conference** (18 October) is dedicated to breakout sessions. The breakout sessions are planned in two sessions of 1.5 hours each, with oral and poster presentations and discussions. After the breakout sessions, there will be a plenary session on issues related to educational research.

<b>18 October, 2024</b>	
<b>VILNIUS TECH University Faculty of Creative Industries</b>	
<b>1 st session of announcements</b>	
09:00 a.m.–10.30 a.m.	Paper and poster presentations in sections
10.30 a.m.–11.00 a.m.	Coffee break
<b>2nd section of announcements</b>	
11.00 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Paper and poster presentations in sections
12.30 p.m.–1.00 p.m.	Coffee break
<b>Closing plenary session</b>	
1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m.	Discussion on the present, future and breakthroughs in educational research
3.00 p.m.–4.30 p.m.	Guided tour in the "Linkmenai" factory

For the programme, please see: Sections:

- Higher and Vocational Education Network Section
- General Education Network Section
- Education Researchers Emeritus Network Section
- Early Childhood Education Network Section
- ICT and Education Network Section
- Inclusive Education Network Section
- Arts Education Network Section
- Lifelong Learning Network Section
- Teacher Training and Professional Development Network Section
- Primary Education Network Section
- Social Education Network Section
- Sports Education Network Section
- Health and Welfare Network Section
- Educational Management and Leadership Network Section
- Research Methodology Network Section
- Philosophy and Policy of Education Network Section
- Section of the Network on the History of Education and Education
- Interdisciplinary sessions



Work in all sections is planned live. The exact locations of the working sections will be announced in the final conference program.

Conference participants are welcome at the Faculty of Creative Industries of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (1 Trakų St., 01132 Vilnius). After working in the sections and summarizing the conference, we invite all participants to a guided tour in the "Linkmenai" factory.

The deadline for registering announcement to the conference and, if necessary, for adjusting the title of the announcement is 30 September, 2024. For participants without an announcement, the deadline for registration is 14 October, 2024. Registration: [here](#)

## Registration

### Conference fee for registration until 30 September

<b><u>For LERA members:</u></b> for participation only on the 1st day of the conference - 30 euros for participation only on the 2nd day of the conference - 20 euros for participation on both days of the conference - 50 euros	<b><u>For non-members:</u></b> for participation only on the 1st day of the conference - 40 euros for participation only on the 2nd day of the conference - 30 euros for participation on both days of the conference - 70 euros
<b><u>For bachelors 'and masters 'students</u></b> for participation only on the 1st day of the conference - 20 euros for participation only on the 2nd day of the conference - 15 euros for participation on both days of the conference - 35 euros	

### Conference fee when registering from 1 October - until 14 October (registration at that time will be possible only without announcements):

<b><u>For LERA members:</u></b> for participation only on the 1st day of the conference - 40 euros for participation only on the 2nd day of the conference - 30 euros for participation on both days of the conference - 60 euros	<b><u>For non-members:</u></b> for participation only on the 1st day of the conference - 50 euros for participation only on the 2nd day of the conference - 40 euros for participation on both days of the conference - 80 euros
<b><u>For bachelors 'and masters 'students</u></b> for participation only on the 1st day of the conference - 25 euros for participation only on the 2nd day of the conference - 20 euros for participation on both days of the conference - 40 euros	

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