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Marie Curie Skłodowska University, Lublin – Poland

is the largest higher education institution in Eastern Poland with 11 faculties in Lublin plus the UMCS branch campus in Puławy, with over 21 000 students and 226 000 graduates. It offers more than 80 programmes, taught in Polish and English and has 250 specializations available to choose from. Along with this, the university offers opportunities to establish cooperation with prospective employees, professional educational counselling and career guidance. There are also numerous opportunities to improve students' foreign language proficiency, to develop artistically and participate in sports activities. It has over 1600 international students, 181 international agreements with partners from all over the world and a wide range of national and international internship placement options.

Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand

Kasetsart University devotes itself to the task of accumulating and developing intellectual knowledge. It thrives for the growth in academic wisdom including ethical and moral excellence. In addition, it has a responsibility to play a leading role in keeping their Thai heritage alive and to ensure that it continues to grow to enrich the civilization of the nation. Kasetsart University aims to provide 'Knowledge of the Land' to promote sustainable development in Thailand in order to be internationally recognized.

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Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) is a leading Lithuanian university providing a wide range of studies and closely cooperating with the business sector. The university offers studies of engineering, technologies, physical and social sciences, humanities and arts. In addition, the research groups working at KTU contribute to global scientific knowledge by conducting cutting edge interdisciplinary research on the most important questions of current times.

Welcome Address

It is a great honour and pleasure to welcome you to the MakeLearn & TIIM 2022 International Conference. The conference is an excellent opportunity to make your contribution to and share the most recent developments in the field of knowledge management with experts from all over the world. The title of the MakeLearn & TIIM 2022 conference is Digital Transformation: The Harmonic Convergence of People, Culture, Process, and Technology in the New Normal.

International School for Social and Business Studies (ISSBS) is organising MakeLearn & TIIM 2022 in cooperation with local host university Kunas University of Technology and co-organizers Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland, Kasetsart University, Thailand, and Pegaso International, Malta. The conference deals with topics such as interdisciplinary or innovative solutions in the fields of business, management, education, and technology. This year, the conference is held in hybrid form - on-site, and also online - for the first time

Conference encourages the sharing of most recent developments in the fields of management, economics, technology, and education. By including experiences and young academics and practitioners from all continents, it also encourages discussion and the exchange of knowledge between academia and businesses (formal sessions and social events) and offers a variety of publishing opportunities. This year's focus is on digital transformation leading to the new normal. The ISSBS encourages the discussion and exchange of knowledge through the International Journal of Management, Knowledge, and Learning, as well as through the Academic International Publisher ToKnowPress.

We are proud to welcome 154 participants from 32 countries who will present 102 abstracts and full papers. A very special welcome also to our distinguished keynote speakers: Dr. Panagiotis (Takis) Damaskopoulos from Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania; Dr. David Dawson from University of Gloucestershire Business School, United Kingdom, and Dr. Petru L. Curşeu from Open Universiteit, Heerlen, The Netherlands and Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. We especially thank the host university and everyone who helped us organise MakeLearn & TIIM 2022 as a hybrid event, and wish you all a successful conference.

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Conference Programme

Tuesday, 17 May 2022

16:00–18:30 Pre-conference session and paper presentations

Thursday, 19 May 2022

- 10:00–11:00 Guided-tour of the city
- 12:30–13:45 Sessions A1, B1, D1, and H1
- 13:00–14:30 Registration of on-site participants
- 14:00–14:15 Conference opening
- 14:15–15:00 Keynote speaker: Dr. Panagiotis (Takis) Damaskopoulos, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania
- 15:00–15:45 Keynote speaker: Dr. David Dawson, University of Gloucestershire Business School, United Kingdom
- 15:45–16:30 Coffee break with official photo session
- 16:30–17:30 Academic Leadership Forum
- 17:30–17:45 Invitation to MakeLearn & TIIM 2023
- 17:45–18:45 Project opportunities, dissemination and international networking
- 20:00–23:30 Dinner and social event with live music

Friday, 20 May 2022

- 08:30–10:00 Workshop on Academic Writing and Publishing
- 10:00–10:45 Keynote speaker: Dr. Petru L. Curşeu, Open Universiteit, The Netherlands, and Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
- 10:45–11:45 Editors' panel with Scopus and WoS indexed journals
- 11:45–12:15 Coffee break
- 12:15–13:15 Research-Education-Business Forum
- 13:15–13:30 Final remarks and conference closing
- 13:30–15:00 Buffet lunch
- 15:00–16:15 Sessions A2, B2, A3, B3, C1, D2, and F1
- 16:30–17:45 Sessions D3, H2, A4, A5, B4, D4, and I1

Saturday, 21 May 2022

- 08:30–18:00 Optional one-day excursion to Vilnius



Rethinking Education Systems in the Context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Dr. Panagiotis (Takis) Damaskopoulos

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Prof. Dr. Panagiotis (Takis) Damaskopoulos is the Industry 4.0 ERA Chair at the School of Economics and Business at Kaunas Technical University and the Executive Director and Head of Research of the European Institute of Interdisciplinary Research (EIIR) in Paris, France. His research, teaching, and advisory activities concentrate on the economic, organizational, technological and policy/governance dynamics of innovation, and the evolution corporate, regional and state strategies of innovation, competitiveness and sustainable development within the broader context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. He undertakes this work in collaboration with leading academic/research institutions, private business organizations, national and regional governments across the European Union (EU), and international organs such as the European Commission, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Abstract. We live in a world in crisis fueled by dynamic interdependencies of systemic transformations, ranging from massive and pervasive technological changes, profound economic and employment changes, climate change, demographic imbalances, and geo-political and geo-economic shifts. The systemic nature of this multifaceted crisis presents complex challenges for the sustainability and protection of the prosperity, well-being, and democratic forms of governance across Europe. The kind of responses Europe generates to these challenges will be of critical importance for its future position in the world. Historically, such responses have been elaborated by institutions of higher learning and have involved the formation of skills and social visions articulating new models of production and consumption, new industries, infrastructures, and patterns of leadership leading to the broad social acceptance of new techno-economic and socio-technical systems. Taking the broader context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution as its frame of reference this keynote will explore critical issues in skills formation and the challenges/gaps in forming novel educational ecosystems.

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Being Leaders of Learning: The Qualities and Skills of Leadership in Higher Education

Dr. David Dawson

University of Gloucestershire Business School, United Kingdom

Working with leaders in the Commercial, Higher Education and Defence sectors, Dr. Dawson helps people meet their potential. Getting people to reflect on, ground, and develop their approaches to leadership is key to helping them become effective for themselves, their staff and their organizations. David's work focuses on developing interventions to support Positive Leadership Practices, developing consultancy skills to increase innovation in SMEs across Europe, and establishing Leadership and Management Development programmes for the Higher Education sector in Indonesia and Moldova.

Abstract. The development of leadership capacities in Higher Education (HE) has only recently been a topic of widespread attention. Work in Australia, France, UK, and the US has dominated the debate on what makes a good leader in HE and a discussion of the qualities and skills needed. More recent work in Moldova, Indonesia and Morocco has contributed to a broader understanding of the qualities and skills needed across a range of national HE sectors in a way that challenges us to refine our frameworks. This keynote presents an updated version of the Higher Education Qualities and Skills (HELQS) framework on the basis of this work. It invites participants to meet the challenge of being a leader in higher education through those qualities and skills irrespective of their seniority and role.

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Smart Cities as Socio-Technical Systems: Reflections on Sustainable Careers

Dr. Petru L. Curşeu

Open Universiteit, Heerlen, The Netherlands
Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Petru L. Curşeu is professor at the Open Universiteit, the Netherlands and Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. His research interests include team dynamics, social cognition (in particular the study of stereotypes and prejudice in organizational settings), multiparty collaboration as well as decision making in organizations. He has published articles on related topics in journals such as: *Journal of Applied Psychology*, *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*, *Organization Studies*, *Journal of Information Technology*, *British Journal of Psychology*, *Small Group Research*, *European Journal of Social Psychology*, *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, *Group Dynamics*, *Business Ethics*, *Applied Psychology and Human Relations*.

Abstract. Technology changes the world in more profound ways than ever and at a rate never witnessed before. Cities are no exception to the impactful changes brought about by the development of technology and the concept of 'smart cities' is the leading example on how (among other aspects) the embedding of IT in urban environments changes the physical, social and economic dynamics of cities. Technology allows modern cities to tackle some of the modern urban challenges, yet technological advancement also brings forth various challenges. In particular, the emergence of sustainable careers in smart cities is deeply impacted by technology. In this talk I will use a socio-technical perspective on smart cities, I will explore the systemic roots of these career challenges and present some ways in which we can support the emergence of sustainable careers in smart cities.

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- Dr. Valerij Dermol, ISSBS, Slovenia, Editor-in-Chief, *International Journal of Management, Knowledge and Learning*
- Dr. Jana Hojnik, University of Primorska, Slovenia, Editor-in-Chief, *Managing Global Transitions*

SCI/SSCI Journals

- *Expert Systems with Applications* (2021 Impact Factor: 6.945)
- *Applied Sciences* (2021 Impact Factor: 2.679)
- *International Journal of Mobile Communications* (2021 Impact Factor: 1.551)
- *Technology, Pedagogy & Education* (2020 Impact Factor: 2.529)
- *Journal of Computer Information Systems* (2020 Impact Factor: 3.400)

Scopus Journals

- *Management and Production Engineering Review* (CiteScore 2020: 2.50)
- *Electronic Government, An International Journal* (CiteScore: 1.50)
- *Human Systems Management* (CiteScore 2020: 2.00)
- *Engineering Economics* (2020 Impact Factor: 1.292)
- *International Journal of Value Chain Management* (CiteScore 2020: 1.70)
- *International Journal of Management in Education* (CiteScore 2020: 1.90)
- *International Journal of Innovation and Learning* (CiteScore 2020: 1.00)
- *International Journal of Management and Enterprise Development* (CiteScore 2020: 0.90)
- *International Journal of Sustainable Economy* (CiteScore 2020: 1.10)

Other Publications

- *International Journal of Knowledge, Management and Learning*
- *Managing Global Transitions*
- *Management*
- *Scientific Bulletin of Politehnica University of Timisoara*
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Competencies for Managing the Digital Transformation: Science – Education – Business Interface

Forum Chair: Dr. Eglė Staniškienė,
Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania

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- Dr. Susana Amalia de Juana Espinosa, University of Alicante, Spain
- Dr. Mikus Dubickis, Head of Quality, RISEBA University of Applied Sciences, Latvia

Digital skills are fast becoming essential for people to navigate ordinary day-to-day activities such as using a mobile phone to transfer money to family members via digital financial services, using the Internet for remote education classes and to research, prepare and deliver coursework, and acquiring basic skills for staying safe online. In the workplace, digital skills are required for an ever-growing number of jobs, and even in traditionally manual sectors like agriculture, digital applications are beginning to make inroads, with a corresponding requirement for some level of digital literacy. Developing a digitally skilled population calls for the involvement of different institutions: universities need to undertake research and determine requirements; government institutions need to develop appropriate policies; training institutions need to deliver relevant digital skills training; and the private sector and civil society organizations need to support digital adoption and use. Exploiting digital technologies requires new competences, which need to be combined with existing competences to increase business efficiency and introduce digital innovations.

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Academic Leadership for the Sustainable Future: Academic Impact for Society, Evidence-Based Decision-Making and Leading for Transformation

Forum Chair: Dr. Rytis Krušinskas

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- Dr. Tamar Dolidze, Batumi State Maritime Academy, Georgia
- Dr. Ioseb Gabelaia, RISEBA University of Applied Sciences, Latvia

Forum Topic Abstract

The discussion will be stimulating and provoking participants to identify and to challenge past and future expectations from Academia, while trying to share personal approaches and design the next steps needed.

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Workshop on Academic Writing and Publishing

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Panelist

- Alen Ježovnik, University of Primorska Press, Slovenia

Topics

- Gaining knowledge and skills concerning the process of preparing and publishing scientific articles in prestigious scientific journals.
- Improving the skills of writing articles.
- Gaining knowledge about the review process and the publication procedure, provided by the editor of scientific journals.
- Acquiring knowledge and skills on a correct ego preparing an article that scientific.

General Program of the Workshop

- The process of writing a scientific paper.
- Structure and elements of a academic paper.
- Searching for relevant scientific journals.
- Criteria and the process of reviewing scientific articles.
- The process of proofreading and updating a paper following reviewers' remarks (or preparation of a new version of the paper after its rejection by the journal editor).

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Aleš Lukman and Tina Vukasović

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Bistra Vassileva and Hristo Rafailov

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Ioseb Gabelaia, Tamar Dolidze, and Natia Vasadze

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Socio-Economic Determinants of Implementing Job-killing Technology Innovations in Retail

Tomasz Bober

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Jukka Majava

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Bálint Jakab, Nikoletta Kaszás, and Ildikó Ernszt

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Łukasz Wiechetek and Marek Mędrak

[Presentation](#)**Which Leadership Principles Currently have the Most Appeal:
Leadership in Light of Contemporary Popular Leadership Literature**

Michael Hagemann

[Presentation](#)**Digital Transformation and Sustainability of Healthy Social Interactions:
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