

Webinar – Invitation information

Date: Tuesday 25 May, 09.00-10.30 Caracas / 13.00-14.30 UTC

Title: Thinking Higher and Beyond: Perspectives on the Futures of Higher Education to 2050

Language: English and Spanish (with simultaneous interpretation)

Via Zoom

Description:

You are invited to join this webinar to mark the launch of the new UNESCO IESALC report, *Thinking Higher and Beyond: Perspectives on the Futures of Higher Education to 2050*, and to hear from higher education experts about the futures of higher education around the world.

Thinking Higher and Beyond, being published today in English, French and Spanish, presents findings from consultations organized by UNESCO IESALC with 25 higher education experts based around the world who have extensive experience in teaching, researching and/or enacting higher education. It questions common assumptions about higher education and its contributions, in so doing creating a bold series of possibilities for different – and better – futures for higher education for all.

The report is the first phase of a multi-phased project on the Futures of Higher Education being undertaken by UNESCO IESALC during 2021. The project is being undertaken within the framework of UNESCO's Futures of Education flagship initiative, which aims to "rethink education and shape the future".

The webinar will begin with welcoming remarks by Francesc Pedró, UNESCO IESALC Director; and a representative of the Future of Learning and Innovation Team, UNESCO.

The report will be official launched by Emma Sabzalieva, UNESCO IESALC Senior Policy Analyst and the coordinator of the consultations. Following this, experts who were involved in the consultations will offer brief interventions on what the futures of higher education could look like. Speakers include: Professor Emerita Takyiwaa Manuh, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Ghana, Professor Rajani Naidoo, Director of the International Centre of Higher Education Management and UNESCO Chair in Higher Education Management, University of Bath, UK, Professor Dzulrifli (Dzul) Razak, Rector, International Islamic University Malaysia, Professor Patricia Mariella Ruiz Bravo Lopez, UNESCO Chair in Gender Equality in Higher Education, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, Perú.

After the presentations, panellists will respond to questions from the audience. At the conclusion of the webinar, audience members will be invited to download the report and to learn more about the next steps for the Futures of Higher Education project.

Agenda:

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome remarks and introduction to the Futures of Education initiative, Francesc Pedró, UNESCO IESALC Director / Future of Learning and Innovation team, UNESCO

09:15 – 09:20: Launch of the report *Thinking Higher and Beyond: Perspectives on the Futures of Higher Education to 2050*, Emma Sabzalieva, UNESCO IESALC Senior Policy Analyst

09:20 – 10:00: What could the futures of higher education look like? Brief interventions by experts involved in the UNESCO IESALC consultation. Speakers include: Professor Emerita Takyiwaa Manuh, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Ghana, Professor Rajani Naidoo, Director of the

International Centre of Higher Education Management and UNESCO Chair in Higher Education Management, University of Bath, UK, Professor Dzul Rifli (Dzul) Razak, Rector, International Islamic University Malaysia, Professor Patricia Mariella Ruiz Bravo Lopez, UNESCO Chair in Gender Equality in Higher Education, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, Perú.

10:00 – 10:25: Questions from the audience, moderated by Emma Sabzalieva and Sara Maneiro, UNESCO IESALC

10:25 – 10:30: Close and event photo