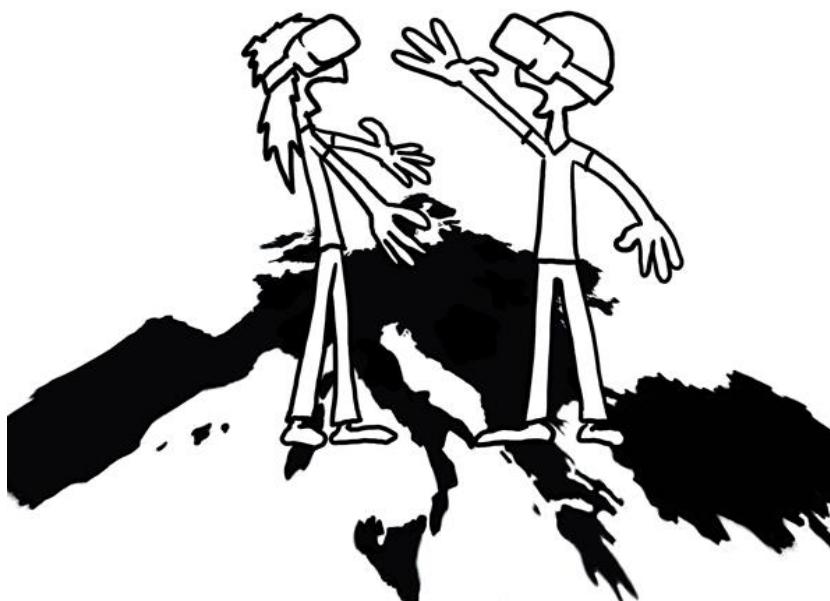


Challenges and Benefits of Learning and Teaching in Virtual Classrooms

International Conference

June 16th 2023

Venue: West University of Timisoara, Romania



The Conference ***Challenges and Benefits of Learning and Teaching in Virtual Classrooms*** is organized by the West University of Timisoara, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Department of Sociology and the Department of Education Sciences, and addresses researchers, scholars and teachers. The Conference aims to provide an international forum for the dissemination of unpublished results of theoretical, constructivist, empirical, or experimental work in the area of digitalization of education, and to debate innovative approaches, new ideas, and practical experiences of digitalized learning and teaching, which focus on practices of the teaching staff, researchers, and also VR industry professionals.

Topics of interests for submission include

Benefits of digital skills for teaching and / or learning in virtual classrooms

Teaching methods and practices for virtual classrooms

Evaluating learning outcomes using digital tools and e-learning platforms

Different degrees of virtualization – Different curricular approaches

How to overcome the challenges of teaching in exclusive virtual classrooms?

Representation, communication and collaboration across distance

Computer-based learning

VR design for learning and training in adult education

Online teaching and learning experiences from the COVID-19 pandemic

Organizers also welcome other topics of interest from the field of digital education, e-learning, virtual classrooms.

The International Conference will be organized in a hybrid form. Participants might submit papers for either face-to-face or virtual participation in the conference.

Submitted papers will have blind peer-review and peer-to-peer review. The high-quality papers will be published in a Conference Volume, at a recognized publishing house, with ISBN, in the English language. Authors are invited to submit papers presenting Best Practices of Learning, Teaching, and Assessment in Virtual Classrooms, that will also be published at the West University of Timisoara Publishing House, with ISBN, in the English language. Both volumes will be open educational resources and will be available on the website of the project (www.VRclassrooms.uvt.ro).

Authors will also be invited to submit their papers for publication to the blind peer-review Journal of Educational Sciences (<https://rse.uvt.ro/index.php?lang=en>).

Official language of the conference: English

There is no participation fee

Organizers **do not cover** the expenses for accommodation and transport.

Timisoara is an attractive cosmopolitan city, of roughly 400.000 inhabitants situated into the West Romania, in the nearby of Serbian and Hungarian borders. Access can be done by plane or train, but should not ignore the driving distance from several European Capitals: Belgrade (170km), Budapest (324km), Sofia (553km), Vienna (565km), Zagreb (674km).

Timișoara was the spark of Romanian 1989 anticommunist Revolution.

In 2023, Timișoara is one of the European Capitals of Culture.

Important details

Registration Deadline: 15th May 2023

Conference: 16th June 2023

Deadline for submitting papers: 10th July, 2023

The International Conference ***Challenges and Benefits of Learning and Teaching in Virtual Classrooms*** is organized under auspicious of the EEA Grants 2014-2021, as multiplier event of the **Bringing Real Life into Virtual Classrooms** (SEE 21-COP-0004) collaborative project, between the West University of Timișoara and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, which aims to develop innovative practical solutions for learning in virtual classrooms.

For registration please access: <https://forms.gle/NVRGUpY61qi41WHU9>

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