

**ERUA Newsletter** 

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### **ERUA Second Annual Summit**

Innovation and reform in the spirit of ERUA



On November 7-9, 2022, Université Paris 8 (Saint-Denis, France) will host the 2nd ERUA Summit, bringing together students, teachers, researchers, administrative staff, external stakeholders and policymakers to debate innovation in Higher Education, share experiences and find new ideas to shape the future of our Alliance.

Be part of the ERUA Second Annual Summit

## Innovation and reform in the spirit of ERUA Deadline for registration: October 25, 2022

For further information, please contact <a href="mailto:erua.eui@univ-paris8.fr">erua.eui@univ-paris8.fr</a> Register here <a href="https://form.jotform.com/222546462272051">https://form.jotform.com/222546462272051</a>

Program: https://erua-eui.eu/second-annual-summit/

Some of the summit events will be held in a hybrid format.

# Join our workshops on November 8 Hybrid - Online and in person

### **Workshop 1 Delivering Alternative Excellence**

This seminar/workshop will define Research excellence and how to build alternative excellence within the Alliance. It will provide an introduction to the "Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment" - Published by EUA 07/2022 and will be followed by a discussion on how to build alternative research strategies, policies, and the impacts on universities and researchers. This session would contribute to setting our goals for developing a shared scientific strategy in the long run while reinforcing our identity as reform universities.

#### Workshop 2 "Challenge and Experience your Ideas with ERUAHAUS"

The aim is to allow ERUA Students to present new ideas and actions that will help campuses, communities, societies, and regions collectively solve problems around sustainability challenges, focus on aesthetics as a "critical reflection on art, culture and nature", and bring "Euphoria" to the world.

#### Workshop 3 Who cares about responsible research - and how?

Departing from a critique of the current mainstream organisation of universities and responsible research that is extensively market-driven and potentially silencing essential knowledge, we wish to reconnect research with society and permit the inclusion of marginalised traditions in knowledge-making. We argue that an embodied care perspective (e.g. Bellacasa 2017, Gilligan 1991, Butler 1995, Tronto 1993) is a fruitful approach. We invite scientific discussants to present their views and debate with us.

#### Workshop 4 Developing joint innovative teaching initiatives

To be confirmed

#### **Workshop 5 Open Science Live Meet-Up**

After eight successful virtual instalments, the ERUA Open Science Meet-Ups go live at the November 2022 ERUA Summit in Paris! Given that this will be the first time a meet-up takes place with an on-site community, we decided to dedicate this session to ourselves: The Open Science Community. To get there, Max Heber and Goran Sekulovski will briefly introduce what the term Open Science encompasses for all those who may be new to the topic. They shall also shed light on why it is a good

idea to perform Open Science along the lines of responsible research. After that, we will look together at which different ties there are that connect us with Open Science and what that indicates about the Open Science Community (or Communities?). Finally, we will look at how we will be able to pursue individual community-related matters further in the context of the subsequent virtual meet-ups.

## Workshop 6 Intercultural Training in Higher Education: Opportunities and Limits

Intercultural competencies are becoming increasingly valuable for university students, lecturers and staff. But you don't automatically become interculturally competent - you need to engage with these issues and, above all, work and reflect on them, and it's a dynamic, ongoing process. That is why various programmes and concepts are being developed. In this workshop, we want to discuss the successes but also the limits of the measures. How can we raise awareness? What makes sense? What does good training look like? How do we create a commitment that these issues are important and need time and resources? With colleagues from different universities, we want to exchange ideas on how to develop intercultural competence and act appropriately and authentically in a multicultural context.

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### We are ERUA

**Welcome Uniwersytet SWPS!** 



We are pleased to welcome our new associated partner Uniwersytet SWPS.

We believe that as part of ERUA, we can re-imagine higher education together. Including new partners in the mission of ERUA allows us to build the future of higher education in Europe, draw new horizons and reach recent research and scientific achievements.

"By supporting the Alliance in its mission, our university will actively participate in the transformation of the European Higher Education Area, particularly through our strong profile in psychology and social sciences. Together, we will strive to create the university of the future, united in its diversity."

Dr. Wojciech Karczewski, Director of the Office for International Cooperation, SWPS University.

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In-person ERUA meeting and staff visits in Konstanz during early summer



The first day of June marked the beginning of a series of intense and productive biand multilateral ERUA meetings hosted by the University of Konstanz (UKON). A board meeting of the Konstanz-led work package "Re-imaging community" (WP 4) started the series: Members from all ERUA universities discussed how to achieve a stronger sense of belonging across the alliance's activities and the different stakeholder groups. The two-day meeting (1-2 June 2022) was the first occasion for the WP4 board members to experience this ERUA team spirit in person: during interactive on-site workshops and discussions on topics such as student support structures and mobilities as well as through joint social and cultural activities on and around campus.

## ERUA students competing and connecting at the Eurokonstantia 2022



Every year, the Eurokonstantia is a fixed annual date in the calendar of the University of Konstanz. In 2022 it took place for the fifteenth time from June 16th to June 19th, and for the first time, ERUA teams from Roskilde (volleyball) and Paris 8 (various disciplines) joined the event with a great sport spirit. The French team

dominated the international ranking in basketball, women's soccer, men's soccer and streetball.

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# RUC pedagogy setting impulses at the UKON Day of Teaching

Roskilde University (RUC) rector Professor Hanne Leth Andersen held the **Keynote speech** (in English) at the University of Konstanz (UKON) Day of teaching (*Tag der Lehre*) on 23 June 2022. Professor Michael Stürner, Vice-Rector for Teaching at UKON, invited her to present RUC's didactic model of problem-orientated project work at the event. Hanne Leth Andersen gave an overview of the historical development of the concept at RUC and worldwide, the actual implementation at Roskilde, and the theoretical and practical outcomes for students and researchers. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session with questions from the on-site audience and virtual guests.

After the keynote speech, more than 200 participants could choose from eight parallel workshops, in which further examples of innovative teaching practices were presented and discussed. UKON colleagues from the ERUA team, from the International Office and other departments organized one of them on the connection of internationalization and digital teaching formats (*Lehre international: Mit digitalen Formaten zu internationalen Lehr- und Lernerfahrungen*). In this workshop, UKON researchers from different departments, some of whom had been exploring new ways of teaching within newly created ERUA formats, shared and discussed their experiences with the workshop participants.

The day concluded with a **panel discussion** (in German). Prof. Hanne Leth Andersen (RUC) was one of the panellists alongside a representative from local politics, the president of the UKON University Council who is also part of the management team of a funding body, a UKON science professor as well as a UKON student representative. The panel critically reflected on the results of the preceding workshops.

## **ERUA Opportunities**

Next Open Science Meet-Ups: Open Access Books and Repositories

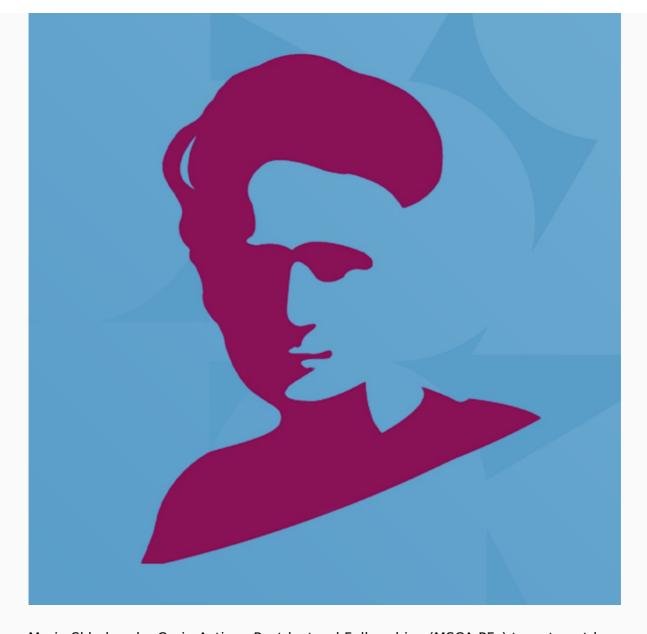


If you are interested in Open Science, this is for you. In our monthly virtual meetups, we discuss current Open Science-related matters in a casual and relaxed atmosphere on Zoom.

Keen to find out more? You can find more information on these and other sessions as well as the presentations of the previous instalments.

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Call for Participation to a workshop "Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships: How to write a competitive proposal?"



Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA PFs) target postdocs (with no more than 8 years of experience after the completion of their PhD) who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, acquire new skills, develop their careers and improve employability by gaining experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors. These postdoctoral fellowships spread excellence in research and they are based on knowledge transfer between fellows and their host(s), with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinarity and intersectoral experience. MSCA PFs allow candidates to extend their international network as well as to enhance their professional reputation as a researcher. On the other hand, hosting an MSCA Postdoctoral Fellow allows established group leaders to work with the most brilliant postdocs in their field that bring additional expertise to the research group.

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Open Call for Lecturers: Winter School: European Identities 2023



What is the Winter School "European Identities" 2023 about?

The Winter School "European Identities" is designed for 25-30 ERUA Master students who seek to learn about discourses regarding transnational concepts and perspectives on European identities. In an interdisciplinary seminar, workshops and group projects, participants will receive an overview of the historical, political, and cultural framework of European integration and discuss recent challenges European society is facing. The question of a collective European identity and how it is shaped by present developments works as a guiding thread for this Winter School.

This year's focus topic will be on (European) Migration.

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## Call for an invited speaker on Open Science in the Global South

The RE:ERUA project is looking for a speaker to share experiences and thoughts on the impact of Open Science on a region of the Global South or the sphere of the Global South as a whole. Talk time would be around 15 minutes plus discussion. The date will be in late February (February 23rd ideally), during our monthly Open Science Meet-Up. Interested colleagues are welcome to contact Everardo Reyes ereyes-garcia@univ-paris8.fr and Max Heber Maximilian.Heber@uni-konstanz.de

## Looking for a research partner?

In the framework of RE: ERUA, we are working in the test phase to build a research portal for ERUA. This will foster our research community and facilitate the exchanges among our researchers. The users may search for Scientists and Scholars involved in ERUA, scientific interests, research infrastructures and research units. We aim to develop a mapping of the Research Unit, a catalogue of the research portfolio and a list of researchers of the five universities of the alliance ERUA. If you need more information or want to participate in this project, please write to valeria.manzione02@univ-paris8.fr.

## **Upcoming events**



Interested in more events, calls, and opportunities? Keep an eye on our website for all the latest news and list of upcoming events.

Please follow this **link** for more information.

### **Past events**



Our calendar page will give you details about many past ERUA events.

Please follow this **link** for more information.

## **More ERUA opportunities**

Learn more about the range of opportunities to study, work, or volunteer in another country via ERUA's network. We help students, academic and administrative staff to compare every opportunity and then apply successfully.

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