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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN DIGITAL AGE SOCIETIES

# AGENDA

YSU, Academic  
Council Session Hall,  
1 Alek Manukyan St.

November 4-5,  
2025

10:00-10:30

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

10:30-10:45

WELCOME SPEECH

**Hovhannes Hovhannisyan**, Rector, Associate Professor, Doctor of History, Yerevan State University

**Artur Mkrtychyan**, Dean, Faculty of Sociology, Professor, Doctor of Philosophical Sciences, Yerevan State University

## section 1

**10:45-12:15**

### **INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION AND EDTECH** Moderator **Yuliana Melkumyan**

#### **keynote speech**

**Barbara Oakley, Professor, Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, USA**  
Learning Reimagined: How Neural Insights Can Revolutionize Education in the Age of AI

**10:45-11:25**

**Artashes Khurshudyan, Ph.D, Faculty of Sociology, Yerevan State University, Armenia**  
AI-Based Learning Platforms: The Neuropsychological Matrix in Intelligent Educational Systems

**11:25-11:40**

**Stella Grigorian, Ph.D, Instructional Full Professor of Department of Sociology, University of Houston, USA**  
Reflections on Online International Student Learning Collaboration

**11:40-11:55**

**11:55-12:15**

### **Q&A SESSION -DISCUSSION**

**12:15-12:30**

### **COFFEE-BREAK**

## section 2

**12:30-14:00**

### **RETHINKING RESEARCH IN DIGITAL CONTEXTS** Moderator **Arthur Atanesyan**

#### keynote speech

**Steffen Roth, Professor, Excelia Business School, Wolfson College, La Rochelle, France/ University of Cambridge, United Kingdom**  
Digital Transformation of Social Research

**12:30-13:10**

**Lars Clausen, UCL University College, Denmark, and Next Society Institute, Lithuania**  
Frozen Learning and Expeditionary Communication: Observing the Next Society from the Arctic

**13:10-13:25**

**Irena Kašparová, Ph.D., Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic**  
From Subjects to Co-Researchers: Participatory Methods in Developing an Educational Computer Game on Anti-Roma Racism

**13:25-13:40**

**13:40-14:00**

### **Q&A SESSION –DISCUSSION**

**14:00-15:00**

### **LUNCH-BREAK**

## section 3

<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b>SHAPING KNOWLEDGE IN DIGITAL SOCIETIES: SPECIAL SECTION DEVOTED TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS</b>  Moderator <b>Mira Antonyan</b>	
Representative of the RA Ministry of High-Tech Industry (TBC)		<b>15:00-15:15</b>
<b>Marine Yarmaloyan, Ph.D, Assistant Professor, Chair of Social Work and Social Technologies, Yerevan State University</b> Educating Future Social Workers in Armenia in the Digital Era: Towards a Competency-Based Approach		<b>15:15-15:30</b>
<b>Tatevik Karapetyan, Lecturer, Chair of Social Work and Social Technologies, YSU</b> Digital Technologies in Social Work Education: Opportunities and Limits in Developing Professional Thinking		<b>15:30-15:45</b>
Speech by students of the Master's Program in Social Work and Social Policy		<b>15:45-16:00</b>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Q&amp;A SESSION –DISCUSSION</b>	

END OF THE FIRST DAY

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section 4

10:30-12:00

**FUTURE-READY EDUCATION**  
Moderator **Hasmik Gevorgyan**

keynote speech

**Heike Wendt, Professor, Department of Education Research,  
University of Graz, Austria**  
Future Education in Europe: Trends in European Education Systems

**10:30-11:00**

**Zainab Nasir, Head of ICT department and I administrator, Kuwait**  
Empowering Educators: Integrating Digital Literacy into Professional  
Development for Future-Ready Education

**11:00-11:15**

**Maria Zaslavskaya, Professor, Faculty of Sociology, YSU, Armenia,  
Marina Shapiro, Ph.D., University of Stirling, UK**  
Features of Artificial intelligence (AI) Use Among University Students in  
Armenia and Scotland

**11:15-11:30**

**Lusine Hayrapetyan, Ph.D, Associate Professor, Yerevan State  
University, Armenia**  
Digital Pedagogy as a Basis for the Development of Modern Educational  
Technologies

**11:30-11:45**

11:45-12:00

**Q&A SESSION –DISCUSSION**

## section 5

<b>12:00-13:15</b>	<b>DIGITAL EDUCATION, CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC VALUES</b> Moderator <b>Artak Khachatryan</b>	
<b>Aram Vartikyan, Ph.D, Scientific Researcher of the Laboratory of Applied Sociology, YSU</b> Pixels of Privilege: “360p or 1080p” in the Digital Age		<b>12:00-12:15</b>
<b>Marina Galstyan, PhD, Center for Educational Research &amp; Consulting, Armenia</b> Rethinking Civic Education in Armenia: Youth Participation, Critical Thinking and Democratic Values in the Digital Era		<b>12:15-12:30</b>
<b>Lilit Mkrtchyan, Ph.D, Associate Professor of History, YSU</b> Digital Citizenship Education as a Core Dimension of Educational Innovation: The Armenian Experience		<b>12:30-12:45</b>
<b>Anna Sisoyan, Ph.D Student, YSU, Department of International Relations, Chair of Political Science</b> Digital Sovereignty and Education: Data Protection Challenges in Digitalized World		<b>12:45-13:00</b>
<b>13:00-13:15</b>	<b>Q&amp;A SESSION –DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>13:15-14:00</b>	<b>COFFEE-BREAK</b>	

## section 6

14:00-15:00	MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATIONS Moderator <b>Arthur Atanesyan</b>	
<b>Elena V. Morozova, Professor, Department of Public Policy and Public Administration, Kuban State University, Krasnodar, Russia</b> Rural Bloggers as A Socio-Cultural Phenomenon	<b>14:00-14:15</b>	
<b>Irina S. Miller, Ph.D, Associate Professor, Department of Journalism, Media Communications &amp; PR, Institute of International Relations, Pyatigorsk State University, Russia</b> Digital Nomads as an Obvious Political Factor and a Hypothetical Political Actor	<b>14:15-14:30</b>	
<b>Nikolay N. Miller, Ph.D., Editorial Board Member, Journal of Sociology (YSU), Pyatigorsk, Russia</b> Research in the Age of DAOs: How Emerging Technologies Could Transform the Academic Publishing Industry - But Have Not Yet	<b>14:30-14:45</b>	
14:45-15:00	Q&A SESSION -DISCUSSION	

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