



★ NETWORKING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

NECE Conference
'Us' and 'Them'
Citizenship Education in an interdependent World



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22 October, 2:30 - 4:00pm

PANEL 1:
Russia, Ukraine and 'the West': Rethinking our mental cartography?

How to motivate people to be a driver of change in societies in transition

Location: Classroom I, First Floor (Goethe-Institut Thessaloniki)

Workshop by: Dörte Grimm (Perspektive3, Germany), Olena Pravylo (Congress of Cultural Activists, Ukraine), Mandy Schulze (Perspektive3, Germany), Christine Wetzel (German Russian Exchange e.V., Germany)

The end of communism in Central-, South and Eastern Europe came along with a lot of hopes and expectations. But euphoria fades as the act of transition is becoming hard work and change does not change everything for the better for everyone. Often people in transition processes are left with a lasting feeling of loss and insecurity that provides a ground for narratives of 'others' and plurality as threat, with growing frustration and apathy. So we ask: What makes and motivates people to become a driver of change? In this workshop we will share with you the lessons we've learned. We will present you with our examples on how we got people involved to do something for their community in Germany and Ukraine today. We want to discuss them with you and invite you to share your experience with us. We – that is the network "Mapping a Generation in Transition". We united this year to investigate different experience with transition process in the countries of Central, South and Eastern Europe – aiming to find out more about under what conditions civil society activism can help to shape society in transition for the better. The network is open for organisations and activists to join!

PANEL 2:
Where now for Europe? Identity discourses and politics in times of crisis

Against the wave. Refugees in Europe

Location: Amifitron I, Ground Floor (Makedonia Palace Hotel)

Workshop by: Lenka Koprivova, Corina Ostafi, Anikó Fischer, Dea Marić, Daniel Mikecz, Airi Triisberg, Magdalen Stefańska, Lilia Kostova (alumni representatives of the Fellowship Program „Shaping Europe – Civic Education in Action“)

We aim for an interactive exchange on the current refugees crisis in Europe, by sharing experiences as active actors of citizenship education in Europe and going deeper on diverse aspects of the refugees crisis.

Free2Choose: Creating a culture of democracy – empowering youth leaders

Location: Amfitrion II, Ground Floor (Makedonia Palace Hotel)

Workshop by: Cihan Tekeli (Anne Frank House, the Netherlands)
with a presentation by Olga Terenetska (Greece)

Inspired by the story of Anne Frank, set against the background of the Holocaust, this project "Free2Chosse" aimed to raise young people's awareness of the dangers of antisemitism, racism and discrimination as well as the importance of freedom, equal rights and democracy in our societies. The partnership between the Anne Frank House (Amsterdam), the Anne Frank Zentrum (Berlin) and Ness el Fen (Tunis) brought together young people from Tunisia and Germany to promote active citizenship and social commitment in order to serve as peer educators, multipliers and youth leaders in future years. The workshop presents the project in terms of structure, methods, objective and key questions.



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Intercultural citizenship awareness and readiness

Location: Kalliope, Ground Floor (Makedonia Palace Hotel)

Workshop by: Nektaria Palaiologou, Associate Professor (School of Education, University of Western Macedonia & Hellenic Association for Intercultural Education, Greece)

In the era of increasing globalisation, awareness and readiness has become a key issue for the development of communication and intercultural dialogue. The workshop focuses on these sensitive themes and issues in the broader field of intercultural education, with emphasis on citizenship, human rights and identity. The workshop offers ideas and suggestions as well as insights that support the intercultural understanding at an international education framework.

Leaders of tolerance – education for equality in schools

Location: Erato, Ground Floor (Makedonia Palace Hotel)

Workshop by: Malina Baranowska-Janusz (Centre for Citizenship Education, Poland), Maja Dobiasz, (Center for Citizenship Education, Poland)

A presentation of good practices developed by the leaders of "Schools of Tolerance", where teachers introduce anti-discrimination approaches in their schools and local communities; verified and working methods to combat hate speech, developed by youth working in the project "Hate. I am against it"; and simple activities that are the core of the global education project "World-Class Teaching" which help participants understand the nature of ethnocentric perspective that creates a lack of tolerance. Join us for a short but intense and interactive presentation!

Media reporting/ reception and the consequences on the European crisis

Location: Clio, Ground Floor (Makedonia Palace Hotel)

Workshop by: Karl Hinterleitner (ZDF, Germany)

Stereotypes that thought to have long been overcome have enjoyed a sad revival in the wake of the Euro Crisis and its implications. The Media have played a somewhat unhelpful role in this process by joining in the blame game instead of sticking to the reporting of facts. This workshop shows the international award-winning documentary "The Greek Lie" by Karl Hinterleitner and discusses its essentials and reflects on the experiences of the participants. The goal is to raise awareness for the situation and the sensibilities of all sides and work out possible strategies that lead out of stereotyping in the press and in public life.

VoteMatch (from 2:00pm until 4:30pm)

Location: Classroom II, First Floor (Goethe-Institut Thessaloniki)

Workshop by: Pamela Brandt (Federal Agency for Civic Education, Germany), Jochum de Graaf (ProDemos, the Netherlands)

The VoteMatch Europe network meets again with around 20 partners. Our central topics for the workshop are: scientific research of voting advice application, VoteMatch as an asset for citizenship education, the development and institutionalisation of the VoteMatch network and the scheduling of the next European Elections 2019.



PANEL 3:

The 'West' and the 'Islamic World': Recent developments on both sides of the Mediterranean

Promoting 'Democratic values' in the online world: Experiences, Approaches and (Measurable) Goals

Location: Classroom III, First Floor (Goethe-Institut Thessaloniki)

Workshop by: Sindyayn Qasem (Ufuq e.V., Germany)

Hatespeech & Counterspeech – Narratives and Counternarratives – Civic education has to take up on the relevance of Social Networking and platforms of content-sharing in the process of adolescent opinion making and identity construction. But what approaches are fruitful and how can successful offline methodology be adopted to online projects? Who are potential target audiences? And is it possible to set measurable and comparable goals?

The Berlin-based project “Was Postest Du?” (“What are you posting?”) aims at engaging young Muslims with narratives of racist exclusion in social networks and empowers youngsters to express their interests and concerns. A short description of the experiences gained throughout the different stages of the project will lead the way to openly discussing questions, issues and experiences concerning online citizenship education.

Critical digital literacy and citizenship education in schools: media representation of the EU refugee crisis

Location: Classroom IV, First Floor (Goethe-Institut Thessaloniki)

Workshop by: David Hyatt (UK), Jane Mulderrig (University of Sheffield, UK)

This workshop presents a framework for critical citizenship education in schools, based on scholarship in Critical Discourse Analysis. The relevance of these critical intellectual tools is increasing in a digital age where young people have access to unprecedented amounts of information, modes of communication, and global networks of socialization. The aim is to adopt a 'hands on' approach and encourage participants to work with data comprising recent coverage of the Syrian refugee crisis in the UK news.

I am different – we are not!

Location: Classroom V, First Floor (Goethe-Institut Thessaloniki)

Workshop by: Özlim Nas (Schura Hamburg e.V., Germany), Susanne Schwarz (Leibniz University Hannover, Germany)

The workshop asks about the ‘othering’ processes in the “Islamic World” and “the West”. The focus lies on the field of societies of immigration by analysing contradictive concerns: Gender and Discrimination: “Islamic oppression versus the free Western Societies”; Religion and Politics: “the religious state versus the only political state”; Economy and Discrimination: “the economic winners versus the losers”. The workshop aims to raise awareness for societal ‘othering’ processes, enhance self-reflection of functions of discrimination in daily life and giving chances to deconstruct prejudices connected to islamophobia.