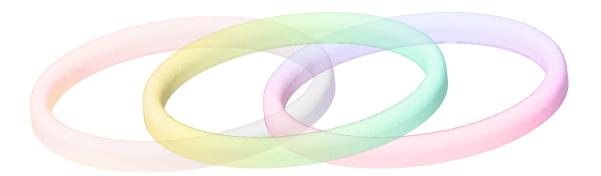
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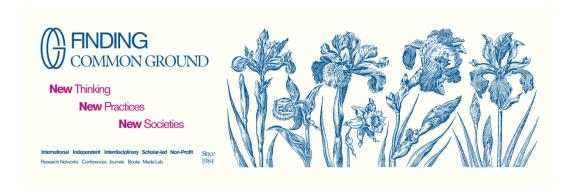
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# Welcome Letters



Dear Conference Participants,

On behalf of Common Ground Research Networks, I welcome you to the Twenty-fifth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations.

Founded in 2000, the Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations Research Network is brought together by a shared interest in human differences and diversity, and their varied manifestations in organizations, communities, and nations. We aim to traverse a broad terrain, sometimes technically and other times socially oriented, sometimes theoretical and other times practical in their perspective, and sometimes reflecting dispassionate analysis while at other times suggesting interested strategies for action. Our aim is to build an epistemic community where we can make linkages across disciplinary, geographic, and cultural boundaries.

This truly international conference brings together a diverse group of scholars, practitioners, and thought leaders from around the world. We are proud to provide a platform for exchanging ideas, and presenting research, addressing some of the pressing issues of our time.

Our conference theme, "Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity: Navigating Intercultural Leadership," reflects our commitment to exploring new frontiers in research and practice. Over the next few days, In-Person or Online, you will have the opportunity to attend keynotes, panel discussions, and other session types led by our Emerging Scholars. We encourage you to take full advantage of these sessions to gain new insights, expand your professional network, and find inspiration for your own work.

We want to thank our keynote speakers Mel Ainscow, Isabel Almeida, Christina Hadjisoteriou, José Luis Ortega Martín, Mary Kalantzis, Local Chairs Panayiotis Angelides, Christina Hadjisoteriou, presenters, and volunteers whose dedication and hard work have made this conference possible. We also thank our host partner University of Nicosia, for their generous support.

We hope you find this conference to be an intellectually stimulating and rewarding experience. Your active participation is crucial to the success of this event, and we look forward to the lively discussions and valuable connections that will emerge over the next few days.

Warm regards,

Dr. Phillip Kalantzis Cope Chief Social Scientist

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### Dear Conference Participants,

We are pleased to welcome you to the Twenty-Fifth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations, hosted in collaboration with the Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations Research Network at the University of Nicosia in Cyprus. This year's conference carries the theme "Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity: Navigating Intercultural Leadership," reflecting the contemporary challenges faced by organizations worldwide.

The focus of the conference extends from earlier perspectives in modernity where organizations, communities, and nations often chose to overlook difference or managed it through categorization, separation, or strict rules of integration. Today, there is broad recognition that difference is a social reality—an intricate blend of material conditions, physical attributes, and symbolic differences. These dimensions frequently overlap, revealing a complex backdrop of intersectional forms of identity. The overarching goal now is to acknowledge these differences, transform them into constructive avenues for inclusion, and address forms of inequity and discrimination wherever they emerge.

Our conversations will explore several areas. First, we will examine the concept of "diversity as a program of action," where awareness of difference becomes an engine for change. We will also discuss "divergence," which characterizes our modern societies and their heightened willingness for varied forms of individual expression and group identification. In the realm of globalization, we will contemplate how local differences and global connectedness can yield systems of exchange and collaboration that benefit local and international communities alike.

We will also address the "economics of diversity," considering how multiple perspectives can benefit commerce by reflecting the diverse profiles of consumers, producers, and co-creators. In the area of civic life, we will look at "governing diversity," exploring ways local and national communities respond to immigration, settlement, and other intersecting differences. Lastly, we will focus on "diverse subjectivities," noting how human personality is richly layered and never fully captured by traditional categories.

We extend our gratitude to the plenary speakers, organizing committees, and university staff who have invested their time and expertise in making this gathering possible. We look forward to your insights during the discussions and the collaborative spirit that will drive creative solutions to the challenges presented by difference. Thank you for joining us, and we wish you a productive and enriching conference.

#### Cordially,

Professor Panayiotis Angelides Chair, Twenty-Fifth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations University of Nicosia, Cyprus



## Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations **Research Network**

## Scope & Concerns



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In an earlier modernity, organizations, communities, and nations tried to ignore differences. When they could not be ignored, they were pushed over to the other side of a geographical border, or an institutional boundary, or the normative divide of 'deviance'. Difference was addressed via categorization and separation. In slightly more open moments stringent rules of conditional entry were imposed, such as assimilation or integration. In both instances, however, singular similarity was posited as the norm for a successful community.

Here is a typical catalog of dimensions of difference: material conditions (social class, locale, family); corporeal attributes (age, race, sex, sexual orientation, and physical and mental abilities); and symbolic differences (affinity and persona, culture, language, and gender – this concept capturing an amalgam of gender and sexual identification). These were the categories that marked out lines of separation or exclusion in the past.

Increasingly today, these categories have become the focus of agendas of recognition-in-difference or programs that redress historic and persisting injustice. They present themselves in our late modernity as insistent demographic realities. These differences have become living and normative realities, buttressed by an expanded conception of human rights. However, as soon as we begin to negotiate differences in good faith, we find ourselves confounded by these very categories. We discover that the gross demographic groupings used in the first instance to acknowledge differences are too simple for our needs. We find that we are instead dealing with an inexhaustible range of intersectional possibilities – where gender and race and class meet, for instance. We face real-world specificities that artificially align people who would formally seem to fit within the ostensible categorical norm.

In fact, if you take on any one of the categories, you will find that the variation within that group is greater than the average variation between groups. There are no straightforward norms. Rather, you find yourself in the presence of differences which can only be grasped at a level that defies categorization: different life narratives (experiences, places of belonging, networks), different personae (attachments, orientations, interests, stances, values, worldviews, dispositions, sensibilities); and different styles (aesthetic, epistemological, learning, discursive, interpersonal).

The gross demographics might tell of larger historical forces, groupings, and movements. But they don't tell enough to provide a sufficiently subtle heuristic or guide for our everyday interactions. The gross demographic categories also find themselves in lists which, in times so sensitive to difference, all-too-often come to sound like a glib litany.

## Diversity as a Program of Action

Diversity' is a program of action where 'difference' becomes the basis of social projects aimed at inclusion. This is where 'difference', the insistent reality, becomes 'diversity' the agent of change. Many historical and contemporary responses to 'difference' are hardly worthy of the name 'diversity'-racism, discrimination, and systematic inequity. As a normative agenda and social program, diversity stands in contradistinction to systems of exclusion, separation, or assimilation.

## Scope & Concerns



And another distinction. 'Difference' is a found social object. 'Diversity' is the mode of recognition of that object. 'Divergence' describes a dynamic peculiar to some social contexts, such as the societies of 'first peoples' and the just-now unfolding phase of modernity. These are places where there is an endogenous, systematic, active, and continuous tendency for individual social agents and groups to differentiate themselves. This is in direct contrast to the earlier modern societies where homogenization was the norm, or at best tokenistic recognition of differences. We live today in a time affording greater scope for agency, and this allows us to make ourselves more different. And because we can, we do. Take for instance the rainbow of gender identifications and expressions of sexuality in the newly plastic body; or the shades of ethnic identity and the juxtapositions of identity which challenge our inherited conceptions of neighborhood; or the locale that highlights its peculiarities to tourists; or the panoply of identities supported by the new, participatory media; or the bewildering range of products anticipating any number of consumer identities and product reconfigurations by consumers themselves.

## Globalization and Diversity

The normative agenda of diversity has become all the more pressing as we enter a moment we might call 'total globalization'. This is the moment when the global becomes a primary domain of action and representation of commerce, governance, and personality. There have been other moments of globalization, to be sure. First, there was a moment when gathering and hunting societies came to live across and speak about most of the earth's habitable lands. Then came a moment of farming, writing, and the formation of societies on four continents so unequal that their rulers could afford to order buildings substantial enough to leave the ruins of 'civilization'. Later, there was modern imperialism, industrialism, and nationalism. Then now, is this a new moment?

If there is a new moment, it is one on which there is no place that cannot be reached in person by modern transport, in conversation through modern communications, in representation through modern media, or by-products and services through modern markets. And because they can be reached, almost invariably they are reached. The incipient fact of total globalization brings with it a normative agenda for diversity: the agenda of globalism.

Today's agendas of difference, diversity, divergence, and globalization play themselves itself through in the heartlands of the emerging world order—the heartlands of commerce, governance, and personality. Here we find paradoxes at play across the world of differences: the paradox of convergence which fosters divergence and the paradox of universalization which accentuates difference.

## **Economics of Diversity**

In the domain of production, distribution and exchange, diverse labor forces work in organizations that increasingly defy national borders and strive to take their capital and commodities to the ends of the earth. Far from the founding logic of industrialism (mass production, mass markets, the lowest common denominator logic of deskilled workforces and one-size-fits-all view of consumers), the new commerce talks of mass customization, complementarities amongst the persons on diverse teams, catering to niche markets and staying close to customers in all their variability.

We could go so far as to claim that a new systems logic might be emerging in this, a kind of 'productive diversity'. To make such a claim would be to go way beyond, or even dispense with, regimes of affirmative action and demographically defined regulatory compliance. It would also be to set an equity agenda for productive life, in which even minimalist approaches to diversity and incremental approaches to inequality are, as a general rule, an improvement on unreflective discrimination.

## Scope & Concerns



## Governing Diversity

In the realm of civic life, local and national communities daily negotiate the differences resulting from immigration, refugee movement, settlement, and indigenous claims to prior ownership and sovereignty. At the same time, communities increasingly recognize and negotiate a plethora of other intersecting and sometimes contrary differences. Going beyond multiculturalism at the local and national level, it may be possible in this moment to create a kind of 'civic pluralism', a new way of living in community based on multiple layers of sovereignty and multiple citizenship. Not only does this transcend the old civic—the nation—state of more or less interchangeable identical individuals and its legitimating rhetoric of nationalism. It also promises to move beyond trivializing and marginalizing forms of multiculturalism, and to address afresh the nature and forms of 'human rights'.

## Diverse Subjectivities

Difference sits deep in our consciousness, our epistemologies, our subjectivities, and our means of production of meaning. No longer can we assume there to be a universal personality, either normal or deviant but remediable. What is universal today is a humanity of personalities in the plural (the full range of our differences) and in the multiple (the layered complexity of the differences within us). Every individual is a unique intersection of attributes whose nature and source may be ascribed to groups and socialization. This bit of gender, that bit of race, the other bit of socio-economic group—this is the stuff of our personalities in the plural and the multiple. Together, these manifest themselves as the complexity of our dispositions, our sensibilities, our identities.

## Themes & Tensions



## Identity and Belonging

Making sense of individuals, communities, and societies

#### **Living Tensions:**

- Dimensions of Individual Differences Ethnicity, Gender, Race, Socio-Economic, Indigenous, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Disability
- Historical Meaning Cultural History, Oral History, and Cultural Renaissances
- Dynamics of Diversity Inclusion, Exclusion, Assimilation, Integration, Pluralism
- Exclusionary 'isms' Racism, Sexism, Heterosexism, Ageism, Ableism, Nationalism, Capitalism
- The '-isms' with Agendas: Feminism, Anti-Racism, Multiculturalism
- Who Counts? Social Justice, Injustice, and Redress
- Media Representations Authenticity and Stereotypes

## Education and Learning Worlds of Differences

Teaching and learning difference

#### **Living Tensions:**

- Inclusive Education Dimensions of Individual Differences in Learning
- Educational Policies and Practices Curricular and Instructional Frameworks for Diversity
- Ethics in Education Participation, Inclusion, and Difference
- Educating Teachers The Role of Institutions, Administrators, and Community Members
- Power of Contexts Language Diversity and Learning New Languages
- In Situ Learning Service or Experiential Learning and Intercultural Understanding
- Global Frames Multicultural, cross-cultural, international, and global education

## Organizational Diversity

Building, sustaining, and valuing diversity in organizations

#### **Living Tensions:**

- Planning for Diversity Inclusive Employment Policies and Practices
- Beyond Legislative and Regulatory Compliance Disabilities, Workplace Harassment, Discrimination
- Designing Spaces Access and Accommodation of Diverse Meeds
- Cultural Mediation Negotiating Assumptions and Practical Outcomes
- Markets and Diversity Niche markets, Customization, and Service Values
- Leveling the Playing Field Global Economics, Fair Trade, Outsourcing, and Equal Opportunity

#### Community Diversity and Governance

The processes of governance and democracy in diverse communities

#### **Living Tensions:**

- Democracy and Diversity Questions of Representation and Voice
- Defining Necessities and Ensuring Access Housing, Medicine, Food, Water
- Considering Fames of Justice Human Rights, Civil Rights, and the Law
- Mainstreaming or Integration Services Based on Unique Cultural Identities
- Politics of Community Leadership Challenges for Local Government
- Capacity Development Self, Governance, and Local Sovereignty
- Intercultural Relations Tourism, Travel, Exchanges, Missions

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Dr. Arvanitis lived for a decade in Australia gaining valuable experience in multicultural education and ethnic language maintenance policies. Her PhD research involved an in-depth analysis of teaching practices and educational policies in Australia in the late 1990s with particular emphasis on Greek language classes and after-hours schools in Victoria. During 2001-2004, she was coordinator of the Greek Language and Cultural Studies Program (BA International Studies) at the School of International and Community Studies, RMIT University and the Manager of the Australian-Greek Resource and Learning Center at RMIT University, Melbourne.

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We take research integrity seriously, following standards and best practices established by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). We're also active members of key industry associations: Association of American Publishers, Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers, The Society for Scholarly Publishing, and Crossref.

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Twenty-fifth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations



## Panayiotis Angelides

Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs, Professor, University of Nicosia, Cyprus



Panayiotis Angelides is professor and the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs at the University of Nicosia, Cyprus. He is also the Director of the Unesco Chair with the theme of Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue for a Culture of Peace. His research interests are focused on finding links between inclusive education, teacher development and school improvement. A particular feature of this research is to develop collaborative approaches that have a direct and immediate impact on teachers' practice. He is an experienced researcher with involvement in many local and international projects. His latest book is entitled Pedagogies of inclusion.

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#### Past Conferences

- 2000 University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
- 2001 Deakin University, Woolstores Campus, Geelong, Australia
- 2003 East-West Center, University of Hawai'i's Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2004 University of California, Los Angeles, California, USA
- 2005 The Central Institute of Ethnic Administrators, Beijing, China
- 2006 New Orleans, USA
- 2007 VU University Amsterdam, Holland
- 2008 HEC Montreal, Montreal, Canada
- 2009 Riga International School of Economics and Business Administration, Riga, Latvia
- 2010 Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, UK
- 2011 University of the Western Cape, South Africa
- 2012 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- 2013 Charles Darwin University, Darwin, Australia
- 2014 Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria
- 2015 University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China
- 2016 The University of Granada, Granada, Spain
- 2017 University of Toronto, Chestnut Conference Centre, Toronto, Canada
- 2018 University of Texas at Austin, Austin, USA
- · 2019 University of Patras, Patras, Greece
- 2020 University of Milan, Milan, Italy (Virtual)
- 2021 University of Curação Willemstad, Curação (Virtual)
- 2022 University of Curação Willemstad, Curação
- 2023 Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada
- 2024 Lusiada University, Lisbon, Portugal





## Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity: Navigating Intercultural Leadership

The contemporary global landscape is characterized by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity (VUCA). In such an intricate milieu, intercultural leadership has become increasingly paramount in fostering collaboration and understanding across diverse communities. The conference "Challenges and Prospects of Intercultural Leadership in a VUCA World" brings together experts, scholars, and practitioners from various disciplines to explore the intricacies and potential of intercultural leadership in this ever-evolving context.

This conference aims to shed light on the challenges that leaders encounter when navigating cultural differences and identify prospects for creating more inclusive and effective leadership strategies. Intercultural leadership, which emphasizes empathy, cultural intelligence, and adaptability, can mitigate conflicts and misunderstandings that arise from cultural disparities.

The conference will delve into the impact of VUCA on leadership paradigms, examining how globalization, technological advancements, and geopolitical shifts further complicate the interplay between cultures. Participants will also analyze intercultural leadership case studies and success stories in diverse industries, illuminating best practices and practical approaches.

Discussions will center on empowering leaders to embrace diversity, harness cultural nuances, and foster an inclusive environment that capitalizes on the strengths of a multicultural workforce. Through workshops and interactive sessions, attendees will gain insights, tools, and frameworks to overcome intercultural challenges, leading to more cohesive and adaptive organizations in an ever-changing world.

In conclusion, the conference endeavors to stimulate innovative ideas and collaborations, fostering a collective understanding of the significance of intercultural leadership in addressing the VUCA complexities of the modern era. By synergizing expertise from diverse perspectives, participants will contribute to shaping more resilient and visionary leadership models fit for the challenges and prospects of a VUCA world.





















Mary Kalantzis
Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA



#### "Rethinking, Redefining, and Reinvigorating the Idea of Diversity"

Mary Kalantzis was dean of the College of Education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, United States from 2006 to 2016. Before this, she was dean of the Faculty of Education, Language and Community Services at RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia, and president of the Australian Council of Deans of Education. With Bill Cope, she has co-authored or co-edited: New Learning: Elements of a Science of Education, Cambridge University Press, 2008 (2nd edition, 2012); Ubiquitous Learning, University of Illinois Press, 2009; Towards a Semantic Web: Connecting Knowledge in Academic Research, Elsevier, 2009; Literacies, Cambridge University Press 2012 (2nd edition, 2016); A Pedagogy of Multiliteracies, Palgrave, 2016; and e-Learning Ecologies, Routledge, 2016.

## 11 June - 9:30 (GMT+02:00) Cyprus time zone

**Mel Ainscow**Emeritus Professor, University of Manchester, UK



## "Promoting Inclusion and Equity in Education: Lessons from International Experiences"

Mel Ainscow is Emeritus Professor, University of Manchester, Professor of Education, University of Glasgow, and Adjunct Professor at Queensland University of Technology. A long-term consultant to UNESCO, he is internationally recognized as an authority on the promotion of inclusion and equity in education. He recently led the development of a series of policy documents for UNESCO, including its 'Guide for Ensuring Inclusion and Equity in Education'. Mel's work is focused on developing greater understandings regarding how inclusion and equity can be fostered within education systems. His overall approach involves working with policy-makers and practitioners, using research findings and processes to identify and address barriers facing learners. In this way, the aim is to make direct contributions to improvements in the field, whilst, at the same time, drawing lessons that have wider implications. Mel has recently completed collaborative research projects with networks of schools in Australia, Latin America and five European countries. His latest book, Developing Inclusive Schools: Pathways to Success, was published by Routledge in April 2024.

13 June - 10:00 (GMT+02:00) Cyprus time zone



#### Juan Pavón Mestras

Full Professor, University Complutense of Madrid, Spain



#### "Diversidad en la Investigación e Innovación Responsables: El Caso de la IA"

Juan Pavón holds a PhD degree in Computer Science from Universidad Politécnica Madrid (1988). From 1987 to 1997 he was working in R&D departments of Alcatel in Spain, France and Belgium, and in Bellcore (USA), especially in the development of distributed systems and their application to multimedia services on broadband networks and mobile systems. Currently he is Full Professor at Universidad Complutense Madrid, where he leads the GRASIA research group and the Institute for Knowledge Technology. His main areas of interest focus on the application of Artificial Intelligence in multidisciplinary projects with social value, such as assistive technologies, health monitoring, ambient assisted living, smart cities, education, legaltech, computational creativity, and tools to support Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI).

### 12 June - 10:45 (GMT+02:00) Chipre

## **José Luis Ortega Martín**Full Professor, University of Granada, Spain



#### "La atención a la diversidad en el sistema educativo en España"

José Luis Ortega is a Full Professor in the Department of Language and Literature Teaching at the University of Granada. Extraordinary Doctorate Award and Teaching Excellence Award by the University of Granada in 2018, from 2004 to 2008 he was Vice-Dean of International Relations and has held other positions such as director of the Secretariat of Teacher Training and Quality Support. He has been president of more than twenty international conferences in different countries and is a member of the scientific committee of several academic journals. Dr. Ortega has taught at numerous European and American universities. He is the author of more than one hundred academic publications, including books, chapters and articles in peer-reviewed journals on bilingualism, TEFL, teacher training, classroom management and student motivation. Professor Ortega has recently directed a national project in Spain on bilingualism funded by the British Council and the Spanish Ministry of Education and has coordinated for six years the Master for the Teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language at the UGR and continues to coordinate the English section of the Master in Teacher Training for Secondary, Vocational Training and EOI. In addition, Prof. Ortega has supervised 14 doctoral theses and has 3 research and 1 transfer recognitions given by the Ministry of Universities in Spain. He is the Head of the HUM-1011 Research Group (Teaching of Foreign Languages).

11 June - 11:50 (GMT+02:00) Chipre

## Plenary Speakers



## Christina Hadjisoteriou

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Each year a small number of **Emerging Scholar Awards** are given to outstanding early-career scholars or graduate students. Here are our 2025 Emerging Scholar Award Winners.

Ariadni Kouzeli

**Betcy Jose** University of Colorado Denver, USA



**Crystallee Crain**Simmons University, USA



**Fatimah Adesanya** Sheffield Hallam University, UK



**Maria R. Mondala-Duncan** Marymount University, USA

Efthymiou Vasiliki

University of Patras, Greece



**Nayoung Ahn** Bournemouth University, UK



Lenilda Soraia dos Reis Rodrigues Duarte Brito Universidade de Santiago/ISCTE - IUL, Republic of Cabo Verde



Patricia Grillet
University of Hawaii, USA



## **Emerging Scholars**



**Olea Roy** Independent Researcher, India



**Yu Chieh Wu** University of Hawaii, USA



## Special Events



## **Online** Welcome and Training Session

Join other delegates for a pre-conference welcome reception and training session. This special event will walk you through the CGScholar Event Mircosite so you have a rich online experience by learning how to comment and participate online. It will also teach delegates how to update their profile and Presenter Pages in order to add digital media: video, sound, other files. This will be held "live" via Zoom.

10 June 2025, 6pm (Nicosia time zone UPT+2)

## **Online** Talking Circle

Talking Circles are a distinctive feature of our in-person conference, and this year we are also taking them online. Talking Circles offer an opportunity to meet other delegates face-to-face, and engage in extended discussion about the issues and concerns they feel are of utmost importance to that segment of the Research Network. Participation is open, encouraged, and supported.

12 June 2025, 6pm (Nicosia time zone UPT+2)

## Pre-Conference Tour: Nicosia Walking Tour - 10 June 2025

Blended conference delegates are invited to join us for a 2 and a half hour walking tour in Nicosia with a knowledgeable guide visiting:

- Eleftheria Square
- Laiki Yeitonia
- · Tripiotis church
- Ledra observatory museum
- Faneromeni church
- Ledra street check point

Please note: Please bring your passport.

**Date**: 10 June, 2025 **Time**: 16:00 PM

Meeting point: Eleftheria Square (At the Post Office door)

## Special Events



## in-Person: Conference Dinner: Topika Meze Bar - 12 June 2025

From the restaurant: "TOΠΙΚΑ Meze Bar is a cozy restaurant in the heart of Nicosia where we focus on amazing food and great wines from Cyprus and Eastern Mediterranean region. We also offer unique and exciting cocktails with local flavours."

Dinner will start with some starters to share. As a main course, guests can select between meat/fish or vegan option, (please select the option upon booking). The meal will conclude with dessert. Wine and non-alcoholic beverages are included..

**Date**:Thursday 12th June **Time**: 8 PM (20:00)

Location: Topika Meze Bar, Eiffel Tower, Christodoulou Sozou 2, Nicosia 1096

## In-Person: Closing Session and Award Ceremony - 13 June 2025

Come join the Local Hosts and your fellow delegates for the Award Ceremony, where there will be special recognition given to those who have helped at the conference as well as announcements for next year's conference.

The ceremony will be held at the conference venue, directly following the last session of the day.

Date: Friday, 13th June 2025

Time: After the Conference Closing and Award Ceremony

## **Event Microsite User Guide**



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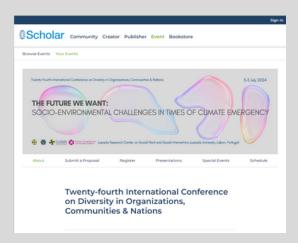
Everywhere you see an <u>underlined</u> term look to the Scholar Meanings box at bottom of page for more detailed intromation.

**CGScholar Meanings** 

## Access

## Navigate to your Microsite ...

The **Event Microsite** in CGScholar will be your hub for navigating the conference. If you are an In-Person Blended delegate it's where you'll view the schedule, find your way around the venue, and engage with digital media and online discussion boards. If you are Online Only it is where you'll view the schedule, find live sessions, and engage with asynchronous digital media and online discussion boards.



Visit: https://cgscholar.com/cg\_event/events/D24en/about

## Access

## Make sure you are Signed-In....

Before starting any session in the <u>Event Microsite</u> ensure you are **Signed-In**. If you are not <u>Registered</u> you'll be prompted to do so.



#### **CGScholar Meanings**

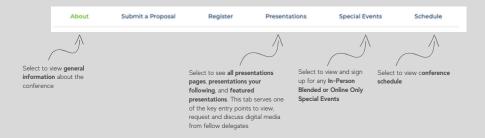
**Event Microsite:** The CGScholar Event Microsite is your 'hub' for the online portion of the conference. It is where you will find your Presenter Page, sign up for special events, and view the Event Schedule.

Registered: Registering for the conference will give you access to the conference content. You can register for the conference under the 'Registration' tab on the CGScholar Event Microsite.

## Navigate Fro

## From the Landing Page ...

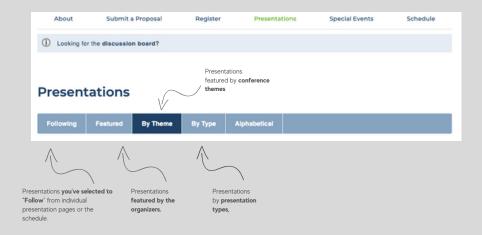
The main URL for the Microsite will take you to the **Landing Page**. For both <u>In-Person Blended</u> and <u>Online Only</u> this top-level navigation will be the entry points for all actions, content, and social activity.



## Navigate

## From the **Presentations** Tab ...

The **Presentations** tab is the entry point to view all <u>In-Person Blended</u> and <u>Online Only Presentation Pages</u>. The sub-navigation offers different ways of viewing the lists of presentations.



#### **CGScholar Meanings**

In-Person Blended: An In-Person Blended delegate is one who has registered to participate in-person at the conference venue, and online.

Online Only: An Online Only delegate is one who will only participate in the conference online.

**Presentation Pages:** A Presentation Page is a unique page for each presentation. If you are presenting at the conference, you can edit and upload your digital media to your Presentation Page. You can also view other delegates Presentation Pages.

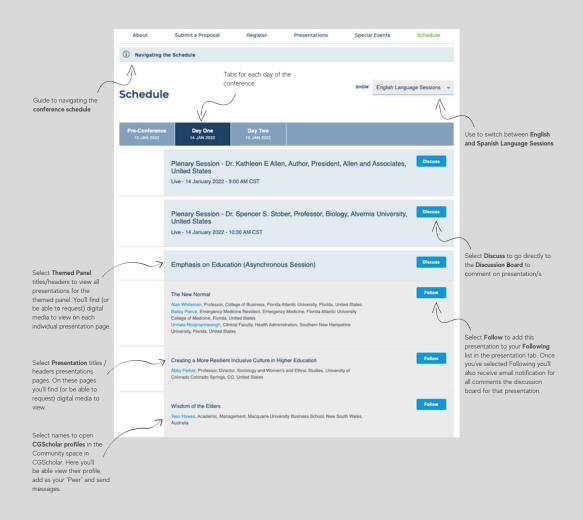
Featured: A Featured session is one which is highlighted by the conference organizers or local hosts. In most cases, these are the Emerging Scholars Presentation Pages, but can also include Advisory Board sessions, Plenary Sessions and other notable sessions.

**Theme:** Each Research Network has a number of themes that are consistent from year to year. There is also a Special Focus theme that is unique to each conference year.

Type: Presentation type is how you will present. This can be a Themed Paper Presentation, or a Poster session or a Workshop.

## Navigate From the Schedule Tab ...

The Schedule tab is the entry point to the program for all In-Person Blended and Online Only delegates. In-Person Blended tabs will be marked with dates and times. Online Only content is asynchronous, unless marked with date and time.



#### **CGScholar Meanings**

Asynchronous: Asynchronous content are presentations which are Online Only, and are not dependent on a date and time for presentation, but a Digital Media upload.

English and Spanish Language Sessions: Under this drop down, you can 'flip' between sessions in English, or sessions in Spanish.

Themed Panel: A Themed Panel is a grouping of three or four Themed Paper Presentations according to theme and topic. Each Themed Panel has its own discussion board, and title.

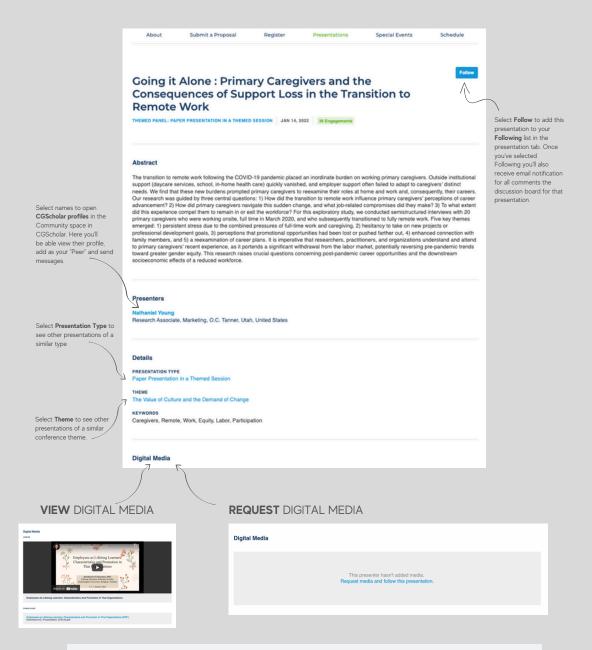
CGScholar Profile Page: Each CGScholar user has their own profile page with headshot, bio and educational information.

Community: The Research Network Community page is where you will find the latest Updates and information about what is happening in the Research

Discuss / Discussion Boards: The discuss button will take you to the discussion board for that session (Plenary Session or Themed Panel, for example). Here you can pose questions, comment on Digital Media and engage with other delegates.

## Navigate From a Presentation Page ...

Each presenter is given a personal Presenter Page. On Presenter Pages you can read the Abstract, view or request Digital Media, or Follow the presentation. You can also follow link breadcrumbs to other presentations in the same Theme or Presentation Type.



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Digital Media: Digital Media is the asynchronous method for delegates to view your presentation. Digital media can be an embedded video, a PowerPoint with audio, a PDF or an mp4 file.

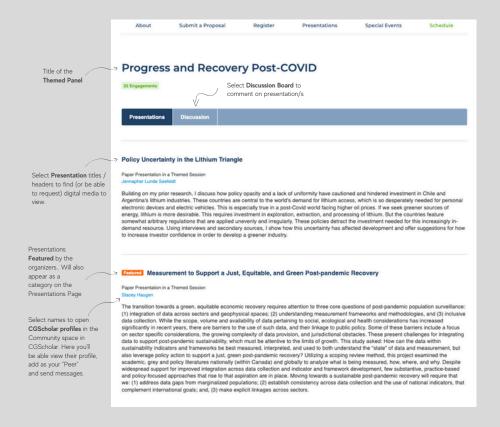
Request Digital Media: If a delegate has not uploaded their Digital Media to their Presentation Page, you can request that digital media by clicking the link. The delegate will then receive an email reminding them to upload their Digital Media, and you will automatically 'follow' that session

Follow: You can follow sessions that are of interest to you so you can go back to them easily, and view the discussion boards. You can access your 'followed' presentations in the Follow tab of the CGScholar Event Microsite.

## Navigate

### From a **Themed Panel** ...

The majority of the conference sessions are <u>themed paper presentations</u>. Our programing team groups individual presentations into **Themed Panels**. You access these themed panels via the Schedule tab in the Microsite. To view or request Digital Media from a Presenter click on their individual tiles. To view a delegates <u>CGScholar profile</u> and/or add them as <u>Peer</u> click on their name.



#### **CGScholar Meanings**

**Themed Paper Presentations:** A Themed Paper Presentation is a 20 minute presentation (either In Person Blended or Online Only). Each Themed Panel has a discussion board for questions and comments.

CGScholar Profile: Your CGScholar Profile is a delegate's profile page. It is where you can learn further about that delegate such as current affiliation, past experience and education.

Peer: When you add a colleague as a Peer you will be able to view their CGScholar Profile and interact with them in the CGScholar platform.

## Engage Follow Presentations ...

When you see a **Follow** button you can add this presentation to your Following list in the Presentation tab. Once you've selected **Follow** you'll also receive email notifications for all comments the discussion board for that presentation.

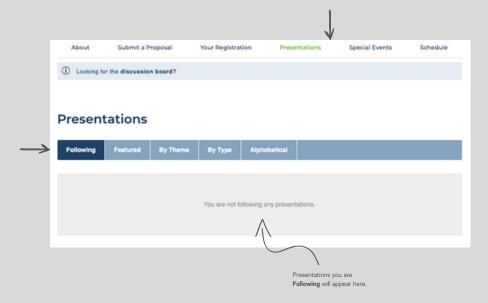
#### **FOLLOW FROM A PRESENTATION PAGE**



#### **FOLLOW FROM A SCHEDULE**



#### PRESENTATIONS YOU ARE FOLLOWING



## Engage

## **Comment** in Discussion Boards ...

**Discussion Boards** are your space to engage with the presenters and other audience members. Discussion Boards open the day before the conference and close two days after. We encourage all delegates -- In-Person Blended and Online Only -- to use these Discussion Boards to leave questions and comments for speakers. And do this in an asynchronous manner -- in other words leave a question at any time and the user, the'll get and email when you do.

#### NAVIGATE TO TO **DISCUSSION BOARDS** FROM SCHEDULE



#### NAVIGATE TO TO **DISCUSSION BOARDS** FROM PRESENTER PAGE



#### COMMENTING IN A DISCUSSION BOARD



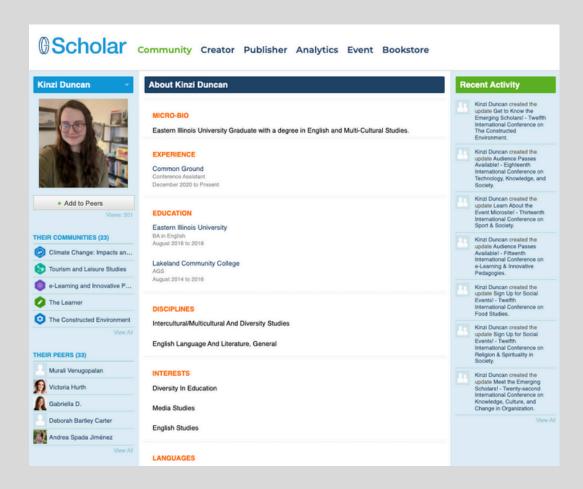
# Engage With the Community ...

The Event Microsite is only one space in **CGScholar**. Our general social space is called **Community**. Your Research Network has its own Community page where you'll find the latest updates and news from the community members.



## Engage Add Peers ...

Within Community are individual CGScholar Profile Pages. Here you can view a person's bio, send them a private message, and add them as a **Peer.** 



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Founded in 1984, Common Ground is committed to building new kinds of knowledge communities, innovative in their media, and forward-thinking in their messages. Heritage knowledge systems are characterized by vertical separations—of discipline, professional association, institution, and country. Common Ground Research Networks takes some of the pivotal challenges of our time and curates research networks that cut horizontally across legacy knowledge structures. Sustainability, diversity, learning, the future of humanities, the nature of interdisciplinarity, the place of the arts in society, technology's connections with knowledge—these are deeply important questions of our time that require interdisciplinary thinking, global conversations, and cross—institutional intellectual collaborations

Common Ground Research Networks are meeting places for people, ideas, and dialogue. However, the strength of ideas does not come from finding common denominators. Rather, the power and resilience of these ideas is that they are presented and tested in a shared space where differences can meet and safely connect--differences of perspective, experience, knowledge base, methodology, geographical or cultural origins, and institutional affiliation. These are the kinds of vigorous and sympathetic academic milieus in which the most productive deliberations about the future can be held. We strive to create places of intellectual interaction and imagination that our future deserves.

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The Common Ground Media Lab is the research and technology arm of Common Ground Research Networks. Common Ground Research Networks has been researching knowledge ecologies and building scholarly communication technologies since 1984.

Since 2009, we have had the fortune of being based in the University of Illinois Research Park while building our latest platform - CGScholar. This is a suite of apps based on the theoretical work of world-renowned scholars from the College of Education and Department of Computer Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. CGScholar has been built with the support of funding from the US Department of Education, Illinois Ventures, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The CGScholar platform is being used today by knowledge workers as diverse as: faculty in universities to deliver elearning experiences; innovative schools wishing to challenge the ways learning and assessment have traditionally worked; and government and non-government organizations connecting local knowledge and experience to wider policy objectives and measurable outcomes. Each of these use cases illustrates the differing of knowledge that CGScholar serves while also opening spaces for new and emerging voices in the world of scholarly communication.

We aim to synthesize these use cases to build a platform that can become a trusted marketplace for knowledge work, one that rigorously democratizes the process of knowledge-making, rewards participants, and offers a secure basis for the sustainable creation and distribution of digital knowledge artifacts.

Our premise has been that media platforms-pre-digital and now also digital-have often not been designed to structure and facilitate a rigorous, democratic, and a sustainable knowledge economy. The Common Ground Media Lab seeks to leverage our own platform - CGScholar - to explore alternatives based on extended dialogue, reflexive feedback, and formal knowledge ontologies. We are developing Al-informed measures of knowledge artifacts, knowledge actors, and digital knowledge communities. We aim to build a trusted marketplace for knowledge work, that rewards participants and sustains knowledge production.

With 27,000 published works and 200,000 users, we have come a long way since our first web app twenty years ago. But we still only see this as the beginning.

As a not-for-profit, we are fundamentally guided by mission: to support the building of better societies and informed citizenries through rigorous and inclusive social knowledge practices, offering in-person and online scholarly communication spaces

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# CLIMATE NOW NEUTRAL NOW

Climate change is one of the most pressing problems facing our world today. It is in the interests of everyone that we engage in systemic change that averts climate catastrophe. At Common Ground Research Networks, we are committed to playing our part as an agent of transformation, promoting awareness, and making every attempt to lead by example. Our Climate Change: Impacts and Responses Research Network has been a forum for sharing critical findings and engaging scientific, theoretical, and practical issues that are raised by the realities of climate change. We've been a part of global policy debates as official observers at COP26 in Glasgow. And we are signatories of the United Nations Sustainability Publishers Compact and the United Nations Climate Neutral Now Initiative.

#### Measuring

In 2022 we start the process of tracking and measuring emissions for all aspects of what we do. The aim is to build a comprehensive picture of our baselines to identify areas where emissions can be reduced and construct a long-term plan of action based on the GHG Emissions Calculation Tool and standard established by the United Nations Climate Neutral Now Initiative

#### Reducing

At the same time, we are not waiting to act. Here are some of the "low hanging fruit" initiatives we are moving on immediately: all conference programs from print to electronic-only; removing single-use cups and offering reusable bottles at all our conferences; working closely with all vendors, suppliers, and distributors on how we can work together to reduce waste; offering robust online options as a pathway to minimize travel. And this is only a small sample of what we'll be doing in the short term.

#### Contributing

As we work towards establishing and setting net-zero targets by 2050, as enshrined in the Paris Agreement and United Nations Climate Neutral Now Initiative, and to make further inroads in mitigating our impacts today, we are participating in the United Nations Carbon Offset program. As we see climate change as having broad social, economic, and political consequences, we are investing in the following projects.

- Fiji Nadarivatu Hydropower Project
- DelAgua Public Health Program in Eastern Africa
- · Jangi Wind Farm in Gujarat

#### Long Term Goals

We're committing to long-term science-based net-zero targets for our operations - and we believe we can do this much sooner than 2050. We'll be reporting annually via The Climate Neutral Now reporting mechanism to transparently communicate how we are meeting our commitments to climate action.