

## UPDATES ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE IRG SYMPOSIUM

1. **Title:** *“Preparing for the COVID-19 World: Challenges and Opportunities in Community, Governance, and Education”*
2. **Dates:** 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022
3. **Venue:** Catholic Institute of Paris, Paris, France
4. **Modality:** hybrid mode both on-site and online
5. **Working language:** English
6. **Symposium structure:**

Monday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> 2022		Tuesday, February 15 <sup>th</sup> 2022	
9h00-9h30	<b>Reception of participants</b>		
10h00-10h30	<b>Words of welcome</b>	<b>10h00-12h30</b>	<b>Session III – Which Challenges and Opportunities in Education?</b>
<b>10h30-12h30</b>	<b>Session I – COVID-19 Effects on Community and the Social Fabric</b>		Introduction and moderation by the Chairperson of the session
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12h30-15h00	<i>Lunch</i>	12h30-15h00	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>15h00-17h30</b>	<b>Session II – Governance &amp; Democracy: The Challenge of the Balance between Efficiency and Inclusiveness</b>	<b>15h00-16h00</b>	<b>Session IV – Critical Recap, lessons learned, future challenges, future research avenues (exact title TBD)</b>
	Introduction and moderation by the Chairperson of the session		Introduction and moderation by the Chairperson of the session
	Intervention by 3 panelists (12’ each)		Intervention by the 3 rapporteurs (12’ each)
Questions, comments			Questions, comments
		<b>16h00</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>

## 7. **Symposium dynamics:**

- A Chairperson will be appointed to each of the 3 thematic sessions. The Chairperson will be a member of one of the IRGs. The Chairperson will introduce the panelists and will animate the panel by highlighting salient points, convergences, etc. during the session. Chairpersons should be in Paris to attend the event in person.
- Each panel will be composed of 3 panelists from the IRGs. The composition of the panels should be balanced in terms of geographical representation and IRG affiliation; in other words, a panel should be ideally made up of panelists coming from different IRGs and different regions (or at least countries). An effort should be made not to have exclusively European panelists in the symposium. Each panelist will have a maximum of twelve minutes to make his/her presentation. Panelists should be attending the event in person.
- At the end of all the sessions there will be time for questions and comments. Depending on whether participants are in Paris or following the event in streaming, they will be able to use the chat, talk through videoconferencing devices or take the floor in the conference room in Paris. There will be always somebody assisting each panel, in particular during this time of discussion with the panelists, by alternating the questions that come from the three different sources mentioned.
- A Rapporteur will be appointed to each of the 3 thematic session. The Rapporteurs will have to synthesize the main issues dealt with during the panel and make a critical analysis of the lessons learned, the future challenges ahead and eventual research venues opened up. The three rapporteurs will present their work during the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the symposium. The same should be attending the event in person.

8. **Coffee breaks:** Coffee breaks will take place every morning and every afternoon. The same will be included in the final programme.

9. **Remark:** minor or major changes may be done to the symposium dynamics depending on the evolution of the pandemic and eventual restrictions associated with it.

10. **Extended deadline for submitting names of panelists (with abstracts) to one or more thematic sessions:** 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021. Kindly submit all your proposals by email to both:

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- Montserrat Alom ([Montserrat.alom@bureau.fiuc.org](mailto:Montserrat.alom@bureau.fiuc.org))

11. **Final version of the joint Symposium document:** you will find here attached the final version, which has been reviewed by Pierre Vercauteren and Jean-Louis De Brouwer.
12. **Next IRG meeting:** [week of 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.](#)