

8th Annual International Multidisciplinary Conference Programme

10-12 September 2025

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| Date | Wednesday 10 September 2025 |
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| 17:30-18:00 | Registration - Block A Ground Floor |
| 18:00-18:30 | Welcome by <i>Mr Roderick Vassallo</i> , Chairperson AIMC <i>Mr Paul Xuereb</i> , Principal of Junior College Official Opening Speech: <i>Prof. Ing. Simon Fabri</i> , UM Pro-Rector Research & Knowledge Transfer Venue: Plenary Hall A301 |
| 18:30-19:30 | Keynote speaker: <i>Professor Kitrina Douglas</i> , Professor of Narrative and Performative Research, University of West London Title: Democratising pedagogy through autoethnography, collaboration and arts-based methodologies Chairperson: <i>Dr Nadia Portelli</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301 |
| 19:30-20:25 | Panel Discussion: The Responsibility of Education in Dynamic Social Contexts Moderator: <i>Dr Angele Deguara</i> Panelists: <i>Prof. Andrew Azzopardi, Dr Louise Chircop, Dr Ian Mifsud, Ms Rhoda Garland</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301 |
| 20:30-22:00 | Networking Reception - Green Lounge A201 |

| Date | Thursday 11 September 2025 | | |
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| 08:30-09:00 | Registration - Block A Ground Floor | | |
| 09:00-10:00 | Keynote speaker: <i>Dr Chelsea Whittaker</i> , Assistant Professor in Further Education, Training and Inclusion, Trinity College Dublin Title: Inclusion that ignores language is incomplete Chairperson: <i>Dr Stephanie Xerri Agius</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301 | | |
| 10:00-10:30 | Coffee Break - Green Lounge A201 | | |
| 10:30-11:25 | Panel Discussion: Future of Assessments - Going Beyond Exams Moderator: <i>Ms Karen Buttigieg</i> Panelists: <i>Prof. Michael Buhagiar, Ms Desiree Scicluna Bugeja, Ms Amanda Cassar, Ms Joanne Grima</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301 | | |
| 11:30-12:25 | Panel Discussion: Creativity & Innovation - Unleashing Potential in Education Moderator: <i>Ms Maria Giuliana Fenech</i> Panelists: <i>Prof. Alexiei Dingli, Ms Clara Chetcuti, Prof. Kitrina Douglas, Prof. Margaret Mangion</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301 | | |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch - Green Lounge A201 | | |
| | Parallel Session 1 | Parallel Session 2 | Parallel Session 3 |
| Venue | Meeting Room A302 | Conference Room A303 | Meeting Room A304 |
| Chairperson | Dr Olivia Galea Seychell | Mr Renato Camilleri | Dr Godwin Degabriele |
| 13:30-14:00 | <i>Angele Deguara</i> Building inclusive school cultures: strategies for equity and belonging | <i>Carmel Serracino, Andrew Debono Cauchi</i> Classics through Digital Leisure-Learning - Project CITADEL | <i>Maria Jourdan</i> Overcoming financial barriers to sustainable investment in hospitality |
| 14:00-14:30 | <i>Loredana Muscat</i> Inclusive on paper, elusive in practice? Evaluating literacy in disability | <i>Luca Nguyen</i> AI study companion blueprint for post-secondary academic skill building | <i>Romina Galea</i> Enhancing Advanced level Pure Mathematics education at the Junior College |
| 14:30-15:00 | <i>Christine Fenech</i> Mapping migration and achievement: sectoral differences in Maltese schools | <i>Karl Camilleri</i> The challenges of COVID-19 and AI in the student assessment process | <i>Christina Zarb</i> A comparative analysis of Advanced level Mathematics assessment |
| 15:00-15:30 | <i>Claire Abela, Isabelle Zammit</i> Subjective wellbeing among Maltese students in Further Education | <i>Eleonora Bolsi</i> From e-learning to the cognitive paradox: how AI can reduce mental effort | <i>Michelle Ellul</i> Biology essay performance: trends in MATSEC results, 2014-2024 |
| 15:30-16:00 | <i>Ken'ichiro Higuchi</i> Towards the overlooked: rethinking multicultural education in the East Asian context | <i>Diane Oswald</i> Exploring Generative AI in post-secondary Marketing education | <i>Ayansola O Ayandibu</i> Integrating Entrepreneurship education at a rural university in Northern KwaZulu-Natal |

| Date | Friday 12 September 2025 | | |
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| 08:30-09:00 | Registration - Block A Ground Floor | | |
| 09:00-10:00 | Spotlight Expert: <i>Dr Ian Mifsud</i> , Director for Curriculum and Standards, Secretariat for Catholic Education Interviewer: <i>Mr Roderick Vassallo</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301 | | |
| 10:00-10:30 | Coffee Break - Green Lounge A201 | | |
| 10:30-11:25 | Panel Discussion: Enterprise & Financial Intelligence - Empowering Students for Economic Success Moderator: Ms Diane Oswald Panelists: <i>Dr Emanuel Mizzi, Ms Fabienne Ruggier, Dr Marthese Portelli, Dr Marika Enriquez</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301 | | |
| 11:30-12:25 | Panel Discussion: Diversity Management in Educational Institutions - Navigating Social, Cultural, and Ethical Challenges Moderator: <i>Ms Edel Cassar</i> Panelists: <i>Dr Chelsea Whittaker, Dr Francois Mifsud, Ms Elysia Marie Barbara, Prof. Carmen Sammut, Dr Heathcliff Schembri</i> Venue: Plenary Hall A301 | | |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch - Green Lounge A201 | | |
| | Parallel Session 4 | Parallel Session 5 | Parallel Session 6 |
| Venue | Meeting Room A302 | Conference Room A303 | Meeting Room A304 |
| Chairperson | Dr Patricia Vella Briffa | Dr Noel Vella | Mr Jason Galea |
| 13:30-14:00 | <i>John Paul Vella</i> Teaching English in Maltese secondary schools: challenges and growth | <i>George Cremona</i> Preparing Media Literacy educators the UNESCO way | <i>Josephine Ebejer Grech</i> Wellbeing and academic resilience in post-secondary students |
| 14:00-14:30 | <i>Mario Fenech Caruana</i> Learning from learners: insights of Maltese post-16 students on sustainability | <i>Deborah Muscat, George Cremona</i> Children's news in Further Education: multimodal pedagogical insights | <i>Sofia Alessandri</i> Fostering student wellbeing through art: a case study in Turin |
| 14:30-15:00 | <i>Tomokazu Oba</i> Exploring the current issues of Vocational High Schools in Japan | <i>Musawar Ahmad</i> Project-Based Learning approach in Web Design education | <i>Amanda Bezzina</i> Learning Spaces for wellbeing, flourishing, innovation, and creativity |
| 15:00-15:30 | <i>Marjan Khedri</i> Leveraging language for innovation in multi-disciplinary collaboration | <i>Khalifah Al-Balawi</i> Reimagining leadership in the light of Artificial Intelligence | <i>Roberta Borg Parnis</i> Wellbeing in Further Education: reflections through art |
| 15:30-16:00 | <i>Luisa Caparros Flores</i> Integrating Project-Based Learning (PBL) into the language classroom: a hands-on experience | | <i>Berhanu Yayo</i> Challenges faced by teachers during the Ethio-Tigray conflict in Alamata |

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