

**“The Digitalisation of the University of the Future”
PhD Student Symposium
PROGRAMME**

FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany, July 12, 2017, 2pm-5pm (online and in-class)

14:00-14:05 INTRODUCTION

Welcome by moderator and introduction of experts.

14:05-15:20 SESSION 1

14:05-14:25	The use of mobile learning technologies for the professional development of academics at a University of Technology in South Africa. <i>Granny Setswe, University of South Africa (In-person)</i>
14:25-14:45	E-access to Information and its Challenges for Remote Students in an Open Distance Learning Library. <i>Mapula Mercy Mokgele, University of South Africa (Online)</i>
14:45-15:05	The Contribution of Digital Learning Ecologies in Online Higher Education Scenarios. <i>Mitchell Peters, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Online)</i>
15:05-15:20	Learning with multiple devices: Changing study patterns of open and distance learning students <i>Greig Krull, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (In-person)</i>

15:20-15:30 SHORT BREAK

15:30-16:45 SESSION 2

15:30-15:50	An analysis of students' oral discourse in web-based environments: assessing the effects of synchronous and asynchronous communication tools on language accuracy, correction strategies and students' repairs <i>Jorge Eduardo Pineda, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Online)</i>
15:50-16:10	Media Education: A methodological proposal for the development of media competences in educational practices. <i>Elisa Hergueta-Covacho, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia and IMC Fachhochschule Krems (Online)</i>
16:10-16:30	Integration of international students in online distance programs. <i>Irina Yastrebova, Université Laval (Online)</i>
16:30-16:45	An Investigation of Teaching Presence on Athabasca University's E-learning Commons: the Landing <i>Mary Elizabeth McNabb, Athabasca University (Online)</i>

16:45-17:00 GENERAL DISCUSSION

Discussion with the expert panel and audience (questions from local/online participants).
Closure and thanks by moderator.

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Date and Place

The e-Learning PhD Symposium will take place on 12th July 2017 from 2pm – 5pm (UTC+2h) online and at FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany. Online participants will participate via Adobe Connect.

Online Participation

The symposium will be available through Adobe Connect for online participants. Participants can send questions either through the text chat or by asking a question using audio.

Panel of Experts

Students will be able to interact with the following panel of international experts who will attend the PhD symposium:

- Dr Martha Burkle, Director, Centre for Learning and Innovation at Assiniboine College, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada.
- Dr Eva Cendon, Department of Lifelong Learning, FernUniversität, Hagen, Germany.
- Prof Josep Duarte, Department of Education, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain.
- Dr Narend Baijnath, CEO of the Council on Higher Education of South Africa, South Africa.
- Dr Cristobal Cobo, Oxford Internet Institute, United Kingdom.
- Prof Alec Gershberg, Chair, Urban Policy Analysis and Management, Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy, The New School, NYC, USA.
- Prof Sarah Guri-Rosenblit, Dean, Development and Learning Technologies, The Open University of Israel, Israel.
- Prof Mpine Makoe, Head of the Institute for Open Distance Learning, University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa.
- Dr Andrea Mangiatordi, Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Italy.
- Prof Michael Power, Educational Technology Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Laval, Quebec City, Canada.
- Prof Alan Tait, Professor of Distance Education and Development, The Open University, United Kingdom.
- Dr Uta Wehn, Associate Professor of Water Innovation Studies, UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Delft, The Netherlands.