

Annual UNIC Conference: 'Regenerating Post-Industrial Cities: The Role of Universities'

June 11, 2021 from 12:30 - 17:00 CET.

Registration/ Zoom link: https://eur-nl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-Zpn1sVhSBqTBN44TTTgYA

The annual UNIC Conference is a 1-day event that brings together the entire UNIC community: UNIC staff, students, associate partners, and the public are cordially invited to participate. The plenary sessions will be open to the public. The first open session, the 'Opening Ceremony' introduces UNIC and provides a brief overview of our ambitions and achievements. The second plenary session, "The European Study Experience: The Future of European Higher Education" prompts a panel of stakeholders to discuss what European Universities can contribute to our collective future. The third plenary session, "Meeting the Challenges of Post-Industrial Cities" focuses a panel discussion on our cities and the role that UNIC can play in their renewal. Following the plenary sessions, participants can join parallel sessions. Details on the parallel sessions can be found below.

Program

13:00 - 13:20 | Opening Ceremony

Speakers: European Commission Deputy Head of UNIT for Higher Education **Tine Delva**, President of Erasmus University and Chair of Management Board UNIC **Prof. Dr. Ed Brinksma**, UNIC Alliance Coordinator **Prof. Dr. Peter Scholten**, and **Rabia Demirelli**, a representative of the UNIC Student Board.

13:20 - 14:00 | The European Study Experience: the Future of European Higher Education

Panelists: Rector of KOÇ University **Prof. Dr. Umran Inan**, Rector of Ruhr University Bochum **Prof. Dr. Axel Schölmerich**, Rector of University of Zagreb **Prof. Dr. Damir Boras**, and **Robert Queckenberg**, representative of the UNIC Student Board. Vice Rector of Academic and International Affairs at Ruhr University Bochum **Prof. Dr. Kornelia Freitag** will serve as the moderator.

14:05 - 14:45 | Meeting the Challenges of Post-Industrial Cities

Panelists: Rector of University of Liège **Prof. Dr. Pierre Wolper**, Rector of University of Oulu **Jouko Niinimäki**, Vice Rector International relations University of Deusto Bilbao **Prof. Dr. Alex Rayon Yerez** and President of Erasmus University Rotterdam **Prof. Dr. Ed Brinksma**. UNIC Program Manager of Erasmus University Rotterdam Samira Abbadi will serve as moderator.

14:45 - 15:00 | Break

15:00 - 15:50 | Parallel sessions Round 1

Session A: UNIC Management Board meeting.

This session will end at 16:50 and is closed to the public

Session B: Solving post-industrial societal challenges with UNIC CityLabs:

This interactive workshop will be led by **Mia Kemppaala**, one of the UNIC coordinators at the University of Oulu (Finland) with more than ten years of professional and personal experience



in collaborative problem solving, Open Innovation practices and co-creation. Join our discussion on how multi-stakeholder cooperation can help solving post-industrial challenges

15:50 - 16:00 | Break

16:00 - 16:50 | **Parallel sessions round 2**

Session A: UNIC Management Board meeting

This session is closed to the public

Session B: Superdiversity and the COVID19 Pandemic

This session includes the following speakers : **Prof. Dr. Selva Demiralp**, Koç University on *Global Vaccine Inequity during COVID19 Pandemic*; **Dr. Birce Altıok**, **Dr. Birce Demiryontar**, **Dr. Souad Osseiran**, Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc) on *Superdiversity in Higher Education Settings: State-of-the-Art and its Implications for COVID19*, and **Pınar Dönmez**, Koç University on *Superdiversity and Higher Education during the COVID19 Pandemic: A Student Perspective*.

16:50 - 17:00 | **Closing remarks by the chair of the Management Board.**