

PhD Presentations @OpenEU International Summer School

28.-30. August 2026 | Den Haag, Netherlands

Time	Title Presenter/ University
Friday, 28. August	
12:15- 13:00	Track 1a: Media discourse and social change (Room 3C.12)
	1. <i>"The Language of Emotions in American and Bulgarian Online News Media"</i> Presenter: Debora Nikolova (UVT)
	2. <i>"The architecture of silence: Media delegitimation of pro-Palestinian student activism in Flanders and the Netherlands"</i> Presenter: Stephan Kreuk (Open Universiteit NL)
	Track 1b: Coping with Neurodiversity & Trauma (Room 3C.18)
	1. <i>"Parental coping models in raising children with neurodevelopmental disorders"</i> Presenter: Daniel Pavlov Bosilkov (University of Veliko Tarnovo)
	2. <i>"Understanding authority and power in the professional practice of prospective teachers: in the context of trauma-informed pedagogy"</i> Presenter: Santa Dzalbe-Sologuba (Daugavpils University)

	Track 1c (online): Skills, Mentoring and Employability (Audience: Room 3C.10) 1. <i>“Lifelong learning for employability in online Higher Education: Examining the value and recognition of soft skills micro-credentials for Employability outcomes of university graduates.”</i> Presenter: Blanca Gordo Pérez (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya) 2. <i>“Structured Mentoring Programs Connecting Graduates and Alumni with the Labour Market.”</i> Presenter: Vassiliki Mandelou (Hellenic Open University)
Saturday, 29. August	
11:30-13:00	Track 2a: Resilience & Inclusion in Higher Education and Workforce Development (Room 3C.12) 1. <i>“Student Support in Higher Distance Education: The Development of a Preparatory Educational Framework for Undergraduate-Level Students.”</i> Presenter: Thomas Vangelis (Hellenic Open University) 2. <i>“Governance Indicators for Relational Employability: A Pathway to Workplace Inclusion through Government Employment Services.”</i> Presenter: Pau Castellví Canet (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya) 3. <i>“Burnouts' Lessons in Resilience: Understanding Burnout from the Perspective of First-Generation Students.”</i> Presenter: Caro Suringar (Open Universiteit Nederland) 4. <i>“Young Sicilians attitude towards the future.”</i> Presenter: Bella Dubovika (Daugavpils University) Track 2b: Sustainable and Resilient Health Systems (Room 3C.18) <i>Designing Sustainable Hospital Payment Policies: Integrating Value Frameworks, Behavioral Theory, and Provider–Payer Practice.”</i> Presenter: Adri Zwagerman

	<i>Green Lean Six Sigma for Hospitals.</i> Presenter: Anastasia Vasileiou (Hellenic Open University) <i>Epidemiology of emerging, re-emerging, and neglected diseases in Europe and Spain: challenges for public health.</i> Presenter: Marta Puerta Muñoz (UNED) <i>Implementing and adopting digital solutions for integrated care.</i> Presenter: Gladys Jongen (Open Universiteit Nederland)
	Track 2c (online): Educational Capacity and Professional Learning (Audience: Room 3C.10) 1. <i>“Peace Education in Non-Formal Education Movements: A Comparative Study of Rotaract Clubs in Portugal and Brazil”</i> Presenter: Bruno Almeida (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya) 2. <i>“Distance museum education in foreign language pedagogy, with a focus on teaching French as a Foreign Language (FLE) in the greek secondary education context”</i> Presenter: Evangelia Zotou (Hellenic Open University) 3. <i>“Needs assessment and educational policy for integrated STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education: design and creation of a needs assessment framework model and guidelines”</i> Presenter: Konstantinos Mathiopoulos (Hellenic Open University)
15:00–16:00	Track 3a: Blockchain, Fintech & AI Governance (Room 3C.12) 1. <i>“Auditing Generative AI: An intersectional analysis of Artificial Intelligence and its relation to DEI in organizational contexts”</i> Presenter: Anna Prodromou (Open University of Cyprus)

	2. <i>“Blockchain enabled micropayment systems: Comparative analysis of available platforms and adoption challenges”</i> Presenter: Konstantinos Lambrou (Hellenic Open University) 3. <i>“Notarial function and blockchain technology: legal convergence”</i> Presenter: Anna Crous Puig (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)
	Track 3b: Culture, Identity and Social Change (Room 3C.18) 1. <i>“The Construction of the Myth of Africa in/by Europe: Representations in Portuguese and German Culture and Their Impact on the Global Imaginary (19th and 20th Centuries)”</i> Presenter: Trigo Jorge (Universidade Aberta) 2. <i>“An ethnographic study of evolving food practices among Inuit youth in East Greenland”</i> Presenter: Arianna Colliard ((Hellenic Open University) 3. <i>“Odin Teatret: Navigating from the Theatrical Dimension to Sociopolitical Interaction, Utopia, Eutopia, Floating Topography.”</i> Presenter: Kyriaki Apostolopoulou (Open University of Cyprus)
Sunday, 30. August	
10:00–11:00	Track 4a: Immersive & AI-enhanced learning innovations (Room 3C.12) 1. <i>“Distance Examinations in the Humanities: Utilizing Artificial Intelligence Applications to Foster Critical Thinking among Hellenic Open University Students”</i> Presenter: Kyriaki Rassia (Hellenic Open University)

	2. <i>“Tailoring serious gaming solutions for neurodivergent learners: with an application for deepfake awareness”</i> Presenter: Samuel Deros (Open Universiteit Nederland) 3. <i>“AI-based personalized learning environment framework for vocational training”</i> Presenter: Glória Aplugi (Universidade Aberta)
	Track 4b: Resilience in Seismic & Structural Engineering (Room 3C.18) 1. <i>“Seismic Risk Assessment of Structures under Multiple Earthquake Sequences.”</i> Presenter: Konstantinos Loukopoulos (Hellenic Open University) 2. <i>“Effect of numerical modelling on the seismic response of steel buildings.”</i> Presenter: Menelaos Papamichelakis (Hellenic Open University) 3. <i>“Seismic response of base-isolated steel structures considering soil–structure interaction.”</i> Presenter: Presenter: Niki Balkamou (Hellenic Open University)
11:15–12:45	Track 5a: AI, Robotics & Cybersecurity Applications (Room 3C.12) 1. <i>“AI tools for the prediction and management of the antimicrobial resistance”</i> Presenter: Athanasia Sergounioti (Hellenic Open University)” 2. <i>“Emerging Cyber Security Threats in IoT enable Smart grid systems”</i> Presenter: Muhammad Yasir Masood (Universidad Abierta de Cataluña) 3. <i>“Autonomous Guidance of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in Urban Environments”</i> Presenter: Theodoros Karachalios (Hellenic Open University)”

	4. <i>“The importance of defining and implementing an architecture to support Visual Quality Management (VQM) in organizations.”</i> Presenter: Teotónio Fumo (Universidade Aberta) Track 5b (Online): Governance, Justice and Societal Resilience (Audience: Room 3C.18) 1. <i>“Democracy in the shadow of climate change governance: Where systems fail and temperatures rise”</i> Presenter: Zarina Kulaeva (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya) 2. <i>“Community resilience perception”</i> Presenter: Mona Corinna Griesberg (FernUniversität in Hagen) 3. <i>“Green Jurisprudence in the Anthropocene: Systemic Integration in Securing the Right to a Healthy Environment for Indigenous Peoples in the Great Lakes Region of East Africa”</i> Presenter: Annie Margaret Ihoreere Wagana (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya) 4. <i>“The impact of AI governance on mitigating vineyards in automated decision-making processes”</i> Presenter: Esrone Adolfo Mario Katombela (UNITI-Brasil)
13:45-14:45	Track 6a: Sustainable Cultural Heritage and Resilience (Room 3C.12) 1. <i>“Museum visits and socially vulnerable groups: The views of Second Chance School teachers on the value of museum visits for socially vulnerable groups”</i> Presenter: Eleni Karakatsani (Hellenic Open University) 2. <i>“Development of an Integrated Sustainable Management System for Movable Cultural Heritage”</i> Presenter: Christina Antonopoulou (Hellenic Open University) 3. <i>“Modeling for the protection and management of ancient theaters in a changing climate”</i>

Presenter: Dimitrios Tsimpidas (Hellenic Open University)

Track 6b (online): Digital and Immersive Learning Innovation (Audience: Room 3C.18)

1. *"Immersive Virtual Reality in Schools: An Ecosystemic Model for Sustained Implementation"*

Presenter: Ana Isabel Rodrigues Simões Casinhas Sacavém (Universidade Aberta)

2. *"Analysis of variables involved that may affect the learning, satisfaction and motivation of students in a professional training context in the pedagogical field delivered through Desktop Virtual Reality"*

Presenter: Laura Schrimpf (UNED)

3. *"Fostering a Culture of Formative Assessment among Tutors in Open and Distance Higher Education"*

Presenter: Theognosia Kounatidou (Hellenic Open University)