

OpenEU International Summer School

“Learning and Innovation for Resilience in Sustainability”

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

Time	Room 1 (3C.12) (Sessions recorded)	Room 2 (3C.18)	Room 3 (3C.10)	
Friday, 28. August				
9.45- 10.15	Registrations & Inloop			
10:15- 10:45	Opening Speech: “Multidisciplinary research and the quest for resilience and sustainability” Speaker: Petru Curșeu			
10:45-11:00	Practical Information Summer School Speaker: Organizing team			
11:00-12:00	Succesfully Managing the Publishing Process Speaker: Marjolein Caniëls	Effectively Designing Your Research Poster Speaker: Leonie Pethö- Schramm		

12:00- 12:15	Break			
12:15-13:00	Track 1a: Media discourse and social change	Track 1b: Coping with Neurodiversity & Trauma	Track 1c (online): Skills, Mentoring and Employability	
13:00 - 14:30	Group photo + Lunch Break + Social Activity			
14:30- 15:15	Statistical Methods in Educational & Humanities Research Speaker: Katerina Doncheva	Learning From Others: Research ‘Bloopers’ & Fails Panel Discussion		
15:30-16:00		Group 1 following Panel discussion (incl. wrap-up)	Group 2	
16:00-16:15	Wrap-Up First Day			
Saturday, 29. August				
9:45- 10:00	Walk-In & Coffee			
10:00-11:15	“Managing & Responding to Reviewers” Speaker: Petru Curșeu	“Career Resilience for Doctoral Researchers in a Shifting Labour Market” Speaker: Mitchell Peters	“Science Communication” Speaker: Ivonne Lipsch-Wijnen	
11:15-11:00	Break			

11:30-13:00	Track 2a: Resilience & Inclusion in Higher Education and Workforce Development	Track 2b: Sustainable and Resilient Health Systems	Track 2c (online): Educational Capacity and Professional Learning	
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break			
14:00-14:45	Navigating Challenges in a PhD Journey & the Value of Multidisciplinary Research Speaker: Petru Curșeu	Using AI Effectively & Responsibly in Research Speaker: Bea Waelbers		
14:45-15:00	Break			
15:00-16:00	Track 3a: Blockchain, Fintech & AI Governance	Track 3b: Culture, Identity and Social Change		
16:00-16:15	Wrap-Up Second Day (Information Social Activity & Dinner)			
Around 19:00	Summer School Dinner at Foodhallen Den Haag <i>Haagsche Bluf 40, 2511 CN Den Haag, Netherlands</i>			
Sunday, 30. August				
10:00-11:00	Track 4a: Immersive & AI-enhanced learning innovations	Track 4b: Structural Assessment & Resilience		
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break			
11:15-12:45	Track 5a: AI, Robotics & Cybersecurity Applications	Track 5b (Online): Governance, Justice and Societal Resilience		

12:45-13:45	Lunch Break			
13:45 -14:30	Track 6a: Sustainable Cultural Heritage and Resilience	Track 6b (online): Digital and Immersive Learning Innovation <i>cancelled</i>		
14:30-14:45	Closing & Announcement next Winter School			

Note: Microsoft Teams links for online participants will be made available via the OpenEU portal.

PhD Presentations @OpenEU International Summer School

Friday, 28. August

12:15–
13:00

Track 1a: *Media discourse and social change* (Room 3C.12)

1. *“The Language of Emotions in American and Bulgarian Online News Media”*

Presenter: Debora Nikolova (University of Veliko Tarnovo)

2. *“The architecture of silence: Media delegitimation of pro-Palestinian student activism in Flanders and the Netherlands”*

Presenter: Stephan Kreuk (Open Universiteit NL)

Track 1b: *Coping with Neurodiversity & Trauma* (Room 3C.18)

1. *“Parental coping models in raising children with neurodevelopmental disorders”*

Presenter: Daniel Pavlov Bosilkov (University of Veliko Tarnovo)

2. *“Understanding authority and power in the professional practice of prospective teachers: in the context of trauma-informed pedagogy”*

Presenter: Santa Dzalbe-Sologuba (Daugavpils University)

Track 1c (online): *Skills, Mentoring and Employability* (Audience: Room 3C.10)

1. *“Lifelong learning for employability in online Higher Education: Examining the value and recognition of soft skills micro-credentials for Employability outcomes of university graduates.”*

Presenter: Blanca Gordo Pérez (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)

2. *“Structured Mentoring Programs Connecting Graduates and Alumni with the Labour Market.”*

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. *“Student Support in Higher Distance Education: The Development of a Preparatory Educational Framework for Undergraduate-Level Students.”*

Presenter: Thomas Vangelis (Hellenic Open University)

2. *“Governance Indicators for Relational Employability: A Pathway to Workplace Inclusion through Government Employment Services.”*

Presenter: Pau Castellví Canet (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)

3. *“Burnouts’ Lessons in Resilience: Understanding Burnout from the Perspective of First-Generation Students.”*

Presenter: Caro Suringar (Open Universiteit Nederland)

4. *“Young Sicilians attitude towards the future.”*

Presenter: Bella Dubovika (Daugavpils University)

Track 2b: Sustainable and Resilient Health Systems (Room 3C.18)

Designing Sustainable Hospital Payment Policies: Integrating Value Frameworks, Behavioral Theory, and Provider–Payer Practice.”

Presenter: Adri Zwagerman (Open Universiteit Nederland)

Green Lean Six Sigma for Hospitals.

Presenter: Anastasia Vasileiou (Hellenic Open University)

Epidemiology of emerging, re-emerging, and neglected diseases in Europe and Spain: challenges for public health.

Presenter: Marta Puerta Muñoz (UNED)

Implementing and adopting digital solutions for integrated care.

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 (Open University of Portugal) 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) 4. <i>“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”</i> Presenter: Laura Schrimpf (UNED)
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. *“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)”*

Presenter: Trigo Jorge (Universidade Aberta)

2. *“An ethnographic study of evolving food practices among Inuit youth in East Greenland”*

Presenter: Arianna Colliard ((Hellenic Open University)

3. *“Odin Teatret: Navigating from the Theatrical Dimension to Sociopolitical Interaction, Utopia, Eutopia, Floating Topography.”*

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. *“Distance Examinations in the Humanities: Utilizing Artificial Intelligence Applications to Foster Critical Thinking among Hellenic Open University Students”*

Presenter: Kyriaki Rassia (Hellenic Open University)

2. *“Tailoring serious gaming solutions for neurodivergent learners: with an application for deepfake awareness”*

Presenter: Samuel Derous (Open Universiteit Nederland)

3. *“AI-based personalized learning environment framework for vocational training”*

Presenter: Glória Aplugi (Universidade Aberta)

Track 4b: Structural Assessment & Resilience (Room 3C.18)

1. *“Effect of numerical modelling on the seismic response of steel buildings.”*

Presenter: Menelaos Papamichelakis (Hellenic Open University)

	2. <i>“Modeling for the protection and management of ancient theaters in a changing climate”</i> Presenter: Dimitrios Tsimpidas (Hellenic Open University) 3. <i>“Social Vulnerability to Hydro-Meteorological Events: Perceptions of Coastal Communities in Inhambane Bay”</i> Presenter: Zacarias Rungo (Universidade Aberta)
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>“Green Jurisprudence in the Anthropocene: Systemic Integration in Securing the Right to a Healthy Environment for Indigeous Peoples in the Great Lakes Region of East Africa”</i> Presenter: Annie Margaret Ihoreere Wagana (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya) 3. <i>“The impact of AI governance on mitigating vineyards in automated decision-making processes”</i> Presenter: Esrone Adolfo Mario Katombela (UNITI-Brasil)

13:45- 14:30	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>“Sustainability as a Challenge for Innovation in the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage: a Framework for Integrated Management”</i> Presenter (online): Christina Antonopoulou (Hellenic Open University)
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