

Enhancing the Participation and Ensuring the Right to Education for Children with Intellectual Disability: Developing Capacities and Opportunities (EPERE)

17 April – 20 June 2025

Open Seminar Series

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Foundations of Inclusive Education

April 17 – 12:00 UTC / 13:00 CET / 14:00 EET / 22:00 AEDT

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Seminar Chair: Prof. Thomas Barow, Örebro University, Sweden

13.00 - 13.15: Welcome

13:15– 14:00: Inclusive Education and Students with Intellectual Disability

Prof. Tobias Buchner, University of Education Upper Austria, Austria

14:00 – 14:15: Discussion

14:15 – 15:00: Break

15:00 – 15:45: The Emergence and Development of Normalisation Concepts Regarding the Care and Education of People with Intellectual Disabilities

Prof. Thomas Barow, Örebro University, Sweden

15:45 – 16:00: Discussion & Closing

Inclusion in Research & Collaboration

April 25 – 12:00 UTC / 13:00 CET / 14:00 EET / 22:00 AEDT

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Seminar Chair: Assoc. Prof. Sevgi Bayram Özdemir, Örebro University, Sweden

13.00 - 13.15: Welcome

13:15 – 14:00: Participation in Research

Fionn Crombie Angus & Jonathan Angus, Fionnathan Productions, Ireland

14:00 – 14:15: Discussion

14:15 – 14:30: Break

14:30 – 15:15: Key Success Factors in Collaborating on the Education of Students with Intellectual Disabilities

Maria Sjölin, SEN teacher, Herrljunga Municipality & Alexandra Jonasson, SEN teacher, Lerum Municipality, Sweden

15:15 – 15:30: Discussion & Closing

Educational Approaches in Kindergarten and School

May 9 – 12:00 UTC / 13:00 CET / 14:00 EET / 22:00 AEDT

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Seminar Chair: Prof. Anna Slozanska, Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Ukraine

13.00 - 13.15: Welcome

13:15 – 14:00 Early Start Denver Model Intervention: A Practice-Oriented Approach

Prof. Alla Dushka, Bogdan Khmelnytsky Melitopol State Pedagogical University & Viktoriia Mironova, Director of the Inclusive “Victoria Myronova Club-Kindergarten”, Kyiv, Ukraine

14:00 – 14:15 Discussion

14:15 – 14:30 Break

14:30 – 15:15 Music Activities in the Education of Children with Intellectual Disability

Dr. Linn Johnels, Music Therapist & Educator at the Swedish National Center for Rett syndrome and related disorders, Adjunct Senior Lecturer at the University of Gothenburg

15:15 – 15:30 Discussion & Closing

Support and Inclusion in Regular Education

May 16 – 12:00 UTC / 13:00 CET / 14:00 EET / 22:00 AEDT

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Seminar Chair: Dr. Magdalena Wójcik, Assistant Professor, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland

13.00 - 13.15: Welcome

13:15 – 14:00 Inclusive Education in Italy

Dr. Anna Frizzarin, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy

14:00 – 14:15 Discussion

14:15 – 14:30 Break

14:30 – 15:15 Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in Inclusive Education: A Framework for Supporting Diverse Learners

Dr. Dorota Chimicz, Assistant Professor, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland

15:15 – 15:30 Discussion & Closing

Support Strategies & Learning Environments

May 23 – 12:00 UTC / 13:00 CET / 14:00 EET / 22:00 AEDT

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Seminar Chair: Dr. Małgorzata Brodacka, Assistant Professor, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland

13.00 - 13.15: Welcome

13:15 – 14:00 Psychological Support for Families Raising Children with Special Needs

Assoc. Prof. Olesia Prokofieva, Bogdan Khmelnytsky Melitopol State Pedagogical University, Ukraine

14:00 – 14:15 Discussion

14:15 – 14:30 Break

14:30 – 15:15: Sensory-Friendly Learning Environment for Students with Intellectual Disabilities in Inclusive Education

Dr. Magdalena Wójcik, Assistant Professor, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland

15:15 – 15:30: Discussion & Closing

Ethical & Crisis Considerations in Education

June 6 – 08:00 UTC / 10:00 CET / 11:00 EET / 18:00 AEST

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Seminar Chair: Prof. Anna Slozanska, Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Ukraine

10.00 - 10.15: Welcome

10:15 – 11:00 People with Intellectual Disability in Armed Conflicts

Dr. David Treanor, University of Tasmania, Australia

11:00 – 11:15 Discussion

11:15 – 12:15 Lunch break

12:15 – 13:00 Ethical Aspects of Working with Students with Intellectual Disabilities

Dr. Elżbieta Kręcisż-Plis, Assistant Professor, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland

13:00 – 13:15 Discussion

13:15 – 14:00 Advantages and Challenges of Inclusive HyFlex Education and Socialization in Wartime Conditions: The Ukrainian Case

*Assoc. Prof. Kateryna Bondar, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala, Sweden;
Kryvyi Rih State Pedagogical University, Ukraine*

14:00 – 14:15 Discussion & Closing

Play-Based Learning & Communication

June 13 – 12:00 UTC / 13:00 CET / 14:00 EET / 22:00 AEDT

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Seminar Chair: Assoc. Prof. Kateryna Bondar, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala, Sweden; Kryvyi Rih State Pedagogical University, Ukraine

13.00 - 13.15: Welcome

13:00 – 13:45 The Role of Play in the Development of Children with Intellectual Disabilities
Dr. Małgorzata Brodacka, Assistant Professor, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland

13:45 – 14:00 Discussion

14:00 – 14:15 Break

14:15 – 15:00 An Introduction to Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
Dr. Sofia Wallin, Speech-Language Pathologist, Dart – Centre for AAC and AT, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden

15:00 – 15:45 Speech Therapy Support for Children with Intellectual Disabilities
Prof. Yuliia Shevchenko, Bogdan Khmelnytsky Melitopol State Pedagogical University, Ukraine

15:45 – 16:00 Discussion & Closing

Systemic Changes in Inclusive Education

June 20 – 12:00 UTC / 13:00 CET / 14:00 EET / 22:00 AEDT

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Seminar Chair: Dr. Dorota Chmiec, Assistant Professor, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland

13:00 – 13:15: Welcome

13:15– 14:00: Education as a Human Right for Persons with Intellectual Disability

Betty Barthel, Master Lecturer & Sára Horváth, Assistant Lecturer, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary

14:00 – 14:15 Discussion

14:15 – 14:30 Break

14:30 – 15:30 Transformation of Education for Children with Disabilities in Ukraine: From Exclusion to Inclusion

Prof. Anna Slozanska, Assoc. Prof. Nadiia Horishna, Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Ukraine

15:30 – 15:35 Break

15:35 – 16:35 Social Services Providing for Children and Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in the Local Communities in Ukraine

Prof. Anna Slozanska, Assoc. Prof. Nadiia Horishna, Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Ukraine

16:35 – 16:45 Discussion & Closing