



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

THE PRINCIPLES AND AIMS OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN TURBULENT TIMES

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The UNESCO Chair on Lifelong Guidance and Counseling (Institute of Pedagogy, University of Wrocław) and the UNITWIN NETWORK 'Life designing interventions (counseling, guidance, education) for decent work and sustainable development' are inviting papers, presentations and workshops for the international conference on The Principles and Aims of Guidance and Counselling for Sustainable Development in Turbulent Times to be held in Wrocław on 19th–20th October 2022.

As repeatedly emphasised by Jean Guichard, the practice of guidance and counselling as a whole is always about helping all individuals find answers to the fundamental/generic question: By what kind of active life might I give meaning and a perspective to my existence? To find it out has never been an easy thing to do, but recently it has morphed into a particularly complicated challenge.

We are witnessing a deep global crisis today. The experiences of the pandemic have profoundly changed our approach to life as such by highlighting its evanescence, fragility and mutability. This has made us reflect again on what matters most (something we tend to disregard amidst the bustle of daily comings and goings) and, most importantly, forced us to recast our priorities. Moreover, the war in Ukraine, which has been going on for several months, has caused a humanitarian disaster and a migration crisis, and its economic consequences will last for a long time. All of this has only increased the need for professional assistance in career and life design, even though the customary face-to-face provision of guidance and counselling services has been unsettled as well.

As crises are known to be replete not only with risks but also with new opportunities, it is crucial to recognize the complexities and ambiguities inherent in the situations individuals and groups are facing. Against this context of our turbulent world, with its destabilised lives, disturbed relations, lost security of routines and daily nagging anxiety, we believe the time is ripe to re-engage with reflection on and seriously re-think the principles and aims of guidance and counselling. Hence, our conference is envisaged as a forum for researchers, practitioners and students to share insights into and ideas about the following issues:

- In how far are the familiar counselling concepts and practices applicable to the new, turbulent realities?
- What new knowledge do guidance and counselling need today in order to construct innovative and creative solutions (strategies, methods and tools) for helping interventions?
- In what way/s can guidance and counselling interventions contribute to harmonious/balanced individual lives and to the sustainable development of the world?
- How can our clients be supported in coming to terms with the post/turbulent reality?
- How should we conduct counselling dialogues in order to reinforce the client's potential, dignity and agency despite the challenges they are compelled to confront?
- In the world ripped by global crises, how can we promote collaboration and foster a coalition of the community dedicated to career and life design for sustainable development?

Our scientific meeting will be an opportunity to summarise the work of the Chair and the UNITWIN network in recent years.

The conference fee (160 €) covers participation in all plenary and thematic sessions and discussions, conference materials, simultaneous interpretation services, coffee-break refreshments and the conference reception. All other expenses, including travel, accommodation and meals, are paid by the participants.

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/7QHb8ex4Ap8JkUyD7>

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Plenary sessions will be held in Polish and English. Individual sessions may be conducted in other languages, provided that enough participants convene.

Conference venue:
Institute of Pedagogy, University of Wrocław



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