

UNIC Conference | 4-5 December 2023

Kick-off Conference UNIC 2.0 at the University of Łódź: Towards a Joint Vision 2040

Full Conference Programme

Day 1: Monday 4 December

TIME	PROGRAMME	
08.30	Registration & Coffee	
09.30 - 10.30	Plenary Opening: Towards a Joint Vision 2040 <i>Speakers:</i> Prof. dr. Elżbieta Żądzińska, prof. dr. Łukasz Bogucki, Student Representative, City of Lodz Representative, prof. dr. Peter Scholten, Dr. Daria Ratsiborinskaya <i>Audience:</i> all delegates <i>Hybrid:</i> One-way (listening in)	
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee break	
10.45 - 12.00	Parallel Sessions (+ coffee included)	
Session 1	All TLs meet separately to finalize their posters for the poster presentation	Thematic Line 1 Superdiversity <i>Speakers:</i> Dr. Birce Demiryontar, dr. Elsa Mescoli <i>Audience:</i> all TL representatives from Thematic Line 1 <i>Hybrid:</i> yes
Session 2		Thematic Line 2 Sustainability <i>Speakers:</i> Dr. Anna Bruun Månsson, dr. Paul Bolger <i>Audience:</i> all TL representatives from Thematic Line 2 <i>Hybrid:</i> yes
Session 3		Thematic Line 3 Urban Resilience <i>Speakers:</i> Dr. Jarkko Saarinen, dr. Jacques Teller <i>Audience:</i> all TL representatives from Thematic Line 3 <i>Hybrid:</i> yes
Session 4		Thematic Line 4 Justice, Security & Institutions <i>Speakers:</i> Dr. Izabela Florczak, dr. Zoran Buric <i>Audience:</i> all TL representatives from Thematic Line 4 <i>Hybrid:</i> yes
Session 5		Thematic Line 5 Entrepreneurial Learning <i>Speakers:</i> Dr. Vivian Peuker-Steinhäuser, dr. Farshida Zafar, dr. Robert Queckenberg <i>Audience:</i> all TL representatives from Thematic Line 5 <i>Hybrid:</i> yes
Session 6		Thematic Line 6 Health & wellbeing <i>Speakers:</i> Dr. Susana Cormenza, dr. Sibel Sakarya <i>Audience:</i> all TL representatives from Thematic Line 6 <i>Hybrid:</i> yes
Session 7		Thematic Line 7 Creative industries & arts <i>Speakers:</i> Dr. Pauwke Berkers, dr. Yvon Bonenfant <i>Audience:</i> all TL representatives from Thematic Line 7 <i>Hybrid:</i> yes
Session 8	Virtual Campus: for whom and how to use it?	

	<i>In this session we will introduce the UNIC Virtual Campus to the WP4 representatives, the newly formed Virtual Campus Expert Group members, WP2 representatives and other interested stakeholders. We will first focus on the functionalities achieved in UNIC1, and then present the work ahead of us in UNIC2.</i> Speakers: Neven Vrček, Alen Novosel and Ognjen Orel Audience: WP4, Virtual Campus Expert Group, WP2, students. Hybrid: yes
Session 9	Global Engagement <i>In this session, we will discuss the topic of partnerships at universities – target groups and countries. How they are selected and what does it take to reach a final decision? Why does a partnership not work sometimes? We plan to discuss this from a variety of backgrounds with the aim to point out crucial activities for a well-working cooperation outside Europe.</i> Speaker: Katarzyna Pardyka Audience: IROs, Academic Affairs, WP3 Hybrid: One-way (Only listening in)
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 14.45	Plenary poster session <i>All TLs present their action plans during a poster session. Delegates can walk around and discuss plans with TLs.</i> <i>The goal of the session is for the TLs to present their action plans and engage with other delegates (think education specialists, ICT services, international offices, city representatives) to interlink the action plans with the right experts.</i> Speakers: dr. Birce Demiryontar, dr. Alessandro Mazzola Audience: all delegates Hybrid: no
14.45 - 15.15	Break programme (choose 1): Yoga, Polish language class, Polish dance
15.15 - 16.30	Parallel sessions
Session 1	Societal engagement and impact-making: UNIC Centre for City Futures <i>The goal of this session is to introduce the key city-engagement structures, processes and infrastructures of the UNIC Centre for City Futures. A specific focus of this session is on the UNIC City Futures Roadmaps that frame and inspire city-engaged learning and research activities. The session will also initiate the development of the UNIC Centre for City Futures governance model.</i> Speakers: Sari Hirvonen-Kantola & Mia Kemppaala, Martin Galvin & Ciara O'Halloran and Sara Bjärstorp & Per-Anders Hillgren. Audience: TLs, City Representatives, Local Directors of the UNIC Centre for City Futures, UNIC4ER and Co-creation Specialists. Hybrid: no
Session 2	Course-level collaboration within UNIC: integrating virtual mobility in the university classroom (no hybrid option) <i>In this session you can discover different formats of virtual and blended mobility to plan and implement innovative international collaboration in university courses. You will take the first steps to find out which is the right format for your course.</i> Speakers: Dr. Astrid Tan, Jonna Tikkanen Audience: TL's, students, admin staff Hybrid: no
Session 3	Best Practices and High Impact in UNIC Communications

	<i>This sharing session facilitated by UNIC's Work Package 6 invites participants to share and discuss best practices and successful approaches to communicating UNIC projects such as RePIC and the UNIC Thematic Lines, with multi-voiced perspectives contributing to a high-impact decentralized communication strategy for this new phase of the UNIC alliance.</i> Speakers: Krish Raghav Audience: WP6, students, other M&C representatives Hybrid: no
16.30	End of first conference day
16.30-18.30	Internal meeting on UNIC book (hybrid) <i>Invitation only.</i>

Day 2: Tuesday 5 December

TIME	PROGRAMME
08.30	Coffee
09.00 - 10.15	Parallel Sessions
Session 1	Bringing TL's educational offers and UNIC joint programmes RePIC and SEOS together: opportunities and lessons learnt <i>The target of the session is to inform TLs of the two Master's degree programmes "RePIC" and "SEOS" – and to allow the two programmes to liaison with TLs that are close to their issues. RePIC and SEOS have been developed and introduced in the first phase of UNIC by the 8 UNIC partner universities, they are devoted to designing and organising a functioning post-industrial city and respecting and including its diverse citizens. The session will focus on the content and learning outcomes of both, the educational formats that the TLs will develop and the offers that the two programmes have already developed. TLs will be inspired by and, possibly, align themselves with RePIC and SEOS, and the two programs will find partners for further development and input.</i> Speakers: Prof. dr. Kornelia Freitag, Susanne Lippold Audience: TLs, Project Managers, Students, WP 2, WP3 Co-creation Specialists, WP4 Hybrid: yes
Session 2	Evaluating UNIC's impact <i>We aim to share with you our insights from our interviews with partners regarding UNIC's theory of change and there is the possibility to give feedback on our desired evaluation strategy. This feedback will directly influence UNIC's monitoring and evaluation strategy.</i> Speakers: Erika Hajdu, Grace Yano, Esther Eumann Audience: Management Board, City Representatives, Students, Researchers, WPs (in WP3 the Local Directors of the UNIC Centre for City Futures Hybrid: no
Session 3	Expert Group session <i>In this session, the Expert Groups will have the opportunity to meet and discuss in person their ideas about working together on selected topics, to exchange their experiences of their engagement in UNIC and create some ideas for future collaboration.</i> Speakers: Katarzyna Paradyka, Tijana Vukojičić Tomić Audience: International Office (student support), Research (support), IT Services, Diversity and inclusion office, Language Centers, Promotion and Communication Hybrid: no

10.15 - 10.45	Break programme (choose 1): Yoga, Polish language class, Polish dance
10.45 - 12.00	Parallel sessions
Session 1	Engagement and co-creation in Practice: UNIC4ER Engaged Research <i>The session is targeted toward everyone that works around UNIC. The UNIC4ER team and their work will support with concrete customized and targeted tools to multiply your immediate work.</i> Speakers: Marco Aperti, Esther Chiama Audience: TL's, WP3, City Representatives & students Hybrid: For attending the online session, please reach out to unic4er@eur.nl by 30-11.
Session 2	UNIC Student ambassadors <i>UNIC aims to establish a network of student ambassadors from various faculties. The ambassadors will serve as low threshold contact persons to inform about UNIC opportunities and heighten visibility and participation among students. This session discusses how this network could look like and what is needed to make it happen.</i> Speaker: Paula Comellas Audience: Students, TLs, Project Managers, WP1, WP 2, WP4, WP6 (max 40) Hybrid: no
Session 3	Towards an inclusive organization Speaker: Paulo Carvalho da Silva Audience: all delegates Hybrid: no
Session 4	Internal WP2/Structural issues expert meeting: Microcredentials within UNIC <i>Invitation only.</i>
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 14.10	Plenary Opening: Prof. dr. Elżbieta Żądzińska Plenary Programme: - Introducing TLC, CFCF, Capacity Building Centre: Prof. dr. Kornelia Freitag & dr. Astrid Tan, Sari Hirvonen-Kantola, Mia Kemppaala, Martin Galvin, Ciara O'Halloran, Sara Bjärstorp & Per-Anders Hillgren, Katarzyna Pardyka & Tijana Vukojičić Tomić - Towards a Joint Vision 2040 – presentation of conference results: prof. dr. Peter Scholten, dr. Daria Ratsiborinskaya Plenary Closing: Prof. dr. Ed Brinksma Audience: all delegates Hybrid: one-way (listening in)

Conference officially ends!

Afternoon programme (not officially part of conference)

Parallel sessions (+ coffee included)	
14.15-15.45	Leadership board meeting (hybrid) <i>Invitation only.</i>
14.45-16.15	City representatives meeting @ City Hall
14.30-16.00	Virtual Campus Expert Group (hybrid) <i>Hybrid meeting with the 4 VC experts per partner.</i>

14.30-16.00	Work Package meetings	WP2 Working Group (hybrid): Educational innovation funds: exchanging experiences with allocating funds for educational innovation, sharing local specific features and requirements, and discussing ideas a common procedure.
		WP3 Working Group meeting (hybrid): Kicking off the planning of engagement methods and tools: UNIC Re-Imaginatorium (Thematic Lines interested in the co-development of the Re-Imaginatorium are also welcome)
		WP4 Working Group (hybrid): Regular meeting in-person instead of online; exchanging information and ideas on how the tasks move forward, what issues appeared.
14.30 – 16.00	UNIC @ Lodz: Open lecture for students, staff and other interested stakeholders of the University of Lodz.	