

NECE Conference 2018

Brave New Worlds?!

The Future of Democracy and Citizenship Education

6-9 September 2018
Marseille, France

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Conference venue: Friche la Belle de Mai, Marseille, France

Mission Statement

Liberal democracy is in a state of crisis. Worldwide, a “democratic recession” can be observed, even in countries that have long claimed a leading role worldwide in defending and spreading democratic values and freedoms.

Uncertainties about the future of the European Union and its transformation into a “Citizens’ Europe” are shaping the run-up to the European Parliament elections in May 2019. At the same time we observe new signals for a renewed emphasis on the value of citizenship education as an indispensable subject for democracies in the 21st century. And various other voices (Etienne Balibar, Ivan Krastev, Ulrike Guérot) invite us to rethink the democratic foundations of a European Union that is faced with conflicting interests and global turmoil.

The conference “Brave New Worlds?!” named after Aldous Huxley’s famous 1932 dystopia hinges on three intertwined challenges that democracies and citizenship education must address.

- “Brave New Worlds?!” will address the challenges posed by the discourses and practices of an “illiberal democracy” that is increasingly restricting and endangering the space for civil society and citizenship education.
With guests from Hungary, Poland and other countries, the conference will fuel a transnational debate and provide a platform where very different national contexts and counter-strategies may be discussed and transnational spheres of action created.
- “Brave New Worlds?!” also queries the consequences of a technological revolution that digitises our everyday life, allowing large technological groups’ manipulation power to increase globally. One main topic of the conference will be the question of whether and how digitisation changes democracy, how negative side-effects of Big Tech affect democracy and how politics and civil society can react to this.
- Finally, “Brave New Worlds?!” is about the new, immersive “political” worlds that enable people to withdraw into emotional shelters and echo-chambers in order to protect themselves from complexity as well as imagined and real threats. How to deal with these irreversible processes, how to better understand the emotional mechanisms and strategies of anti-democratic agitation will be at the heart of a focus on “Emotions and Politics.”



This year's NECE conference in Marseille will focus on these global processes and provide a platform to discuss strategies on how civil society and citizenship education in Europe can turn this trend in liberal democracy.

NECE in the centre of Marseille

The open and creative venue of the *Friche de La Belle de Mai* socio-cultural centre in Marseille, with its many socio-cultural initiatives, offers an ideal (spatial and social) framework for a “**festival** of networking, dialogue and inspiration.

The 2018 NECE Conference will use these creative, interactive spaces in order to discuss the current pressing issues in Europe with participants from Europe and North Africa and Marseille audience and local civil society organisations. A wide range of formats and methods will offer a variety of creative spaces for the development of tangible ideas, suggestions and recommendations for political educational practice.

In an **European project market**, civil society initiatives and NECE focus groups will present their work and invite people to talk and network; **field trips** to organisations working in the fields of citizenship and cultural education will foster a hands-on experience of the challenges that heterogeneous societies are currently facing.

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Provisional Programme

Thursday, 6 September 2018

Conference facilitation:

Sam Khebizi, Director of Les Têtes de l'Art, Marseille

02:00 pm Arrival coffee, registration & project market
Speed visits of "Friche La Belle de Mai" and its cultural initiatives

Human Library

Here real people are on loan to readers throughout the conference. They incarnate stereotypes such as "The Muslim" or "The Homeless". Participants are challenged to confront their prejudices by borrowing a human book for an open and honest dialogue where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered. (<http://humanlibrary.org>)

04:30 Musical Warming Up

PLENARY SESSION

05:15 pm **Why are we here?**
Introduction and Mapping facilitated by **Sam Khebizi**

05:30 pm **Welcome**
Michèle Schilt, Partner of NECE, Luxembourg
Alain Arnaudet, Director of Friche La Belle de Mai, Marseille (tbc)
Joachim Umlauf, Director of the Goethe-Institut Lyon/Marseille

05:45 pm **Opening**
Thomas Krüger, Director of the Federal Agency for Civic Education, Bonn

06:00 pm **Roundtable**
Where now for citizenship education and *citoyenneté* in France?
Open questions, controversies, future needs

Introduction: **Claire Demesmay**, German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP, Berlin
Béatrice Angrand, Secrétaire générale de l'Office franco-allemand pour la Jeunesse (OFAJ), Paris
Hanane El Bahraoui, CHAMAR, Marseille (tbc)
Géraldine Bozec, Université Nice Sophia Antipolis, Nice
David Lopez, Ligue de l'Enseignement, Paris (tbc)

Moderation: **Sam Khebizi**

Discussion/ Q&A

07:15 pm **KEYNOTE**
"Citoyenneté et courage en temps de crises"
Latifa Ibn Ziaten, President and Founder of the Association pour la Jeunesse et la Paix IMAD, Rouen

Discussion/ Q&A

08:00 pm Reception, Les Grandes Tables/Friche la Belle de Mai

Version from 07/06/2018

Friday, 7 September 2018

09:00 am **Project market & networking**

PLENARY SESSION

09:15 am **Project pitch:** All projects from the project market are invited to present itself to the audience (one minute presentation per project/institution).

09:30 am **KEYNOTE**

“Getting emotions and politics right. Do we need a new emotional deal?”

Fernando Vallespín, Professor of Political Science, Autonomous University of Madrid

Commentary by **Karolina Wigura**, Kultura Liberalna, Warsaw

Discussion

10:30 am Coffee break

11:00 am **Parallel panel sessions**

**“The future of citizenship education and democracy:
New tasks and open questions”**

Panel I: “Turning back the tide, but how? Citizenship education for a citizens’ Europe”

- **Ulrike Guérat**, Founder and director of the European Democracy Lab, Berlin
- **Edit Inotai**, Senior fellow at the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy (CEID), Budapest
- **Basil Kerski**, Director of the European Solidarity Centre, Gdansk
- **Niccolò Milanese**, Co-Director of European Alternatives, Paris
- **Jan-Werner Müller**, Professor of Politics, Princeton University, New York

Moderation: **Almut Möller**, European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

Panel II: „Emotions and politics: Ideas and formats for citizenship educators“

- **Ola Hnatiuk**, Professor of culture studies and interpreter, University of Warsaw/ Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
- **Fernando Vallespín**, Professor of political science, Autonomous University of Madrid
- **Karin Wahl-Jorgensen**, Director of Research Development and Environment, School of Journalism, Media and Culture, University of Cardiff

Curated and moderated by **Karolina Wigura**, Kultura Liberalna, Warsaw

Panel III: "What do digitisation and new technology mean for citizenship education and democracy?"

- **Tobias Blanke**, Head of the Department of Digital Humanities, King's College London (tbc)
- **Marco Mancuso**, founder and director of Digicult, Milan (tbc)
- **Léonore de Roquefeuil**, CEO at vox.org, Paris (tbc)
- **Mads Vestergaard**, Center for Information and Bubble Studies at the University of Copenhagen

Moderation: **Eddy Habben Jansen**, Director of ProDemos – House for Democracy and the Rule of Law, The Hague

01:00 pm Lunch

02:00 pm **IDEA CAMPUS: trainings, workshops, lectures, labs**

The open and creative grounds of the Friche La Belle de Mai with its many socio-cultural initiatives provide the ideal (spatial and social) framework for a "**IDEA CAMPUS**" on the future of democracy and citizenship education composed by the following recurring formats:

- **Lectures**: introductory talks by experts followed by questions and answers
- **Panels**: statements from different perspectives, followed by a moderated discussion among the panellists and with the audience
- **Labs**: an open pool of ideas, where creative minds and practitioners of citizenship education meet and work with different methods to generate impulses for a sustainable citizenship education. Topics and ideas have already come from an open call for projects and papers, from the NECE Partners and Advisory Board, who are asked to continue accompanying their proposals as curators.
- **Trainings**: focused method and format training on relevant topics or presentation and / or exemplary practicing of methods.
- **Workshops**: Here theory and practice of citizenship education meet and work on relevant topics and questions. Topics and ideas have already come from NECE Partners and Advisory Board, who are asked to continue accompanying their proposals as curators. NECE focus groups will also get a slot here.

4:00 pm Coffee break

4:30 pm **Parallel sessions**

- **IDEA CAMPUS**: continuation
- **FIELD TRIPS: Exploring Marseille and discover projects in the field of citizenship and cultural education**
In parallel to the IDEA CAMPUS at Friche La Belle de Mai **FIELD TRIPS** to local organisations will promote exchange and networking with people working on the frontlines of education and civic activity.

07:00 pm *** Snacks and Drinks * Informal Talks * Marseille Hip Hop**
A HIP HOP performance of a local group with roots in the cités of Marseille, hosted and organised by the Goethe-Institut Marseille/Lyon will be accompanied by finger food and informal talks. More information coming soon.

Saturday, 8 September 2018

09:30 am	Project market & networking
10:00 am	Parallel sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IDEA CAMPUS: continuation• EXPERTS' CONSULTATION: Policies and programmes of the EU regarding citizenship education
1:00 pm	Lunch
PLENARY SESSION	
2:00 pm	KEYNOTE “Civic engagement in times of bubbles” Vincent F. Hendricks , Professor of Formal Philosophy and Director of Center for Information and Bubble Studies (CIBS), University of Copenhagen Discussion/ Q&A
03:00 pm	OPEN SPACE: Networking, Consultation, Laboratory The feedback from participants in the last NECE conferences has shown clearly: There is a great need for open exchange, networking and spontaneous discussion on upcoming relevant issues. During the OPEN SPACE people are invited to form mixed groups and to discuss issues, tasks or ideas announced earlier during the conference. The OPEN SPACE is characterised by openness, commitment, shared responsibility and self-coaching, with room for dialogue and the exchange of experiences in an informal yet inspiring atmosphere.
05:30 pm	Coffee break
PLENARY SESSION	
06:00 pm	Future of Europe: What do citizens say? Emily O'Reilly , European Ombudsman, Brussels Discussion with the audience and Q&A Moderation: Alberto Alemanno , HEC Paris NYU School of Law, Paris (tbc)
07:15 pm	FLASHLIGHTS: Where now for citizenship education in Europe? Where now for NECE? New ideas, paradigms and projects in times of “democratic recession”. Outlooks, Take-Aways and Conclusions with members from the NECE Advisory Board, Partners and the audience Moderation: Sam Khebizi

08:00 pm

Opening party of the MIMI (Mouvement International des Musiques Innovatrices) festival with local music acts

The annual music festival organised by A.M.I. (Aide aux Musiques Innovatrices) focuses on innovative and multi-disciplinary musical expression.

After the official end of this year's NECE conference, everybody is invited to join the opening party of the MIMI festival and to experience the vibes of Marseille!

Snacks and drinks can be bought there. There is no fee. The restaurant "Les Grandes Tables" at La Friche is also open for dinner (self paid).

Sunday, 9 September 2018

Departure