

West University of Timisoara, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology

Announces

**The International On-line Conference
„Quality of Academic Life. How well are we in school?“**

which will be held on
October 27th, 2023

The school (university included) represents a central pillar in the life of society, as the main institution in charge of shaping individuals according to the society's aspirations. However, in recent decades, its functioning has been rather characterized by seemingly insurmountable adversities (chronic underfunding; structural changes often lacking a long-term vision; instability at the level of central management; dependence on the political factor; poor infrastructure; inequalities between social categories etc.). Given these conditions that describe the school's operating context, one legitimate question arises:

How well are the teachers and students in school, these days?

To this question, we aim to find answers during the event. Therefore, the **purpose** of the conference is to provide participants with the opportunity to engage in an exchange of information, experiences, innovative ideas, research results, as well as recommendations for action regarding the promotion of the quality of academic life.

Targeted participants:

- researchers and academic staff,
- students (Bachelor, Master and PhD),
- practitioners and representatives of educational institutions,
- representatives of institutions or departments regarding quality assurance in pre-university and higher education.

Interested persons can attend the conference as a *presenter* or as *members of the audience*.

There is **no** charge for attending the conference.

After the event, the presenters will receive a certificate that will attest their attendance and involvement in the event.

The conference format will include 3 types of sessions:

1. Online sessions, in Romanian language;
2. Online sessions, in English language (intended for foreign participants and Romanian participants who want to present or listen to presentations in English).
3. Online sessions, in French language (intended for foreign participants and Romanian participants who want to present or listen to presentations in French).

Participants will opt for the desired format when they fill in the registration form.

Important dates

- Registration deadline: September 25th, 2023
- Notification of acceptance: October 7th, 2023
- Final conference program release: October 15th, 2023

Proposed topics (the list is indicative, not exhaustive):

- The current situation and the future perspectives regarding the quality of academic life in schools (universities included);
 - National and international strategies, programs and policies regarding the promotion of the quality of academic life;
 - Representations of academic life: institutional values, attitudes and perceptions regarding the quality of academic life;
 - Positive aspects of the quality of academic life: learning motivation, academic performance, school success, social and professional integration;
 - Negative aspects of the quality of academic life: bullying, school dropout and early school leaving, burnout, harassment, brain-drain;
 - Pupils' and students' attitudes and perceptions regarding the quality of academic life. How well are they in school/university;
 - Teachers attitudes and perceptions regarding the quality of academic life. How well are they in school/university;
 - The impact of the pandemic on the quality of academic life;
 - The impact of education laws on the quality of academic life;
 - The importance of infrastructure in education for the quality of academic life;
 - Access and accessibility of academic institutions for increasing the quality of academic life;
- Investments in education and training systems;
- Evidence-based practices and reforms to increase the quality of academic life;
- Cross-border or inter-institutional collaboration on advanced academic models;
- Sustainable development and quality education;
- The right to education. Prevention of school dropout and early school leaving;
- Continuous training of trainers to increase the quality of academic life.

Registration

To attend the conference, we invite you to fill out the **registration form** [HERE](https://forms.gle/z3SFGDkaaQZTRKFKA) (<https://forms.gle/z3SFGDkaaQZTRKFKA>). Please pay close attention to filling your email address correctly, as we will later send you the certificates of participation to this address!

Technical details regarding the organizing of the event

- Each presentation will last a maximum of 15 minutes and will be followed by a discussion of approximately 5 minutes.
- The presentations will be made in PowerPoint format or another software tool for designing a presentation, at the author's choice. The contributions will be presented orally and may refer (without limitation) to: results of studies/researches; analyzes or comments regarding benchmark policies or programs; examples of good practices; case studies; critical analysis of institutional practices; innovative proposals to increase the quality of academic life etc.

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