INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

RE-DESIGNING EDUCATION to shape a better world

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Kent State University
Palazzo Vittori
Florence, Italy

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The symposium is designed to:

Create a framework of concepts for re-designing education.

The framework will describe the concepts and predictions to build new knowledge and practices for education, from a global perspective.

The participants will be:

40 selected delegates who are international thought leaders, involved in education.

Diverse disciplines, ethnicities, age learners, cultures, and global representation will promote a new way of viewing issues, allowing the individuals to gain an appreciation of others’ viewpoints, values, and beliefs.

Premise

According to many experts, the world is changing faster than at any other time in human history. Educators need to develop different learning strategies to help students address the new opportunities and challenges these changes present. The primary goal of this symposium is to bring together thought leaders from around the world to develop innovative ideas that will prepare students and teachers to shape a world that fosters a greater good for all.

During this 3-day design challenge, participants will work together to imagine, design and create concepts for future education systems to empower students and teachers to develop a positive new world vision.
Goals of the Symposium

- The delegates will define characteristics of a better world and solutions for what may be needed in a future education.

- Using the grand design challenge format and working in small teams, delegates will develop: 1) an educational framework of concepts to be the basis for a curricular education plan and 2) research strands.

- Following the symposium, the chair and 3 team members from various countries will develop a curricular education plan based on the framework of concepts. The plan will be disseminated to educational institutions around the world.

- During the academic year, 2019-20, researchers will conduct studies on the research strands that emerge. The studies will be published in an edited book.

Symposium Planning Team Members:
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