ONLINE SEMINAR ON ACADEMIC PEDAGOGY

20-27 September 2021

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What This Is About

Radical, unplanned, forced and, to some extent, undesirable changes brought about by the corona-virus pandemic, challenged each and every Higher Education operational model (the civil society model, the quasi-state market model, then free market model and the social democracy model). They also intensified the need for academic staff training in academic (university) pedagogy, especially with regards to the ways in which contemporary instruments and technological aids can come to the assistance of academic staff. Such a need, as well as the realization that the set of competences required for effective and efficient university-level teaching is, more often than not, not addressed in the course of graduate or doctoral-level studies have been felt worldwide for quite some time. Thus, Higher Education Institutions in the more advanced higher education areas have been compelled to establish academic instruction support offices within universities, as well as member-led, sector-owned organizations for the purpose of academic teacher training, the exchange and promotion of best teaching practices (e.g. Advance HE in UK).

To help ourselves and other colleagues, the Permanent Commission of Internal Quality Assurance of LOGOS University College, thanks to the HEI's partnership with the Democritus University of Thrace (DUTh), Greece, organizes, with the support of the Center of Teaching and Learning of this university, a cycle of short seminar sessions on university pedagogy. We are therefore inviting LOGOS University College academic staff members and other interested colleagues to participate. The seminar will focus on student-centered methods and techniques of teaching and learning in the educational process, as well as on the possibilities offered by modern Information and Communication Technology. The first cycle of seminar lessons will be organised in four meetings aimed at promoting university-level pedagogy and creating a community of learners, which would support academic teachers in exchanging best practices, recording their needs, revising, drafting, developing and implementing modern and effective academic activities utilizing the possibilities offered by ICT in academic-level teaching and learning. Each session will be two-hours long.

The sessions wil be led by members of the teaching and research academic staff, as well as research partners of the Democritus University of Thrance and the University of Patras, who are also leading members of the academic teaching and learning support offices of their universities. In particular:
• Prof. Dr. Zoi Gavriilidou, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, DUTh.
• Prof. As. Dr. Katerina Kedraka, Coordinator of the Center of Teaching and Learning (CTL), DUTh.
• Dr.Christos Kaltsidis, post-doctoral researcher and CTL fellow, DUTh.
• Prof. Dr. Thanasis Karalis, CTL Coordinator, University of Patras.
• Dr. Natassa Raikou, Laboratory Teaching Staff, University of Patras.

P R O G R A M M E

Session I
Monday, 20.09.2021, 11.00 - 13.00
Prof. As. Dr. Katerina Kedraka (Democritus University of Thrace)

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Content:
A. Introduction to the seminar – presentation of trainees – joint development of training objectives.

B. Discussion and exchanges of the views of academic staff memberss on:
- International trends in matters related to student-centred Teaching & Learning in Higher Education.
- The didactic/pedagogical role and its rapport with scientific research in the context of the teaching and research academic staff's professional development.
- Endogenous and exogenous hardles in the course of teaching and learning in HEIs.
- The effect of personal experiences of academic staff members in forming their academic strategies.
- The educational profile and needs of students.
- Contemporary trends and viewpoints on teaching and learning in Higher Education / the importance of transformative learning.
- The importance of creating communities of learners for teaching and research stasff.

Session II
Wednesday, 22.09.2021, 11.00 - 13.00
Prof. Dr. Zoi Gavriilidou (Democritus University of Thrace)

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Content:
- Curriculul Development.
- Lesson Outlines
- Issues of equality and inclusion in Higher Education.

Session III
Friday, 24.09.2021, 11.00 - 13.00
Prof. Dr. Thanasis Karalis & Dr. Natassa Raikou (University of Patras)

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Content: Educational approaches, strategies and methods in Higher Education. We shall discuss the following matters, in particular:
- The overall increase of the number of students.
- Elements characterising 'good' academic teaching and learning in universities.
- Teaching planning and techniques.
- Innovative methods and good practices in teaching and learning (flipped classroom).
- Feedback and assessment in the teaching and learning convention.

Session IV
Monday, 27.09.2021, 11.00 - 13.00
Dr. Christos Kaltsidis (Democritus University of Thrace)

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Content: The meeting will focus on the presentation of ICT instruments in teaching, learnming and assessment in Higher Education. Discussion topics will include such matters, as:
- Direct and distance learning.
- Communication in online teaching and learning.
- Evaluation strategies and techniques.
- Use and integration of modern technological means and software in teaching and learning in higher education.
- Examples and good practices of the use of ICT.
- Conclusions and feedback, suggestions for the future.