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This book contains the full text of papers and posters presented at the International Conference on Education and New Developments (END 2020), organized by the World Institute for Advanced Research and Science (W.I.A.R.S.), that this year had to be transformed into a fully Virtual Conference as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic.

Education, in our contemporary world, is a right since we are born. Every experience has a formative effect on the constitution of the human being, in the way one thinks, feels and acts. One of the most important contributions resides in what and how we learn through the improvement of educational processes, both in formal and informal settings.

The International Conference seeks to provide some answers and explore the processes, actions, challenges and outcomes of learning, teaching and human development. The goal is to offer a worldwide connection between teachers, students, researchers and lecturers, from a wide range of academic fields, interested in exploring and giving their contribution in educational issues. We take pride in having been able to connect and bring together academics, scholars, practitioners and others interested in a field that is fertile in new perspectives, ideas and knowledge.

We counted on an extensive variety of contributors and presenters, which can supplement our view of the human essence and behavior, showing the impact of their different personal, academic and cultural experiences. This is, certainly, one of the reasons we have many nationalities and cultures represented, inspiring multi-disciplinary collaborative links, fomenting intellectual encounter and development.

END 2020 received 459 submissions, from more than 40 different countries, reviewed by a double-blind process. Submissions were prepared to take form of Virtual Presentations and Posters. The conference accepted for presentation 125 submissions (27% acceptance rate), from which, 106 submissions are published in full text in this book.

The conference also includes a keynote presentation from an internationally distinguished researcher, Prof. Dr. Joy Kutaka-Kennedy (Ed. D., Department of Special Education, Sanford College of Education, National University, San Jose Campus, USA), to whom we express our most gratitude.

This conference addressed different categories inside the Education area and papers are expected to fit broadly into one of the named themes and sub-themes. To develop the conference program, we have chosen four main broad-ranging categories, which also covers different interest areas:

• In **TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**: Teachers and Staff training and education; Educational quality and standards; *Curriculum* and Pedagogy; Vocational education and Counseling; Ubiquitous and lifelong learning; Training programs and professional guidance; Teaching and learning relationship; Student affairs (learning, experiences and diversity; Extra-curricular activities; Assessment and measurements in Education.

• In **PROJECTS AND TRENDS**: Pedagogic innovations; Challenges and transformations in Education; Technology in teaching and learning; Distance Education and eLearning; Global and sustainable developments for Education; New learning and teaching models; Multicultural and (inter)cultural communications; Inclusive and Special Education; Rural and indigenous Education; Educational projects.

• In **TEACHING AND LEARNING**: Critical Thinking; Educational foundations; Research and development methodologies; Early childhood and Primary Education; Secondary Education; Higher Education; Science and technology Education; Literacy, languages and Linguistics (TESL/TEFL); Health Education; Religious Education; Sports Education.

• In **ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**: Educational policy and leadership; Human Resources development; Educational environment; Business, Administration, and Management in Education; Economics in Education; Institutional accreditations and rankings; International Education and Exchange programs; Equity, social justice and social change; Ethics and values; Organizational learning and change, Corporate Education.

This book contains the results of the research and developments conducted by authors who focused on what they are passionate about: to promote growth in research methods intimately related to teaching, learning and applications in Education nowadays. It includes an extensive variety of contributors and presenters, who will extend our view in exploring and giving their contribution in educational issues, by sharing with us their different personal, academic and cultural experiences.

We would like to express thanks to all the authors and participants, the members of the academic scientific committee, and of course, to our organizing and administration team for making and putting this conference together.

Hoping to continue the collaboration in the future,

Respectfully,

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## NEW POSSIBILITIES IN EDUCATION AT THE NEXUS OF GENERATIONAL CHANGE AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

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#### Abstract

One thing is certain in life and that is change, something we all experience in big and little ways every day. We all emerged as newborns into families of varying sorts, progressed through a multiplicity of childhoods, and finally achieved and survived teenage years. We began renegotiating our relationship with parents who had their ideas of who we should be and how we should live, which more often than not clashed with our own emerging definition of ourselves in the changing world. Younger generations have struggled with older generations for possibly as long as human history. Each new generation challenged the norms, expectations, and perspectives of their predecessors in light of the latest social, environmental and technological changes that developed. Game-changing innovations have shaped and influenced the context of social evolution as well as cultural revolution. With these generational differences nuanced by ever evolving technological innovations, how can we in higher education best prepare our students to meet the needs of the changing workplace and communities? How do we bridge the gaps between the older-generation academics who grew up using typewriters and the younger generation student body using Facetime, social media and text messaging? Besides becoming more adept and proficient in using technology, which is a crucial step in the right direction, we need to harness more of the vast resources available in online education to offer course work to an increasingly demanding student body who wants instant access, quick responses and on-demand mobility. Online education is here to stay with demand growing each year. We in higher education need to become highly skilled and more effective in meeting students where they are with what they need and want. We must teach and engage them more efficiently and effectively, especially in light of upcoming innovations in augmented and virtual reality, artificial intelligence, and other innovations. Higher education needs to embrace the forces of innovation which will continually impact how people learn, adapt and go forward.

#### **Biography**

Prior to entering higher education Dr. Joy Kutaka-Kennedy spent over fifteen years teaching pre-school through high school students in regular education, gifted education, at-risk education, and special education. After earning her doctorate in Special Education, she has taught over fifteen years at the university level, emphasizing special education teacher preparation in academic course work and clinical practice supervision. Having extensive experience with online education, course development and program evaluation, she won Quality Matters recognition for innovative course design and student engagement. She has given numerous national and international presentations on creativity and collaboration in the online venue; individual accountability in online group work; emerging technological trends in higher education; implications of generational differences and technological innovation in higher education; and the future of Artificial Intelligence, machine learning and deep learning in education. Her university faculty responsibilities include course design and assessment oversight, field work supervision, and mentoring new faculty in higher education. Dr. Joy Kutaka-Kennedy serves as an officer of the California Association of Professors of Special Education, completes program reviews for state and national accreditation, and performs editorial reviews for professional publications. She currently is working on designing new curricula to align with new state credentialing standards.

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