

Dear colleagues, collaborators and friends

The **Aegean University**, in collaboration with the Transnational Interdisciplinary Society **SY.N.TH.E.SI.: The Heuristic Teachers' Society** is organizing an international conference to be held in Athens on 4-5th October 2019 on the following issue:

The Teacher's Identity and Job Profile as a Professional

Participants in the conference will be scientists from all levels of education as well as from other scientific fields (e.g. Arts, Psychology, Economy, Civilization) aiming to develop a creative dialogue on the theme of the conference. Some indicative questions for the dialogue amongst educators, academics, other scientists as well as politicians are the following:

- Which challenges do teachers have to face today and what are the developments expected for this profession in the near future?
- Is the work and role of teachers recognized with respect by society?
- Do teachers have the support required for the successful implementation of their work?
- Which is the role of teachers for linking education with society as well as with the labour market?
- What are the criteria and the job profile on the basis of which one chooses the profession of a teacher?

Teachers involved in educational praxis will, of course, have a central role. This is the reason why we are inviting those of you who wish to participate with the presentation of your own positions in this important theme to send us:

- Your positions and/or points of view on the themes which follow or
- A proposal for the presentation of a theme related with the following issues

Basic issues

- I. How have I selected the job of a teacher? My expectations and the reality of the profession
- II. Which is my professional identity as a teacher?
- III. Which institutions influence its formation?
- IV. What is the curriculum of Higher Education for teacher education and training?
- V. What is my personal responsibility for defining my own identity?
- VI. What is the relationship between my personal and professional development?
- VII. How can I produce a valid explanation of my educational influences in my own learning and the learning of my pupils/students?

The conference is expected to be implemented in Athens on the fourth and fifth of October 2019.

We are inviting you to send us your comments and points of view on the above questions as well as the title of your presentation, in case you wish to participate with a presentation, to the address: hardkosm@gmail.com

Important Dates

- o Submission of complete texts for positions/points of view on the issues above or for a presentation: Until 05 of August 2019
- o Information on acceptance of texts to be included by the Conference Committee: 30 of August 2019
- o Submission of final texts to be included in the minutes: 10th of September 2019
- o Declaration for participating either with a presentation or as a participant: 10 – 20 September 2019
- o Conference days: 04 and 05 October 2019

Place of conference: Athens

Participants will be given certificates of attendance

Participation of SY.N.TH.E.SI members with a presentation is free of charge. For every other participant with a presentation a payment of 30 Euros is required.

Attendance of the conference is free for participants. However they need to declare their decision to participate by the end of August to the address: hardkosm@gmail.com.

All participants whose work will be selected to be included in the program and in the minutes of the conference will receive a certificate with the title of their work through e-mail. A certificate of attendance for all conference participants will also be sent through e-mail.

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