

Open Public Session (Lecture +Roundtable):

"Will the future of Higher Education be evidence-based?"

Wednesday, 22nd November 2017, 17.30 - 20.00 h.

Venue: Palau Macaya, Passeig de Sant Joan, 108, 08037 Barcelona

In the framework of the International Seminar *"Evidence-based research: methodological approaches and practical outcomes"*, the **UNESCO Chair in Education & Technology for Social Change** of the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya will organize an Open Session with International experts:

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This Open Session includes a lecture from Professor **Paul Prinsloo** (University of South Africa, UNISA), followed by a Roundtable with these experts:

- **Olaf Zawacki-Richter**, Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, ALE
- **Richard Garret**, The Observatory of Borderless Higher Education, UK / USA
- **Frans Kaizer**, Centre of Higher Education Policy & Studies, CHEPS, HOL
- **Francesca Pozzi**, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, CNR-ITD, ITA

The development of statistics, the affordances of learning analytics and machine learning, amongst other elements, are providing the higher education institutions many data from which to monitor and improve the teaching and learning processes they carry out. At the same time, administrations, agencies and stakeholders are asking to get evidence of the good job done by these institutions.

It seems, therefore, that the future of higher education will be intrinsically linked to the identification of evidences that demonstrate that they attain the educational, social and economic impact that have been targeted as an objective. But ... What should be the nature of these evidences? Should they be all quantitative, based on a positivist paradigm? Is there any possibility of obtaining evidence of another kind? Can the machines help us to obtain evidence of a more qualitative and transformative character?

This Open Session will be held on Wednesday, 22 November, from 5.30 to 8.00 pm. The venue, in Barcelona, will be the **Palau Macaya, Passeig de Sant Joan, 108**.

This event is part of the line of work begun in the previous two years to determine the social and economic impact of online education. The working languages of the session will be English and Spanish. **Simultaneous translation service will be provided.**

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