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Linguistic diversity, intercultural competences & European identity

Four Aurora Alliance universities located in four distinct geographical parts of Europe with one common interest:


exploring and learning about the linguistic diversity by providing a forum for plurilingualism-inspired pedagogical approaches to come forward.

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 3 online seminars

 24th, 25th and 26th
May 2023

 1 in-presence
seminar @UNINA

 18th to 22nd
September 2023

 Travels costs financially
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Program of the initiative

The course will focus on testing and exchanging the best practices of the resource-focused ideas and approaches in relation to plurilingual teaching and learning agenda in higher educational settings with the aim of fostering the development of a European cultural identity based on the plurality of cultures. In doing so, we put forward a view of language plurality and linguistic diversity as assets for universities, and for their staff, faculty members, students, and society.

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Virtual component

24 May 2023, please enter the time CET



From multilingualism to plurilingualism (theories and applications)

Ulrike Jessner-Schmid – Innsbruck University, Austria

In this seminar the concepts of multi- and plurilingualism will be addressed with a focus on individual, social and educational dimensions of the phenomena that have been discussed in interdisciplinary approaches stemming from several fields such as psychology, sociology, ethnology, (applied) linguistics and education.

25 May 2023, 9:00-11:15 (including breaks)



Intercultural competence

Markus Öbrink – Palacký University, Olomouc, the Czech Republic

With the aim of helping the participants to learn how to work effectively in an intercultural environment and how to use diversity as a tool to improve the output of their work, the concept of Intercultural Communication will be discussed from several different viewpoints, based on the three components: attitudes, skills and knowledge.

26 May 2023, please enter the time CET



Linguistic diversity and European Identity

Alessandro Arienzo and Lúdia Gallego-Balsà – Federico II University, Italy and Rovira i Virgili University, Spain

This seminar will explore how the acquisition of European identity is based on the development of plurilingual competence so Europeans can interact with members of other states. Also, the participants will reflect upon their own linguistic diversity and the value they ascribe to it.

In-presence activity

18-22 September 2023



Multidimensional reflections on plurilingualism as European reality

Alessandro Arienzo, Lúdia Gallego, Ulrike Jessner-Schmid & Markus Öbrink The aim of the seminar will be on linking the content of the three online seminars in discussion rounds and presentations held by the students. The students will work both individually and in groups. English will be the main lingua franca of communication but other languages will also play a role in consonance with the plurilingual and intercultural nature of the programme.