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Greek Observatory of Intercultural Education

Education and Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups

International Conference

University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki
23-26 June 2011

Call for Proposals

The University of Macedonia, Greece (UOM), the Therapy Centre for Dependent Individuals (KETHEA) and the National Institute of Special Needs Education of Japan, invite Social and Human Scientists, Researchers and Practitioners to participate in and to submit proposals for the International Conference on Educational and Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups 2011 in Thessaloniki, Greece. The conference theme “**Education and Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups**” will provide a focus for the keynote addresses and proposals for contributions are welcome from all fields of educational and social policy and care for vulnerable social groups. Participants are invited to submit abstracts for papers, posters, workshops and round tables. All proposals must be submitted electronically. PhD students and emerging researchers are especially invited to participate in the Conference by submitting proposals too.

The main themes of the conference are:

1. Human Rights and Access to Education and other social institutions of vulnerable social groups.
2. Education and training of former drug addicts, immigrants, unemployed, ex-prisoners, individuals with special needs, socially excluded groups, school drop-outs.
3. Good practices in education and training of vulnerable social groups.

4. Counselling and social support of former drug addicts, immigrants, unemployed, ex-prisoners, individuals with special needs, socially excluded groups, school drop-outs.
5. Good practices in counselling and social networking of vulnerable social groups.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 11 February 2011 (all proposals to be submitted by email)
- Information on Review Results: 30 March 2011
- Full Conference Programme Release and Submission of Papers for Conference Proceedings: 20 May 2011
- Conference: 23 – 26 June 2011

Conference Theme: Education and Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups

In the current era of personal, social and economic crisis we have all realized that there are no single answers to multi-dimensional problems that the socially disadvantaged groups and society as a whole face. The current situation characterized by the diminished of human, social and economic resources reveals even further the inequalities amongst various social groups and places social exclusion at the heart of modern society crisis.

At the time of social instability social care organizations and the academia need to join their forces in combating social exclusion and cultivating the European tradition of open dialogue, democracy and equal access to education, training and social inclusion for all social groups.

The International Conference on «Education and Integration of Vulnerable Groups» combined with the International Day Against Drugs (26th June 2011) is a unique opportunity to share our values and promote the right of all to education, training and social inclusion on an equal basis.

- Read more on the [conference](#) theme, and at KETHEA's [website](#).
- What is the Department of Educational and Social Policy, University of Macedonia about? Visit the Department's webpage. <http://www.uom.gr/index.php?tmima=7&categorymenu=2>
- What is KETHEA about? Visit organisation's website. <http://www.kethea.gr>

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

All submissions have to be handed in an electronic version in the conference's e-mail address: eiconf2011@kethea.gr

The closing date for submission will be **Friday 11th February 2011**.

Read more [here](#) on how to submit to UOM-KETHEA 2011 at the website

CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The conference will take place at the University of Macedonia Thessaloniki (www.uom.gr) located in the city centre of Thessaloniki. Next to The International Exhibition Centre, UOM was initially founded in 1948 as Thessaloniki School for Industrial Studies, is currently a middle-sized University (11000 students) focusing on economic, social and political studies. The Department of Education and Social Policy was established in 1993 by Presidential Decrees 267/93. The first students were admitted in the Department in September 1997. In particular, the mission of the Department is to advance the social sciences in the sectors of educational and social policy by promoting academic and applied teaching and research, to offer its graduates the necessary theoretical and practical training for their scientific and professional careers and development, to promote research in educational and social policy and particularly in the fields of continuing education, the education of adults and of persons with special needs, training techniques, and the development and evaluation of social policy regulations.

KETHEA (www.kethea.gr) is the first nationwide organisation in Greece on drug addiction treatment with Special Consultative Status on UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) associated also with the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) releasing information on drug issues. KETHEA is also a member of the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities and the European Federation of Therapeutic Communities. KETHEA Ithaki, the first Therapeutic Community founded on 1983 located in Sindos region, west of Thessaloniki greater area, is a residential programme for adult substance abusers and their families.

Looking forward to welcoming you in June at Thessaloniki.