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Career and Life Design interventions for sustainable development and decent work

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The international conference “**Career and life design interventions for sustainable development and decent work**” is organized jointly by the **UNESCO Chair on Lifelong Guidance and Counseling** (Institute of Pedagogy, University of Wrocław) and the **European Society for Vocational Designing and Career Counseling (ESVDC)**

Topic

Career-and-life design interventions such as career counseling and career education aim to help individuals or collectives address the issues involved in directing the personal and working lives of individuals, as these issues emerge in the society where they live. But what does this intervention goal mean relative to broader frameworks of interpretation, including economic, ecological, anthropological, and philosophical considerations?

Should these interventions concentrate only on helping people contribute to an optimal economic development and to live a life that they consider good? In addition, could they help prepare individuals and collectives to cope with the global crises that characterize the beginning of the anthropocene era? These crises increasingly impinge on the lives of most human beings. Consider the implications of looming crises caused by growth in the world population, excessive consumption by the richest, exhaustion of natural resources, global warming, increasing disparities between rich and poor, and a deficit in decent work. Should the interventions for career-and-life design prepare people to contribute to resolving these crises? If so, how may current interventions be reconfigured and new interventions be crafted?

During the conference, workshops – bringing together between 10 and 15 participants speaking a same language – will address and try to answer these questions. Participants in a workshop will work together for 2 half-days. During these workshops, some participants may deliver short presentations. Alternatively, some 1 ¼ hour symposia consisting of four short presentations (in English or in Polish) will also be organized. The outcomes of the workshops and symposia will be presented and discussed during a plenary session.

Subtopics

- Career and life design in cross-cultural settings;
- Career and life design in vocational training;
- Life Design and prevention;
- Life Design intervention for vulnerable people.

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Languages of the conference are English and Polish. The Monday-afternoon and Tuesday-morning workshops will be organized in different languages, according to the participants' preferences.