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International Conference: „Transformation of Learning Environments – Innovative and Inclusive Approaches”

20 and 21 June 2024

University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

NIILS: New Approaches for Inclusive Informal Learning Spaces

Invitation

Dear interested parties in improving learning environments,

The transformation of learning environments in the context of societal changes and technological trends is an increasing challenge. Especially in higher education, the role of informal learning spaces is changing. To address some recent developments, the NIILS consortium is organising a **two-day event** with a **conference and excursion in Austria**, in June 2024.

This will also be the final event of the [NIILS project](#), an Erasmus+ project across 5 European countries, which explores **innovative and inclusive approaches for the future development of learning environments in higher education** from the perspective of different disciplines and European regions.

In cooperation with [UniNETZ beWEGt](#) we invite you to take the opportunity and discuss with experts and stakeholders the various challenges and solutions related to the design, provision and use of inclusive, innovative and sustainable learning environments through workshops, walkshops and excursions.

We look forward to welcoming you to our international conference.

The NIILS Team



Conference registration is open until 9th June 2024

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Day 1: 20 June 2024 | Conference

University for Continuing Education Krems,
Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße 30, 3500 Krems, Austria

The conference is designed as a hybrid event.
Online participation will be possible for sessions marked as *hybrid*.

09:30 a.m. **Registration**

Foyer at **Audimax** on Campus Krems

10:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

hybrid **Stefan Oppl**, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Arts and Architecture &
Christina Ipser, Department for Building and Environment, University
for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

10:15 a.m. **Keynote: Transformation of Learning Environments**

hybrid **Ben Cleveland**, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning,
University of Melbourne

10:45 a.m. **“New Approaches for Inclusive Informal Learning Spaces” - Getting to Know the NIILS Project**

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10:55 a.m. **The Role of Informal Learning Spaces in Higher Education: Key Findings from a Multidisciplinary Perspective**

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11:20 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11:40 a.m. **Promoting Inclusive Informal Learning Spaces: Approaches and Strategies Considering Diverse Stakeholder Groups**

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12:20 a.m. **Parallel Workshops**

WS1a: **Poster Walk: Inclusive Informal Learning Spaces in Higher Education**

(tbd) NIILS Project Consortium

WS1b: **UniNETz Walkshop: Reflection on the NIILS Key Results and Findings on a Walk at the Campus**

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1:00 p.m. **Lunch Break**

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2:00 p.m. Parallel Workshops

WS2a: InnoTELL: An Innovation Laboratory for Designing and Testing New Teaching and Learning Scenarios

Tobias Ley, Marlene Wagner & Gerti Pishtari, Center for Digitalisation in Lifelong Learning, University for Continuing Education Krems

WS2b: UniNEtZ Pop-up Walk- and Workshop: Biodiversity at the Campus

Christine Rottenbacher & Stefanie Kotrba, Department for Building and Environment, University for Continuing Education Krems

3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

3:45 p.m. Parallel Workshops

WS3a: Walkshop & Campus Tour: Informal Learning Spaces at the Campus Krems

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WS3b: UniNEtZ Pop-up Walk- & Workshop: Explorative Learning in University and School Gardens

Stefanie Preiml, Department of Instructional and School Development, University of Klagenfurt & Mira Simon, Department of Geography, University of Innsbruck

4:45 p.m. Closing Note

5:00 p.m. Get Together

[5:00 p.m. Internal Walk- & Workshop for UniNEtZ Members (in German Language): Informelle Lernräume und Biodiversität am Campus]

It is intended to hold the conference according to the guidelines of the Ecolabel for Green Meetings and Green Events.



Day 2: 21 June 2024 | **Excursion**

Excursions to informal learning spaces in Vienna
(limited number of participants)

8:45 a.m. **Individual Arrival at BOKU Vienna**

9:00 a.m. **Excursion: Informal Learning Spaces at BOKU**
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences

11:00 a.m. **Break & Individual Travel to WU Vienna**

12:00 a.m. **Excursion: Informal Learning Spaces at WU**
Vienna University of Economics and Business

1:30 p.m. **Goodbye and Closing of the Event**

Address BOKU Vienna:

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
Gregor-Mendel-Straße 33
1180 Vienna

Address WU Vienna:

Vienna University of Economics and Business
Welthandelsplatz 1
1020 Wien