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The GLOBED Winter School is timed to take place at the end of the taught study units of the master's course, and after the internship and the fieldwork periods. It is designed as a meeting space for GLOBED students and lecturers, as a space to reflect on a specific area of study and as an opportunity for preparing for the process of writing the thesis. It therefore sets out to:

- [a] Provide students with further input on the research process, with special attention this year being given to some of the more pressing theoretical and methodological as well as political issues that arise when dealing with patterns of postcoloniality and possibilities of decolonisation that are associated with education and the production and circulation of educational knowledge. Such input builds on, and extends, the learning, insights and competences developed during the rest of the Masters.
- [b] The Winter School also sets out to provide students with the opportunity to present a **draft working document of their thesis** in small groups, and to benefit from feedback from GLOBED staff and peers. Students will already have submitted a preliminary draft of their proposal to the MA Dissertations Board, and will have got initial feedback about their topic and research methodology from their supervisor. The Winter School provides you with the opportunity to work on your thesis in workshops, with the feedback received helping you in writing up your final proposal, on the basis of which the Winter School study unit will be mostly assessed. You will also have the opportunity to discuss issues related to your internship, fieldwork process and the overall research experience.





A. 'EMPIRES OF KNOWLEDGE IN EDUCATION'? POSTCOLONIAL PATTERNS AND DECOLONIAL POSSIBILITIES

A1. Introduction to the theme

International organization, in their educational forms, possess key features of empires. Empires are vast entities encompassing a compound of diverse groups, systems of political regulation, and territorial units, and their hegemonic power is exercised through multilevel, often interdependent and overlapping logics and technologies of authority. As they permanently strive for control over non-subjects, empires rarely have fixed borders. All empires make normative claims, which are often framed in universalist and missionary terms, and are characterized by flows, mobilities, and connections of peoples, ideas, and places.

Taken together, all these key characteristics of empires imply that international organizations such as the the World Bank, the OECD and UNESCO, can be seen as "empires" in relation to education. They are very large and highly heterogeneous structures of authority that seek to change the educational world through the spread of certain educational values and norms. They all have a tendency toward comprehensiveness, even universality, not only in their practice but also in their self-understanding, and their borders are open and flexible. They have the ability to influence the global education agenda and shape the notion of educational legitimacy and normality, and that of the educated person, in various parts of the world.

In contrast to colonial empires, the educational empires of our world are not based on racial demarcation, authoritarian decision making and enforcement, but on overcoming national boundaries in favor of a version of cosmopolitanism, on voluntarism, transnational interdependence, and the political added value accruing from cooperation. As Beck & Grande (2007) would have put it, they are "not constituted through fire and the sword, but through pen and ink" (p. 66). The production and circulation of knowledge is at the core of the modalities in which these empires expand their authority and incorporate new countries, justify and convince about the necessity of inclusion and enlargement, and govern and exercise control over diverse groups and political and territorial units. From this point of view, the empires of UNESCO, the OECD and the World Bank could be seen as "knowledge banks" (Steiner-Khamsi 2012) that seek out, constitute, and diffuse knowledge, more often than not in the forms of "best practice", "international standards", "benchmarks" and "indicators" or in those of "comparison" and "numbered data".

In recent times, an emergent or emerging scholarship (Klerides, Kotthoff & Pereyra 2014; Takayama, Sriprakash & Connell 2017; Cowen 2018; Sobe 2018; Silova & Auld 2019) has been concerned with the types of the knowledges that these educational empires produce and circulate around the globe, as well as the





politics of the processes and mechanisms and technologies of their production and circulation. This scholarship focuses on the geopolitics of knowledge production and diffusion, bringing to the fore the critical role that uneven power relations play in the constitution and circulation of these knowledges. In particular, it highlights the Western origins and character and assumptions of the theories and methods that the neo-empires often draw upon to produce their knowledges and justify their circulation across the world, the North-towards-South and Westtowards-East routes and directions of the mobilities of these knowledges, as well as the southern character of the forms of knowledges that they are often excluded or marginalized in these knowledge production and circulation processes. This emergent or emerging scholarship concludes by putting forward the argument that postcolonial and southern theories are – and ought to be – a powerful intelectual and political resource upon which scholars and practitioners of education and educational governance can draw upon to reform the practices of international organizations in order to make them more 'inclusive' and more 'democratic'.

Understandings of the complex ways in which knowledge is produced and circulated by international organisations around the globe seriously challenge us to:

- Critically examine the role of international organisations in processes of knowledge production and dissemination around the globe, especially whether these political formations of our age represent 'empires of knowledge'.
- Reflect on the way in which issues of power and science are deeply implicated in the production and circulation of educational knowledges in the context of international organisations.
- Develop a critical understanding of the assumptions, motivations and values underpinning the way we understand research, and the manner in which we carry it out, and their implications in the possible marginalisation, even delegitimation of southern epistemologies.
- Understand that the production and circulation of "best practice", "comparison", "benchmarks", "international standards" and "numbered data" are related not just to "robust and relevant research" or "objective science" but also to the governing practices of international organisations, and thus, to new forms of domination and envisioned control. These form part of new imaginings of the educated subject, the modalities of legitimizing, persuading and enforcing these imaginings onto the subaltern, and thus, of mechanisms of the expansion of international organisations in the world.
- Face up to the fact that domination and control is an incomplete project, with the subaltern having the capacity to resist, accommodate, adapt and transform the sorts of knowledges that are produced, legitimised and circulated by international organisations. In so doing, they are capable of articulating alternative notions of development infused by differing notions of the subject.



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 It is the subaltern – those on the margin and the periphery, who experience domination, exclusion and injustice on a daily basis, that are most likely to provide us with compelling insights into our human condition, and in showing us that 'another world is possible'.

A2. Questions to reflect upon during the Winter School 2023

GLOBED students who take these challenges seriously and to heart will therefore feel compelled to carefully and critically consider their proposed research projects in the light of the issues raised above. Like other researchers, they will need to confront questions regarding topic, sample, context, methodology, theoretical lenses, purpose and outcome – but they will do so with increasing awareness of the intimate and intricate relationships between each and every aspect of the research endeavour – whether it is knowledge, epistemology, strategy or writing style – and the exercise of power.

GLOBED students who have become more attuned to the mutual imbrication of knowledge with power will become more adept at confronting their research proposal with such questions as:

- Whose ways of seeing, and of interpreting, count? What kinds of 'truths' are created and validated by my research? In whose interests do such 'regimes of truth' work?
- Which forms of knowledge are valued by the research methods I use? Which remain invisible, unacknowledged, disregarded?
- What assumptions am I making about the role of research in promoting emancipation rather than extending the dominant/privileged project?
- How does the researcher's gaze affirm or deny the worldview of those being researched? How are the latter 'Othered'? Is it at all possible to avoid using 'dominant eyes' when carrying out research? Does our gaze lead to the loss of power of the 'other' to name him/herself?
- Does the research process position those involved in the research as 'objects' or as 'subjects'? Whose voices, experiences and theories are reflected in discourse? What implications does this have for research methods?
- Are there 'ways of knowing' that are specific to groups who share similar material, cultural, gendered lifeworlds? Are there women's ways of knowing? Are there disabled ways of knowing? Are there forms of knowledge that are produced in the context of social movements? Are there hegemonic ways of knowing? Whose ways of knowing are legitimate? How will your research confront/work with/juxtapose different ways of knowing?





How are social/disability movements sites of knowledge creation, reformulation, mobilisation, and diffusion? What kinds of knowledges are produced in and through struggle? Which kinds of research methods and engagements are appropriate, and what implications do these have for the kinds of social science boundaries and articulations, and for more symmetrical relations between the researcher and those in the field? How does this blur the roles as defined by traditional research paradigms?

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- What are some of the issues that arise when non-privileged scholars research their own communities? Who should regulate such research, and to what ends? What kinds of issues should be addressed in the relations between nonprivileged researchers. privileged researchers. and non-privileged communities?
- How do the research methods I use construct the 'reality' we claim to capture? What implications does this have for the politics of research, given that most of the methods we use have been developed and legitimated in the global-North among privileged groups?
- How does my gender, my social class, my ethnicity, my health situation, my ideological lenses shape what I see 'out there', and the way I interpret it?
- What do different writing styles tell us about the author's assumptions regarding knowledge and representation?
- Karl Marx famously claimed that: "The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways. The point, however, is to change it" (*Eleven Theses on* Feuerbach). What is the relationship between research and activism? Would you agree that greater knowledge generates greater responsibility? Towards what? Towards whom? Who am I writing my research for? Towards which ends?
- What responsibilities do researchers have towards the communities that give them access? Is reciprocity part of the ethical relationship that should characterise your project?
- **A3.** Instructional design: The GLOBED Winter School will mobilise a range of pedagogical strategies to create a powerful learning environment in which the above issues and questions will be explored. It will do this by inviting *keynote* speakers who have contributed to a deeper understanding of the epistemological, methodological and political challenges involved in carrying out research in the global-North and the global-South.
- **A4.** Assessment: The assessment of the Winter School, on pass / fail basis, will be based on the activities related to the programme, including (a) active participation; (b) presentation during the research workshops; and (c) the work in progress on the thesis, which will take into account feedback received from supervisor, and GLOBED staff and peers.





A5. Readings:

Students are expected to come prepared to the online Winter School by reading the papers from the following recommended list. Ideally, you should sample at least two papers from across the range of issues that we will be focusing on. Students are also encouraged to identify additional readings that support learning in relation to the themes of the Winter School.

Désirée Acholla

- Jerónimo, M. B., & Dores, H. G. (2020). Enlightened Developments? Inter-imperial Organizations and the Issue of Colonial Education in Africa (1945-1957). In D. Matasci, M. B. Jerónimo, & H. G. Dores (Eds.), *Education and Development in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa* (pp. 237–263). Cham: Springer International Publishing.
- Menashy, F., & Zakharia, Z. (2021). *Promising Partnership Models for Education in Emergencies: A Global-Local Analysis*. Final Report. Retrieved from Dubai Cares website: <u>https://eiepartnerships.org/</u>
- Shahjahan, R. A. (2011). Decolonizing the evidence-based education and policy movement: Revealing the colonial vestiges in educational policy, research, and neoliberal reform. *Journal of Education Policy*, *26*(2), 181–206. <u>https://doi.org/10.1080/02680939.2010.508176</u>
- Sriprakash, A., Tikly, L., & Walker, S. (2020). The erasures of racism in education and international development: Re-reading the 'global learning crisis'. *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*, 50(5), 676– 692. <u>https://doi.org/10.1080/03057925.2018.1559040</u>
- White, B. W. (1996). Talk about School: Education and the Colonial Project in French and British Africa, (1860-1960). *Comparative Education*, *32*(1), 9–25. Retrieved from <u>http://www.jstor.org/stable/3099598</u>

Stephen Carney

- Berlant, L. (2011). Cruel Optimism. Duke University Press, 2011. ProQuest Ebook Central.
- Carney S. and Timsina N. N. (2022). Globalisation in theory and practice. Negotiating belonging in Danish higher education.
- de Sousa Santos, B. (2007). Beyond Abyssal Thinking. From Global Lines to Ecologies of Knowledges.



Charalambos Charalambous

Beile, P., Boote, D.N. (2005). Scholars Before Researchers: On the Centrality of the Dissertation Literature Review in Research Preparation. *Educational Researcher*.

<u>Laila Kadiwal</u>

Grosfoguel, R. (2013). The Structure of Knowledge in Westernized Universities Epistemic Racism/Sexism and the Four Genocides/Epistemicides of the Long 16th Century.

<u>Link here.</u>

Abu Moghli, M; Kadiwal, L; (2021). Decolonising the curriculum beyond the surge: Conceptualisation, positionality and conduct. *London Review of Education*, 19 (1) pp. 1-16.

https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10131408/

Pailey, R. N. (2019). De-centering the White Gaze of Development.

<u>Link here.</u>

Further readings

Keita,T.; Sriprakash, A.; Connell, R. (2017) Toward a Postcolonial Comparative and International Education in Comparative Education Review.

https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/epdf/10.1086/690455

Kothari, U. (2006) An Agenda for thinking about race in development.

Link here.

Rutazibwa, O. (2018) On Babies and Bathwater: Decolonizing international development studies.

Link here.

Sultana, F. (2019) Decolonizing Development Education and the Pursuit of Social Justice.

https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/194277861901200305



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Other resources

Please have a look at the following weblinks, which have been developed to challenge stereotypical representations of development, poverty and gender. Have you encountered similar stories before? We would love to listen.

The Barbie Saviour: https://www.instagram.com/barbiesavior/?hl=en

Explore two short films by Radi-Aid: https://www.radiaid.com/about

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJLqyuxm96k&feature=youtu.be https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpjbkQr0JAE&feature=youtu.be

No White Saviours: https://nowhitesaviors.medium.com/

Ronald Sultana

Sultana, R.G. (2012). Learning from the Mediterranean: the return of the political and an education in hope. *Italian Journal of Sociology of Education*, 4(2):21-39.

Dropbox link.

Sultana, R.G. (2020). For a postcolonial turn in career guidance: the dialectic between universalisms and localism. *British Journal of Guidance and Counselling. DOI:* 10.1080/03069885.2020.1837727

Dropbox link.

Striano, M. & Sultana, R.G. (2023). A Mediterranean Dewey... A Deweyian Mediterranean. In M. Striano & R.G. Sultana (eds) Dewey, Education, and the Mediterranean: Themes, Trails, and Traces. Brill.

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B. Training workshops: Academic Writing, Career Development and Thesis Analytical Plan

The afternoon sessions during the online Winter School will be largely dedicated to different workshops. In particular, workshops will focus on developing academic writing skills, developing strategies for career development and constructing the analytical plan from the gathered data.

The workshops will be organised around input by members of the GLOBED consortium as well as other resource persons. Students will be given the opportunity to present their research design, their methodological strategies and their main findings so far. These workshops will be a space in which students will be able to share their own experiences and concerns, and to engage in practical training that will serve them to write a better thesis.

Invited international speakers

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Désirée Acholla has spent nearly 15 years in the international development sector. Her global education experiences began when she ran a lowfee private school in Burundi. She has since contributed to research on the role of teachers in Rwandan peacebuilding, conducted research on education financing in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana, and published a background paper for UNESCO's 2021/2022 Global Education Monitoring Report on non-state actors in education. Désirée is currently a social impact consultant with her company, Inararibonye Advisors and a 2022

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Collaborative Doctoral Award student in History at the University of Southampton and the University of Exeter. Through the South, West and Wales Doctoral Training Partnership, she is building а digital resource, **DecolonizeDevelopment.org**, that explores how historical colonial power dynamics are perpetuated (and can be upended) in the international development sector. She is also on the board of Sustainable Education & Enterprise Development in Nigeria and a Senior Fellow with the Center for Indonesian Policy Studies. Désirée holds a certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University, a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Montana, and is a 2015 graduate of GLOBED.

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Stephen Carney is a Professor of Educational Studies at Roskilde University in Denmark where he has been based for almost 20 years. He leads the University's Global Humanities interdisciplinary bachelor program and his research focuses on global educational reform and comparative method. He has studied university governance in Denmark, teacher preparation in England and Tibet and school development in Nepal and India. He recently published a book, together with Ulla Madsen, exploring the remaining possibilities for

comparative education (*Education in radical uncertainty: transgressions in theory* and method) and edited a volume with Lefteris Klerides (Identities and Education: *Comparative Perspectives in times of Crisis*), both with Bloomsbury Publishers. He was President of the Comparative Education Society in Europe (CESE) between 2016 - 2022.

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Link to publications: https://forskning.ruc.dk/da/persons/carney/publications/



Charalambos Charalambous holds a PhD in Educational Studies by the University of Michigan and has pursued post-doctoral research at Harvard University.

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His areas of interest are studying and assessing the quality of instruction, factors contributing to the quality of instruction and educational effectiveness in general, exploring connections between the quality of instruction and student learning gains.

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Link to publications: <u>https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Charalambos-Charalambous</u>



Laila Kadiwal is a Lecturer in Education and International Development at the UCL Institute of Education. Dr Kadiwal works on the intersections of identity and education in conflict-affected settings. She has researched in India, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and the UK. Dr Kadiwal has specialist interests in the role of education in Muslim contexts.

Dr Kadiwal also co-directs <u>Best Foot Music</u>, an intercultural music and arts organisation. It connects refugee and marginalised musicians

with extensive music networks and communities in the UK.

Dr Kadiwal's research focuses on exploring the relationship between education, nation-state and identity in a variety of contexts including India, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and the UAE. Most of her research projects apply an interdisciplinary approach. She has used a variety of research methods such as semi-structured indepth interviews, participatory approaches, classroom observations, narratives, multi-media texts, photographs, visual representations, and conceptual and textual analysis.

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Dr. Natalie Papanastasiou is as a freelance research grant specialist and her work supports researchers in the social sciences and humanities to write outstanding research grants. She previously worked as an academic researcher in the field of education policy. During her time as a researcher she worked in multiple European universities for over 10 years, and secured several prestigious research grants as a Principal Investigator. She holds an MSc and PhD from the University of Edinburgh, and a BA from the University of Cambridge.

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Helen Phtiaka is a funding member of the University of Cyprus where she works since 1992. Graduate of the University of Athens, (B.A. in History and Archaeology), University of Stirling, (M.Sc. in Psychology) and the University of Cambridge (PhD in Sociology of Education). She worked as a Research Fellow at the Universities of Cambridge, London and Warwick. In 2008 was elected Associate Dean for the School of Social and Educational Sciences, a post she still holds today. Her research and teaching in School Diversity and Inclusive Education has broken new ground in the

area and has set the relevant educational policy and research agenda in Cyprus for the last 20 years.

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WINTER SCHOOL Programme 27 February – 3 March 2023

Morning sessions: Lectures and debates on "Empires of knowledge in education? Postcolonial patterns and decolonial possibilities"

Workshops: Preparing for the thesis and organizing the data; academic writing; career path.

Venue: University of Cyprus (New Campus) **Time zone:** Local time

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GLOBED WINTER SCHOOL MA Education Policies for Global Development
Monday 27 February
Opening event

All day	Cohort 6 reunion event <i>Coordinated by Laia Ramia & students</i>
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Tuesday 28 February			
Morning se	Morning session, Room LRC014, Learning Resources-Library Building		
09:30	Welcome speech Helen Phtiaka and Xavier Bonal		
09:45	Lecture 1: "A Journey in Cyprus Space and Time", by Prof. Helen Phtiaka (University of Cyprus)		
11:15	Coffee break		



11:45	GLOBED Students' Reflections, based on readings/presentation. <i>Coordinated by Xavier Bonal.</i>
13:00	Lunch break
Afternoon	session
15:00 to 16:30	Visit to the NGO <i>Association of Historical Dialogue and Research</i> at the <i>Home for Cooperation</i> at the UN-controlled buffer zone. Several members of the NGO will talk to students about the work of the NGO, including Prof. Zembylas.
16:30	Guided tour: Walk across the Nicosia Divide.

Wednesday 1 March			
Morning se	Morning session, Room LRC014, Learning Resources-Library Building		
10:00	Lecture 2: "Black Lives Matter, Education and International Development", by Dr. Laila Kadiwal (UCL Institute of Education)		
11:15	Coffee break		
11:45	GLOBED Students' Reflections, based on readings/presentation. Coordinated by Oscar Valiente. Students: Farishta Afzaly, Salma Ahmed, Timothy D. Amaglo-Mensah, Rebecca Felten, Brenda Frydman, Xènia Gavaldà, Katja Hein, and Miranda Hersco.		
13:00	Lunch break		
Afternoon	session		
15:00 to 17:00	Thesis workshop 1: GLOBED 6 Students present their dissertations in groups. Feedback from academics and peers. Focus on research question and methodological strategy in the current circumstances. Problems encountered during the data collection process.		
	Coordinated by GLOBED professors: Xavier Bonal, Antoni Verger, Clara Fontdevila, Oscar Valiente, Sebastian Fehrler, Angélica Serrano, Helen Phtiaka and Eleftherios Klerides.		



Thursday 2 March		
Morning session, Room LRC014, Learning Resources-Library Building		
10:00	Academic writing workshop with Prof. Charalambos Charalambous (University of Cyprus)	
13:00	Lunch break	
Afternoon :	session	
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15:00 to 17:00	Thesis workshop 2: GLOBED 6 Students present their dissertations in groups. Feedback from academics and peers. Focus on the data analysis plan. What type of techniques/instruments have you planned to carry out the analysis? <i>Coordinated by GLOBED professors: Xavier Bonal, Antoni Verger, Clara Fontdevila, Oscar Valiente, Sebastian Fehrler, Angélica</i> Summer Helm Phtisher and Fletchering Klavides	
19:30	Serrano, Helen Phtiaka and Eleftherios Klerides. Farewell dinner	

Friday 3 March				
Morning se	Morning session, Room LRC014, Learning Resources-Library Building			
10:00	Lecture 3: "Challenging the 'abyssal line' in education: globalisation, academic knowledge production and affect", by Prof. Stephen Carney (Roskilde University)			
11:15	Coffee break			
11:45	GLOBED Students' Reflections, based on readings/presentation. Coordinated by Professor Eletherios Klerides. Students: Carolina Rodrigues, Kaviya Sekar, Aleena Shafique, Isabela Silva, Ioana Tonceanu, Proloeng Top, and Andrea Velásquez.			

Thursday 9 March			
Afternoon	Afternoon session, Online		
15:00 (CET)	Lecture 4: " From decolonisation to decolonising", <i>by Désirée</i> Acholla (PhD at South, West & Wales Doctoral Training Partnership)		
16:00 (CET)	GLOBED Students' Reflections, based on readings/presentation.		



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Coordinated by Antoni Verger. Students: Preferably Sjelle Hiebner, Isabel Kraft, Veda Krüger, Deborah Lellek, Kyay Mon, Chawanvit Panprasert, Galina Pelikhova, and Sadaf Qayyum.

Friday	Friday 10 March		
Mornir	Morning session, Online		
11:00 12:30 (CET)	to	Career workshop: Future perspectives session with Dr. Natalie Papanastasiou, Research Grant Specialist Part 1: "How to apply for a PhD grant?"	
Aftern	Afternoon session, Online		
15:00 16:30 (CET)	to	Career workshop: Future perspectives session <i>Coordinated by Laia Ramia</i> Part 2: "Career pathways with Globed Alumni"	



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WORKSHOP GROUPS

There will be two workshops devoted to the research and the thesis, one on Wednesday 1st of March and one on Thursday 2nd of March, and each has to answer the following issues, addressed on the Data Analysis Report (previously Fieldwork Diary):

Wednesday – Thesis workshop 1: GLOBED Students present their dissertations in groups. Feedback from academics and peers. Focus on research question and methodological strategy in the current circumstances. Problems encountered during the data collection process and access to the field.

Thursday - Thesis workshop 2: GLOBED Students present their dissertations in groups. Feedback from academics and peers. Focus on the data analysis plan. What type of techniques/instruments have you used to carry out the analysis?

Students will have to prepare a brief presentation to answer each of the questions of about 10 minutes.

Professors will receive the Data Analysis Report of the students in the same group in advance.

Students will be organized on the following groups:

AT THE UCY:

Students group #1	Professors	Location
Salma		
Kaviya	Xavier Bonal	Room LRC 014
Veda		Library Building
Katja		

Students group #2	Professors	Location
Ioana		
Xènia	Toni Verger	Room LRC 019
Isabela	Clara Fontdevila	Library Building
Carolina		

Students group #3	Professors	Location	
Deborah			
Isabel	Helen Phtiaka	Room 114	
Rebecca	Lefteris Klerides	Senate House	
Galina			



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Students group #4	Professors	Location	
Andrea			
Proloeng	Oscar Valiente	Room 117	
Sadaf		Senate House	
Timothy			

Students group #5	Professors	Location	
Aleena			
Brenda	Sebastian Fehrler	Room 018	
Куау	Angélica Serrano	Student Building	
Chawanvit			

ONLINE:

Students group #6	Wednesday	Thursday	
Farishta			
Sjelle	Online	Online	
Miranda			



FUTURE PERSPECTIVES SESSION

10TH MARCH 15:00 - 16:30 (CET)

	Part 1: Career pathways
	Welcome to Alumni:
	• PhD / Research Diego Posada (E4) – <i>Università di Padova</i> Marina López Leavy (E5) – <i>GEPS (UAB)</i>
	• Consulting in Education Carlos Bueno (E5) – <i>Fundació Bofill</i> Arianna Valentini (E5) – <i>UNESCO IESALC</i>
15:00 - 15:10	 International Organisations Lainie Keper (E4) – Education International Nimra Afzal (E5) – The World Bank Jacqueline Howell (E5) - IOM
	• Non-Profit & Philanthropy Jana Ahlers (E4) – European Alternatives and the School of Transnational Organising Léa Ichikawa (E4) – The Digital Collective Marisol Tarriba (E5) – Eicascantic, Espacio de Inclusión y Formación Casco Antiguo
	Brief presentations <u>in the general room</u> (2 minutes per alumni)
	 Name Cohort Brief description of pathway to current position/role Current position/role: responsibilities, duties
15:10 - 15:30	Some topics to be discussed <u>in the breakout rooms:</u>
	 a. How did you navigate(d) the job market? What were their job search strategies? b. Application processes, especially for short-term consultancies (i.e. writing a consultancy proposal, etc.). c. How/where did you network with other people in the field (platforms, events, etc.)?







	d. Specific request for non-EU GLOBED alumni about your job search strategies and how you navigate the job market.	
15:30 - 16:00	Breakout room session 1	
	Students can choose the room they wish to attend: Q&A	
16:00 - 16:30	Breakout room session 2	
10.00 - 10.30	Students can choose the room they wish to attend: Q&A	



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Diego Posada is a PhD candidate at the Università degli Studi di Padova and a Research Assistant at <u>MECCE</u> (The Monitoring and Evaluating Climate Change Communication and Education Project) at the University of Albany. His research explores the potential of education as a positive transformative socio-political agent in light of the ecological and social crises we are facing. He focuses on education for sustainability, decolonising knowledge and land-based learning from an international comparative perspective. He has been working in the educational field for 12+ years and collaborated with schools, NGOs and research projects across the globe.

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