

Announcing the UNESCO Chair DCMÉT International Symposium October 25-27, 2023 Open access online, free for all to attend Some in-person sessions in Seoul, South Korea

Join the conversation in English, French, Spanish and Korean. Seek positive change in dialogue with academics, educators, organizations, activists & civil society members from around the world.

# **Essential Information:**

- Free to attend, open to all
- Registration: <u>www.dcmetsymposium.com</u>
- Location: Online via Zoom and Facebook Live, and all sessions uploaded within 24 hours via YouTube
- Dates: October 25-27, 2023 | 3 days
- 4 Languages: Spanish, French, English and Korean
- Over 150 presenters from more than 35 countries
- 50 sessions that are collaborative, action-oriented and multi-/inter-/trans-disciplinary
- Simultaneous interpretation for several sessions
- Organized by <u>UNESCO Chair DCMÉT</u>, <u>Kyung Hee University</u>, <u>Korean Democracy</u> <u>Foundation</u>, <u>UQO</u> and <u>UQAM</u> with partners, including <u>UNESCO</u>, <u>CCUNESCO</u>, <u>SSRCH</u>, <u>FRQ</u>, <u>APCEIU</u>, <u>CIRCEM</u>, <u>Centr'ÉRE</u>, <u>AQOCI</u>, <u>Lakehead University Coop L'Argot</u>, <u>Seoul</u> <u>National University CAUS</u>, <u>Jeju National University RCCS</u>, <u>UDLA</u>, <u>PUCV</u>.

The UNESCO Chair in Democracy, Global Citizenship and Transformative Education (DCMÉT) has announced a three-day online symposium under the theme of **Peace, Culture & Social Justice**. Now in its third annual iteration, the event welcomes researchers, educators, students, organizations, activists, artists and other members of civil society from around the world to take part. Dr. Paul R. Carr (UQO), Chair-holder, and Dr. Gina Thésée (UQAM), Co-Chair-holder, in collaboration with colleagues at Kyung Hee University and the Korea Democracy Foundation, have brought this event to life with the support of the organizing committee and event partners. In describing the goals of the event, Dr. Carr explained:

"This Symposium attempts to bring people together from a range of backgrounds, disciplines, identities and perspectives in order to cultivate dialogue and engagement on difficult and complex issues, with the desire to do so in a critical and transformative way. We hope to raise issues in some 50 sessions in English, French, Spanish and Korean that will allow for moments of reflection, conscientization and solidarity. Developing democracy, global citizenship and transformative education is central to our project. It is a humbling experience to organize such an event online, with some wonderful live sessions in Seoul, and there are many engaged colleagues and organizations associated with it. We are honoured to be able to do so with our colleagues at Kyung Hee University and the Korea Democracy Foundation. The theme of Peace, Culture and Social Justice allows us to reconsider some of the fundamental issues and ways of developing our societies to be more inclusive, equitable and compassionate, beyond the cliché to create meaningful social change. We welcome and look forward to engaging with everyone at the Symposium."

International attendees are encouraged to register through the website to gain access to the relevant Zoom links so they can participate in the Q&A portion of each session. If preferable, they can also watch all sessions on Facebook Live during the event or tune into YouTube to view the recorded sessions. Attendees who wish to take part in person in Seoul, South Korea, should also register through the website to receive event updates and instructions.

There are two schedules for participants to consult based on their time zone preference. The schedule following the Seoul (KST) time zone will begin at 09:30 on October 25th with an opening ceremony followed by the first two plenary sessions. Plenary speakers include the Vice President of Kyung Hee University, followed by Dr. Gina Thésée (October 25), Dr. Paul R. Carr (October 26), and Bae-Gyoon Park (October 27). The KST schedule includes multiple sessions in both Korean and English, including simultaneous interpretation. The schedule, which follows the Montreal time zone (EDT), will begin on October 25th at 09:00 with an introductory session led by Julie Bergeron, followed by a series of engaging sessions in Spanish, French and English, many of which will also be simultaneously interpreted. For more information and to register for free to attend, visit the <u>symposium website</u>.

#### Important Links

Symposium media folder with images, posters and other resources for download UNESCO Chair DCMÉT Website | YouTube | Facebook | TikTok | Instagram | Twitter UNESCO Chair DCMÉT Facebook page in Korean @UNESCO.DCMET.Symposium.Korean UNESCO Chair DCMÉT Facebook page in Spanish @UNESCO.DCMET.Symposium.Espanol UNESCO Chair DCMÉT Facebook page in English @UNESCO.DCMET.Symposium.English UNESCO Chair DCMÉT Facebook page in French @UNESCO.DCMET.Symposium.English

#### **Introductory Videos**

ENGLISH - <u>https://youtu.be/jS\_OEWIWdj</u>I FRANÇAIS - <u>https://youtu.be/\_179vZDyNGE</u> ESPAÑOL - <u>https://youtu.be/7-KYyms\_7Vs</u> 한국어 - <u>https://youtu.be/Y8pXmrRG8EM</u>

### About UNESCO Chair DCMÉT

# unesco-dcmet.com

DCMÉT, in French, stands for Democracy, Global Citizenship and Transformative Education; the UNESCO Chair DCMÉT was founded in 2016. A UNESCO Chair involves a defined research program, engaged teaching and learning, civil society participation, networking with partners in the Global South, and a direct connection to UNESCO values, orientations and goals. The UNESCO Chair DCMÉT specifically connects to/with human rights, democracy, global citizenship, environmental and eco-citizenship education, peace, anti-racism, and transformative and emancipatory education within a critical, political, and ecological lens. Working with UNESCO and other UNESCO Chairs around the world is a unique feature of the work undertaken by a UNESCO Chair.

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