



TRANSATLANTIC EDUCATORS DIALOGUE (T.E.D.)

SPRING 2021

February 7 - May 2, 2021

What is the Transatlantic Educators Dialogue?

The Transatlantic Education Dialogue (T.E.D.) is an opportunity for educators in the United States of America and Europe to come together online for shared exploration and examination of a variety of educational topics related to issues of identity and difference, with a particular emphasis on representations of “the other” in the classroom.

This experience of educational diplomacy and exploration, from multiple perspectives, will enable educators to overcome cultural misunderstandings and misconceptions.

Who is involved with T.E.D.?

A total of 50 educators in the US and Europe will be involved. Participants may be current teachers, pre-service teachers, university education students, school administrators, graduate students, and university education faculty.

Where Does T.E.D. Meet?

Participants can participate anywhere, provided they have access to the internet. Program sessions are scheduled and synchronous; group collaborations and discussion board responses take place asynchronously.

Synchronous sessions take place weekly for ninety minutes using Zoom. This online application enables registered participants to simultaneously communicate with their peers using microphones and webcams connected to their computers, typing into a shared chat space, and sharing videos, presentations, and images.

Prior to each live weekly session, participants will respond to thematic essential questions on a discussion board to initiate the conversations and represent diverse U.S. and European perspectives for each of the weekly topics. Articles, videos, and various other resources will be shared through a shared program website (Moodle).

Why Participate in T.E.D.?

- Learn about transatlantic educational systems, education policies, and classroom realities
- Explore networking opportunities with transatlantic educator counterparts
- Focus on career development, professional reflection, and growth, acknowledged in an official capacity at the end of the program.
- Develop critical thinking and analytical skills, with a focus on making connections between current events and topics covered in our discussions.
- Share experiences with other educators, maintain connections with other participants, and have your students engage in online classroom exchanges with their peers in other societies.
- Develop personal relationships with other teachers interested in doing international collaborative projects.

How Much Does it Cost?

There is no fee to participate in T.E.D.

How to Participate?

Apply at <http://europe.illinois.edu/ted> by January 8, 2021

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Scheduled dates and weekly topics:

- February 7 - TED Program Orientation & Introductions
- February 14 - Meeting your Panel Groups and Organizing for Future Sessions
- February 21 - Panel #1 - Teacher Education: Policies and Norms
- February 28 - Panel #2 - Technology in the Classroom and the Future of Education
- March 7 - Panel #3 - Creative Pedagogies and Instructional Practices
- March 14 - Panel #4 - Migration/Immigration & Cultural Awareness
- March 21 - Intersession #1 – Panels 1-4 Discussion Groups
- March 28 - Panel #5 - Student and Parental Involvement in Education
- April 4 - No Session
- April 11 - Panel #6 - Building Safe Spaces: Inclusion & Approaches to Violence/Bullying
- April 18 - Panel #7 - Youth Culture and Student Life
- April 25 - Panel #8 – Supporting Diverse Learning Needs
- May 2 - Intersession #2 – Panels 5-8 Discussion Groups

The Transatlantic Educators Dialogue is sponsored by the European Union Center (europe.illinois.edu) and the College of Education (education.illinois.edu) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



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Testimonials

"T.E.D. is an invaluable opportunity to meet and collaborate with international teachers. An outstanding programme for peer learning, networking and mutual enrichment. A step further in my continuous professional development. A community I am now grateful and proud to belong to." – Julia Gracia (Cordoba, Spain)

"The Transatlantic Educators Dialogue group solidifies my belief that outstanding teachers practice their craft all over the world and those educators are more than willing to share their thoughts and ideas to anyone. I am now a better educator because each week, my teacher toolbox was filled with great ideas on pedagogy and educational theory. I cannot recommend the TED program highly enough." — Rhett Oldham (Ste. Genevieve, Missouri)

"I can only say thank you to the whole group and the coordinator. This was a unique experience and I can't decide which was more intriguing: discovering our similarities or discovering our differences. I was certainly able to gain new insights into the world in general and the teachers' world in particular. Sunday sessions were keenly awaited with impatience and excitement. We met and kept our online community alive and eager to learn in most strange times of the pandemic, providing support and opportunity to socialize in our small cohort." — Višnja Brcković (Porec, Istrian County, Croatia)

"With TED, there are no borders, no divisions. Our goal is unified. TED allows me to interact with peers around the globe and provides a means to share educational methods on how to better engage my students. The program enables participants to collaborate creative ideas and discover ways to help make this world a better place through education. I am thankful for the personal growth TED provides by helping me to become a better educator, and a better person."

- Kit Brown (Homer, Illinois USA)

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