

# EUPeace Teaching Europe Conference

**“Bridging Formal Education and Civic Engagement: Innovative, Learner-Centred Teaching for an Inclusive and Just Europe”**

## Call for papers

*Conference date and venue: University of Limoges, France, 9-10 December, 2025*

For this second edition of the Teaching Europe Conference, and the first in-person edition, the objective is to gather educators, researchers, policymakers, and community leaders with a shared commitment: to re-imagine education not just as a system for transferring knowledge, but as a powerful force for inclusion, justice, and democratic participation across Europe.

Across Europe, education is at a critical juncture. As societal challenges intensify—ranging from social inequality and democratic backsliding to migration and climate change—educators are called upon to re-imagine the role of learning in building a more inclusive, just, and participatory Europe.

This conference invites researchers, policymakers, and civil society actors to explore how **innovative, learner-centered pedagogies** can bridge the gap between **formal education and civic engagement**, preparing students not only for the workforce but for democratic life. We seek contributions that reflect on the transformative potential of education in fostering equity, inclusion, and active citizenship.

**Topics of interest may include (but are by no means limited to):**

- **Pedagogical innovation:** Learner-centered teaching strategies that empower student agency and voice
- **Work-based learning:** microcredentials, valorization of internships
- **Education for democracy:** Integrating civic learning, critical thinking, and participatory practice in classrooms
- **Social justice and inclusion:** Teaching practices that address systemic inequalities and foster belonging
- **Cross-sector partnerships:** Collaborations between schools, universities, and organizations
- **Digital and hybrid learning:** Using technology to enhance democratic participation and inclusivity



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- **Teacher training and professional development** for inclusive and civic-minded education
- **Policy frameworks and institutional support** for bridging formal education and civic goals
- **Student activism and youth-led initiatives** in and beyond educational settings

### Format and Submission Guidelines

The conference will feature various formats fostering dialogue among scholars, teachers, students and policymakers:

- Keynote lectures
- Panel discussions
- Round-tables
- Poster session (for students)

Papers can address the various topics mentioned below from different methodological and disciplinary perspectives. Papers focusing on bridging formal education and civic engagement, innovative and inclusive teaching are particularly welcomed. Early career researchers and doctoral candidates are strongly encouraged to propose papers.

**Abstract Submission:** Please submit an abstract (200–400 words) outlining your research and its relevance to the conference themes. Please indicate your preferred presentation format (panel, round-table, poster).

### Important information

A limited number of scholarships will be available per university. Some abstracts might be selected for publication in an extended book of abstracts after the conference.

**Submit your abstracts to:**

<https://collabridge.eupeace.eu/apps/forms/s/ibZNfotDk5tW7jaaCDBFwAqL>

**Deadline for Submissions:** October 31st, 2025.

**Notification of Acceptance:** November 20th, 2025.

**For any question, contact us:** [eupeacetsa@unilim.fr](mailto:eupeacetsa@unilim.fr)



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## About EUPeace

**EUPeace is the European University for Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies.**

**Our mission is to provide tomorrow's citizens with the skills, knowledge, and experience to cultivate Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies. We explicitly address all sciences and fields, from the humanities and social sciences to the natural and life sciences as well as engineering, and are inspired by the rebuilt bridge of Mostar – the symbol in our logo – as a testament to how dialogue can overcome conflict.**

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Université de Limoges		University of Limoges
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