CALL FOR PAPERS

A 2-DAY VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE CONFERENCE ON

"EFFECTIVE BLENDED AND ONLINE TEACHING: USING THE BEST PRACTICES"



27th - 28th November, 2020

THEMES INCLUDE

- Online and blended Teaching 1: Design, pedagogy, and practices
- Online and blended Teaching 2: Resources, assessments, and evaluations
- Students' Perspectives on Online and Blended Learning
- Using the existing or emerging technology for online and blended teaching

Abstracts should be **250 words.**
Submission deadline for Abstracts: **November 14, 2020.**
Word documents, PDF files or self-explanatory power point slides are accepted.
Authors should sumbit their papers to email: **tlc@bluecrest.edu.gh**

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Please note that this is not only a research conference, but more a practitioner's conference with the aim to learn from the best practices and experiences being shared in the conference. Therefore, you can submit the following for presentations:

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SESSION TITLE:
Online and blended Teaching 1: Design, pedagogy, and practices



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SESSION TITLE:
Online and blended Teaching 2: Resources, assessments, and evaluations



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SESSION TITLE:
Students' Perspectives on Online and Blended Learning



Dr. Prachi Gharpure
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SESSION TITLE:
Using the existing or emerging technology for online and blended teaching



Professor Omar H. Karam
Dean of the Faculty of Informatics and Computer Science,
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PROGRAMME OUTLINE

DAY 1: Nov 27, 2020. All times mentioned are as per GMT

SESSION	TIME (GMT)	TOPIC/THEME FOR PANEL SESSIONS	SPEAKERS
A. Inauguration and Keynotes			
1	9:45AM	Introductions by Honorary Chair, Organizing committee	Professor Anand Agrawal, President - BlueCrest College, Ghana
2	10:00 AM	Welcome Address by Honorary Co-Chair, Organizing committee	Professor Ahmed Hamad, President - The British University in Egypt (BUE)
3	10:15 AM	Keynote speech 1: EUREKA AFRICA and VISTA impact on Africa, and future plans in the education sector	Mr. Dev Varyani, Founder & Chairman - Vista Group & Subsidiaries
4	10:30 AM	Keynote speech 2: Virtual Exchange Programmes – International Exchange in a Time of Lockdown	Professor Malcolm Mciver, Provost and CAO - Lancaster University Ghana
5	10:45 AM	Key note speech 3: Pedagogy of Hybrid Learning	Professor Leslie Croxford, Vice President for Teaching and Learning - The British University in Egypt (BUE)
6	11:00 AM	Session Closing note by the Organizing Committee member: Rethinking Higher Education	Professor Shadia Fahim, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities - The British University in Egypt (BUE)
B. Theme 1 Presentations: Online and blended Teaching 1: Design, pedagogy, and practices: Session Chair: Ms Nodumo Dhlamini			
1	11:15 AM	Session Opening, Introductions, and housekeeping by session chair	Ms Nodumo Dhlamini, Director, ICT Services, Comms & KM - Association of African Universities
2	11:20 AM	Presentation 1: Blended Teaching Pedagogies and Facilitating Online Interaction	Nagwa A. Soliman PhD, Senior Lecturer of English Language and Literature, Advanced Writing Module Leader, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, The British University in Egypt.
3	11:45 AM	Presentation 2: Micro-learning: Strengthening Blended Learning Courses	Nesma Hesham Mansour, Assistant Lecturer, Teaching and Learning Coordinator, English Division, Faculty of BAEPS, The British University in Egypt.
4	12:10 PM	Session Opening, Introductions, and housekeeping by session chair	Dr. Mervat Shukry, Associate Professor, Department of English Language and Literature Faculty of Arts and Humanities, British University in Egypt (BUE) Ms. Salma Alsaady, Assistant Lecturer, Department of English Language and Literature (DELL), Faculty of Arts and Humanities, The British University in Egypt (BUE)
5	12:30 PM	Closing note by session chair	Ms. Nodumo Dhlamini, Director - ICT Services, Comms & KM, Association of African Universities
C. Theme 2 Presentations: Online and blended Teaching 2: Resources, assessments, and evaluations: Session Chair: Dr Kamilla Swart			
1	1:00 PM	Session Opening, Introductions, and housekeeping by session chair	Dr. Kamilla Swart, Associate Professor, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar
2	1:15 PM	Presentation 1: Interactive Online Assessment Tools	Mostafa Youssef Mahmoud, English Language Instructor & Module Leader, Faculty of Nursing, The British University in Egypt (BUE)
3	1:35 PM	Presentation 2: A Blended Learning Approach Responsive to Pandemic Related Uncertainties and Change	Dr. Praveen Balakrishnan Nair, Associate Professor, Edinburgh Business School, School of Social Sciences, Heriot-Watt University Malaysia
4	2:00 PM	Presentation 3: Blended and Online Constructive Feedback	Samir Omara, English Language Teacher, Teacher Trainer & NileTESOL President-Elect
5	2:25 PM	Closing note by session chair	Dr Kamilla Swart, Associate Professor, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar
D. Sponsors Demos and Panels: Coursera and RAKLET			
1	3:00 PM	Sponsor Session: Panel by Coursera	Adam Lewis Head of Skills Transformation, EMEA, Coursera Kerry Houchen Partnerships Director, EMEA Coursera, With Professor Anand Agrawal, President, BlueCrest College, Accra, Ghana
2	3:30 PM	Sponsor Session: Demo by Raklet	Mr Gerçek Karakuş, President, Raklet

Day 1 - Closing of the Conference: 4 PM

PROGRAMME OUTLINE
DAY 2: Nov 28, 2020. All times mentioned are as per GMT

SESSION	TIME (GMT)	TOPIC/THEME FOR PANEL SESSIONS	SPEAKERS
A. Insights from Day 1			
1	9:45 AM	Day 1 insights from the organizing committee member Dr Rania M Rafik Khalil	Dr. Rania M Rafik Khalil, Research and Postgraduate Studies Coordinator /Internationalisation Coordinator, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, The British University in Egypt (BUE)
B. Theme 3 Presentations: Students' Perspectives on Online and Blended Learning: Session Chair: Dr Prachi Gharpure			
1	10:00 AM	Session Opening, Introductions, and housekeeping by session chair	Dr. Prachi Gharpure, Director, Indore Campus SVKM's NMIMS, India
2	10:15 AM	Presentation 1: Blended Teaching Pedagogies and Facilitating Online Interaction	Helana Girgis, PhD, Assistant Professor, Director of Children's Learning Lab Childhood Studies Minor Research Chair Psychology Program Stockton University
3	10:45 AM	Presentation 2: Student reactions to e-assessments, for controlled tests in a face-to-face environment, in a Human Resource Management module	Khalida Akbar, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
4	11:15 AM	Presentation 3: Impact of Online Learning on Course Delivery and Student's Performance	Dr. Shreekant Iyengar, Assistant Professor (Economics), SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University), Indore
5	11:45 AM	Closing note by session chair	Dr. Prachi Gharpure, Director, Indore Campus SVKM's NMIMS, India
C. Theme 4 Presentations: Using the existing or emerging technology for online and blended teaching: Session Chair: Professor Omar H. Karam			
1	12:00 NOON	Session Opening, Introductions, and housekeeping by session chair	Professor Omar H. Karam, Dean of the Faculty of Informatics and Computer Science, The British University in Egypt (BUE)
2	12:15 PM	Presentation 1: 'Online education that connects' Adopting Technology to support Feminist Pedagogy – A Reflective Case Study	Dr. Upasana Gitanjali Singh, Senior Lecturer, College of Law & Management Studies, School of Management, Information Technology & Governance, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban
3	12:45 PM	Presentation 2: Exit Tickets: Engaging Students in Online Classes	May Serag El Dine Soliman, Lecturer and Staff development coordinator, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Department of English Language and Literature, The British University in Egypt
4	1:15 PM	Presentation 3: Pushed out of the Sanctum: Retaining the Teacher and the Students' Voices through Online Teaching	Prof. Heba Makram Sharobeem, Professor of Modern British and American Literature, Former head of the English Department in the Faculty of Education, Alexandria University, Egypt
5	1:45 PM	Closing note by session chair	Professor Omar H. Karam, Dean of the Faculty of Informatics and Computer Science, The British University in Egypt (BUE)
D. Sponsor Demo and BlueCrest Note			
1	2:00 PM	Sponsor Session: Demo by McGrawHill	
2	2:30 PM	BlueCrest Note	Professor Anand Agrawal, President, BlueCrest College, Accra, Ghana

Day 2 - Concluding Session, Awards and Closing: 3 PM to 4 PM