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UNESCO UNITWIN
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Understanding (IDIU)

Newsletter



Hello from the convenor

Dear Network members,

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible next week at the UNESCO IDIU Network Meeting, which is on **Tuesday 10 June from 5pm-6pm, Eastern Standard Time (UTC +10)**. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, introduce new members and share updates about current challenges and opportunities in the network. All members and representatives welcome.

Of course, time zones mean that the meeting is not convenient for everyone. For those of you who are unable to attend, we will share any key outcomes with you via email.

With kind regards,

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Network Opportunities



International Conference on Strategies to Prevent and Eliminate Genocide, in Kigali, Rwanda, from 4-6 November 2025

The [UNESCO Chair “Memory, Cultures and Interculturalism”](#) and the Higher Institute of Practice and Development of Law (ILPD) is hosting an International Conference on the topic of « *Les stratégies de prévention et de répression du crime de génocide et leur*

opérationnalité en question » (Examining strategies for the prevention and elimination of the crime of genocide and their implementation).

[Read more about the Conference](#)

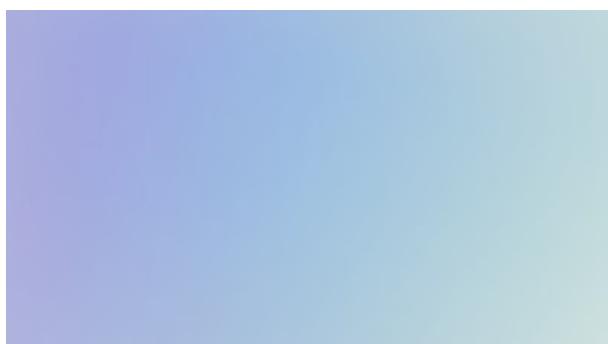


Register for Digital Learning Week, 2-5 September 2025

Digital Learning Week, UNESCO's flagship event, will be held from 2 to 5 September 2025, at UNESCO Headquarters, in Paris, France. The theme of the Week is '**AI and the future of education: Disruptions, dilemmas and directions**'.

[Registration](#) is open to attend.

[Read more about Digital learning week](#)



Call for papers: International Colloquium on Cultural Diversity Governance in November 2025

The call for papers is now open for an International Colloquium on "**Cultural Diversity Governance: issues and challenges**". Hosted by the [UNESCO Chair "Memory, Cultures and Interculturality"](#) and the Catholic University of West Africa-University, it will be held on **13-15 November 2025 in Conakry, Guinea**. Papers can be delivered in French or English and in person or online.

[Read more about the Call for papers](#)



Invitation to join a global movement of Friendship and Hope

The Elijah Interfaith Institute, which hosts the [UNESCO Chair in Interfaith Studies](#) has launched the **Global House of Friendship and Hope Project**. Faith leaders and communities are invited to sign the *Declaration of Friendship*, which is a call for religious leaders worldwide to practice friendship, share wisdom and advance a vision of harmony and spiritual growth in their communities, across religious divides.

[Read more on the IDIU site or visit](#)

<https://friendshipandhope.org/community/>



MONDIACULT 2025 Digital Library Call for Contributions ending soon

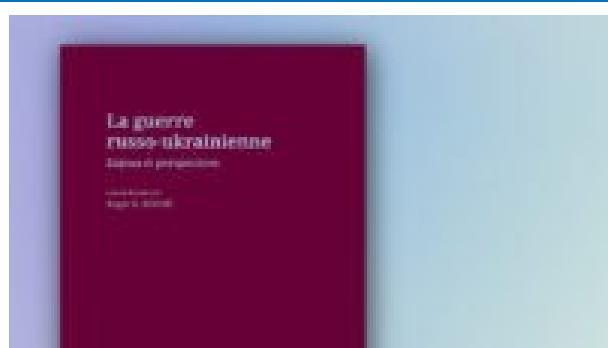
The deadline for contributions to the MONDIACULT 2025 Digital Library is **10 June 2025**.

The Digital Library will support UNESCO's World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development – MONDIACULT 2025, which will be held in

Barcelona, Spain, 29 September - 1 October. The digital library will be hosted on the Conference online platform.

[**Learn more about the Call for Contributions and the MONDIACULT digital library**](#)

Network News



New Publication: The Russian-Ukrainian War: Challenges and Prospects

The Russian-Ukrainian War: Challenges and Prospects (La guerre russe-ukrainienne : enjeux et perspectives) is a French language publication edited by the [UNESCO Chair of Memory, Cultures and Interculturalism](#), Professor Roger K. Koudé.

[**Read more about this publication**](#)



5th Congress of Russian UNESCO Chairs

The 5th Congress of UNESCO Chairs in the Russian Federation was held on 20 May, including over 60 representatives. UNESCO's Director of the Futures of Education and Innovation Section spoke about challenges and future opportunities for the Chairs Network and Professor Dimitris Spivak, Chairholder of the [Chair on Comparative Studies of Spiritual Traditions, their Specific Cultures, and Interreligious Dialogue](#) was elected as a permanent member of the Coordination Committee.

[**Read more about the Congress**](#)



World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

The 21 May marked the [World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development](#). This day celebrates not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of [intercultural dialogue](#) for achieving peace and sustainable development.

[**Read more about the day and the Message from Director-General of UNESCO**](#)



Routledge International Handbook of Life and Values Education in Asia

The Routledge International Handbook of Life and Values Education in Asia is a recent publication which was co-edited by Professor John Chi-Kin Lee, [Chairholder of the Chair in Regional Education Development and Lifelong Learning](#).

[Read more about this publication](#)



The UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences Webinar Series

The UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences Webinar series has held several webinars since last newsletter, covering topics such as: *The Ubuntu framework of Leadership in Multi-National and Multi-Cultural Academic Teams; Youth Voices and Intercultural Competences and Fostering Intercultural Competencies through Culture and Arts Education in Africa*.

To learn more about the webinar series and register, visit the [UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competence website](#).



12th International Conference on Christianity in Azerbaijan held in Rome

Representatives of the [UNESCO Chair in Comparative Studies of Spiritual Traditions, their Specific Cultures and Interreligious Dialogue](#) participated in the 12th International Conference 'Christianity in Azerbaijan: History and Modernity' took place on April 10, 2025 at Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy.

[Read more about the Conference](#)



Think pieces on AI and the future of education

Earlier this year, UNESCO called for submissions of short think pieces exploring the implications of AI for education. Although the call for submissions has ended, you can visit the website to read the submissions. If you are interested in contributing to UNESCO's Ideas LAB, you can contact futuresofeducation@unesco.org

[Visit the UNESCO Ideas LAB website](#)

You have received this email because you are a member of the UniTwin Network for Inter-religious Dialogue and Intercultural Understanding (IDIU). Feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues and networks. Visit our website for regular posts.

We receive news through emails from Network members and newsletters we receive from UNESCO Chairs in our Network. Thank you to everyone who has shared their updates with us. If you would like to give feedback, share information, events or updates with the network, please email jasmin.chen@deakin.edu.au. To contact the Convenor directly, email fethi.mansouri@deakin.edu.au.



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