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UNESCO UNITWIN  
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Understanding (IDIU)

# Newsletter

## Hello from the convenor

Dear IDIU Network members,

I hope that you have all been productive and well, since our online UNESCO IDIU Network Meeting. It was wonderful to connect with so many of you and learn more about the synergies between our projects.



A lot has happened since then, which I am very pleased to share in this newsletter. There are many opportunities for connecting with network members in the next few months, including the [Exploring Intercultural Competences in African Contexts: Conference](#) in Rabat.

At the time of sending, I am in Paris, as part of the [Youth for Peace: UNESCO Intercultural Leadership Programme](#) and also for the Digital Learning Week 2025 event on [AI and the future of education: Disruptions, dilemmas and directions](#).

With kind regards,

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## Network Opportunities



### Next UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences webinar 10 September

The next monthly UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences on Medicinal Plants of South Africa is on 10 September 2025, 15:00 Central African Time (CAT), with Professor Nokwanda P. Makunga.

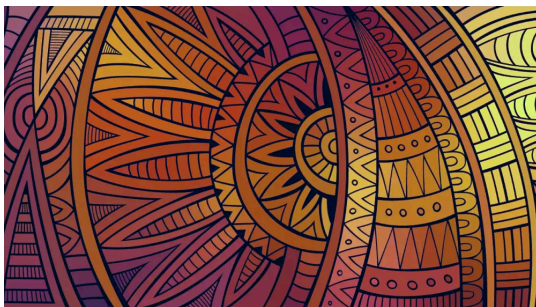
[Register here](#)



### Invitation to an international reading group on a new intercultural humanism

Professor Haskell, UNESCO Chair in Intercultural and Interreligious Relations at Monash University in Australia, has recently launched an [interdisciplinary forum/reading group to kick-start a project titled Glossanthropy: Prospects for a new intercultural humanism](#).

One aim of the group is to explore funding and collaboration with others, especially ECRs, in the UNITWIN network. If you or your grad students are interested, please contact [yasmin.haskell@monash.edu.au](mailto:yasmin.haskell@monash.edu.au)



### Collective Reflections on Transforming Knowledge for Africa's Future

Recordings of the online working sessions on [UNESCO's Priority Africa Flagship Programmes](#) are now available to view online, as well as parts of the 2024 Forum "[Transforming Knowledge for Africa's Future](#)".

[Read more and get links to the transforming Knowledge for Africa's Future recordings](#)



### UNESCO Chairs Seminar introducing the UNESCO Sites Navigator

On 23 July, UNESCO held a UNESCO Chairs Seminar on *Using Modern Geospatial Technologies in UNESCO Designated Sites for Sustainable Futures*. In line with the theme, the seminar also introduced the [UNESCO Sites Navigator](#), a dedicated Geographic Information System (GIS) for UNESCO's key designated sites around the globe – World Heritage, Biosphere Reserves, Global Geoparks.



### "In the Minds of Gen-Z: Understanding today's citizens" - UNESCO Global Expert Group Meeting

9 global experts will convene [online from 11-12 September 2024](#) to launch a groundbreaking new UNESCO project exploring the civic and political expressions of Gen Z.



## Swords into Plowshares

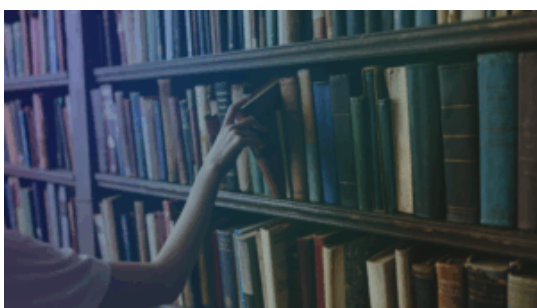
Following our network meeting conversations, Professor Shankman invites Network members to collaborate on the Swords into Plowshares project, which aims to turn a part of military economies into peacebuilding economies. For more information visit the [Swords into Plowshares webpage](#) or contact [shankman@uoregon.edu](mailto:shankman@uoregon.edu)



## Indigenous Language Translation Webinar on International Translation Day

Join UNESCO and Translation Commons in an online event celebrating International Translation Day. This year's theme is trust in Indigenous translation. [Read more about the Indigenous Language Translation webinar](#)

## Network News



## Paper on Intercultural Cooperation in Actual UNESCO Strategy

Professor Dimitri Spivak has published a paper in Russian in the journal *Lingua-Universum*, entitled *Intercultural Cooperation in Actual UNESCO Strategy*. [Read more on our webpost.](#)



## The UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences Webinar Series

Since last newsletter, there have been webinars on *Intercultural Competences for Peacebuilding in Africa: Road to Global Peace*; *Nurturing Hope in Challenging Times – How we build courageous leadership for humanity*, and *Living Ubuntu: How Stellenbosch University Connects People, the Planet and Purpose*. For more information, visit the [UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competence website.](#)





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## International Symposium 'W(est)-E(ast) Identity in Space of Metaculture'

On May 24, the 8th International Symposium 'W(est)-E(ast) Identity in Space of Metaculture' was held at the Russian Academy of Sciences. The Symposium was co-organised by [The UNESCO Chair on Comparative Studies of Spiritual Traditions, their Specific Cultures, and Interreligious Dialogue](#).

[Read more about the Symposium](#)



## Youth for Peace: UNESCO Intercultural Leadership Programme

The [Youth for Peace: UNESCO Intercultural Leadership Programme](#) is a strategic response to the urgent global need for leaders who can navigate complexity and harness cultural diversity as a driver of cooperation, resilience, and innovation, and begins in September 2025.

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](mailto:jasmin.chen@deakin.edu.au). To contact the Convenor directly, email [fethi.mansouri@deakin.edu.au](mailto:fethi.mansouri@deakin.edu.au).



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