

**The Junior College Multi-Disciplinary Conference:  
Research, Practice and Collaboration  
'Connections' – Programme**

18-20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**N.B. The programme may be subject to changes**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017		
Location	University of Malta Junior College	
08:00-09:00 After 09:00	Registration Ground floor, Block A Reception Desk on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor (Block A)	
Venue	A301 Conference Hall	
09:00-09:05	Official Opening of Conference & Institutional speech The JC Principal, Mr Paul Xuereb  Chair: Mr Niki Young	
09:05-09:45	Keynote Dr David Roden <b>Disconnection, Unbinding and Practice</b>	
09:45-10:00	Question time	
10:00 – 10:20	Coffee break A201 Cafeteria & Dining Area	
Venue	A203 Meeting Room 1      A301 Conference Hall	
Chairperson	Prof. Joseph M. Brincat      Ms Angele Deguara	
10:20 – 10:40	Dr Karl Chircop <b>Rotture nette e recuperi latenti: Joyce e Pirandello nei confronti della tradizione letteraria</b>	Dr Katya De Giovanni – Mr Gottfried Catania <b>The Impact of Technostress on the Work – Family Balance: a Quantitative Measure</b>
10:40 – 11:00	Dr Stefano Zammit <b>Immagini dell'Eloquenza classica attraverso le figure emblematiche di Demostene, Pericle, Eschine e Cicerone</b>	Dr Olivia Galea Seychell <b>Visual Perception and how it affects our Students</b>
11:00 - 11:20	Dr Christine Borg Farrugia <b>Le affinità storiche tra i figli abbandonati nella Ruota a Napoli e a Malta</b>	Mr Janis Balodis <b>Social Innovation as the Borderland Development Impact to Latvia's – Estonia's Borderland: example of Valka / Valga case in an Educational Cross-Border Cooperation</b>
11:20 – 11:40	Ms Simona Esposito <b>Relazioni di coppia e scrittura: uno studio grafologico comparato</b>	Mr Paul Xuereb <b>Connecting Authentic Educational Leaders and their Followers</b>

	<b>sulla compatibilità e sulle modalità d'integrazione tra partner</b>	
11:40 – 12:00	Mr Mario Debono <b>Don Giuseppe Zammit detto “Brighella” – vita, opere e rapporti con la realtà italiana e maltese dell'Ottocento</b>	Dr Ing. Ronald Cuschieri <b>A Holistic Supply Chain Integration Framework to achieve Competitiveness</b>
12:00 – 12:20	Question time	
12:20 – 13:20	Lunch A201 Cafeteria & Dining Area	
Venue	A301 Conference Hall	A203 Meeting Room 1
Chairperson	Dr Karl Chircop	Ms Anna Zammit
13:20-13:40	Prof. Joseph Eynaud <b>Translation and Interpretation: Building Connections for a Changing World</b>	Dr Josette Attard <b>The Connection between Literature and Aesthetics: is it Problematic?</b>
13:40-14:00	Prof. Sergio Portelli <b>The Role of Translators as Cultural Mediators and its Implications in the Training of Prospective Maltese Translators</b>	Mr Luke Joseph Buhagiar <b>Applying the Toulmin Model of Argumentation in the Social Sciences</b>
14:00-14:20	Ms Christiane Beck <b>Towards a Holistic Approach in Foreign Language Teaching</b>	Ms Gloria Sansò <b>What is a Speculative Bubble?</b>
14:20-14:40	Prof. Monika Kusiak-Pisowacka <b>Intercultural Communicative Competence as a focus of Second Language Acquisition Research in Poland</b>	
14:40-15:00	Question time	

	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017	
Location	University of Malta Junior College	
Venue	A301 Conference Hall	
09:00-09:05	Institutional speech Pro-Rector, Dr Carmen Sammut  Chair: Dr Sharon Rolé	
09:05-09:45	Keynote Prof. Emmanuel Sinagra <b>Every Breath You Take</b>	
09:45-10:00	Question time	

10:00 – 10:20	Coffee break A201 Cafeteria & Dining Area	
Venue	A301 Conference Hall	A203 Meeting Room 1
Chairperson	Mr Simon Caruana	Mr Michael Grech
10:20 – 10:40	Dr Joseph Vancell <b>e-Learning for Older Workers in Small and Medium Sized enterprises in Europe's Smallest State</b>	Mr Chibuzo Nathaniel Nwoko <b>Breaking Linguistic and Communicative Barriers in an ESL Classroom through Non-verbal Communication</b>
10:40 – 11:00	Dr Maria Cutajar <b>Investigating the Experience of using Networked Technologies for Teaching at the University of Malta and the Junior College</b>	Mr Randolph Peresso <b>Maltese classrooms – uncharted territory. A blueprint for classroom observation</b>
11:00 - 11:20	Ms Mariella Caruana <b>A Pilot Study on e-Learning in Small Online Discussion Groups and Experimental Design in Biology</b>	Ms Suzanne Gatt <b>The Relevance of Systems of Knowledge (SoK) in 2017: Strategies in Challenging the Current Perceptions through Improvement of Lecturing Strategies</b>
11:20 – 11:40	Ing. Jason Debono – Prof Adrian Muscat – Dr Chris Porter <b>Web-Based eTutor for Learning Electrical Circuit Analysis</b>	Dr Sharon Rolé <b>What is in the Blend? - The Implementation of Online Quizzes with Prompt Feedback as an Effective Learner Study-tool Embedding Formative Assessment</b>
11:40 – 12:00	Question time	
12:00 – 12:20	Opening of Art Exhibition by ceramicist Joseph Agius. Venue: 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Block A	
12:20 – 13:20	Lunch A201 Cafeteria & Dining Area	
Venue	A301 Conference Hall	A203 Meeting Room 1
Chairperson	Dr Maria Cutajar	Dr Joseph Gravina
13:20-13:40	Dr J. Christopher Moore <b>Sense-making across Disciplines: Physical models, Theoretical Frameworks, and the Connections between Education in the Humanities and Sciences</b>	Mr David Aloisio <b>Menz f'Narnia: (lil hinn mil) l-ansjetà tal-influenza letterarja fil-qari mill-ġdid tad-dramm 'soċjali-simboliku' ta' Francis Ebejer</b>
13:40-14:00	Ms Abigail Aquilina, Mr Frederick Lia, Prof. Claude Farrugia <b>Application of Phenolic Profiles of Maltese Olive Leaves (olea europea L.) for Cultivar Identification</b>	Ms Sandra Mifsud Bonnici <b>The Language of Design in Baroque Architecture: finding 'Connections' with other Disciplines with reference to Francesco Borromini and Guarino Guarini's works</b>

14:00-14:20	Dr Mario Fenech Caruana <b>Highlighting the Green Face of Chemistry to Students. The Reaction of Pre-University Students to the Introduction of Green Chemistry</b>	
14:20-14:40	Dr Lourdes Farrugia, Prof Charles Sammut, Mr Julian Bonello, Ms Irina Alborova <b>Effects of preservative solutions on the dielectric properties of biological tissue.</b>	
14:40-15:00	Question time	

	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017	
Location	University of Malta Junior College	
Venue	A301 Conference Hall	
09:00-09:05	Institutional speech Dr Karl Chircop JC Conference Committee Chair  Chair: Dr Joan Borg Marks	
09:05-09:45	Keynote Prof. Laurence Viennot <b>Critical Attitude and Conceptual Development in Physics: What Connections?</b>	
09:45-10:00	Question time	
10:00 – 10:20	Coffee break A201 Cafeteria & Dining Area	
Venue	A203 Meeting Room 1	A301 Conference Hall
Chairperson	Dr Ing. Ronald Cuschieri	Ms Suzanne Gatt
10:20 – 10:40	Ms Angele Deguara <b>Disconnected Identities: The Conflicts experienced by Gay Catholics</b>	Dr Michelle Attard Tonna – Mr James Calleja <b>Understanding Teachers' Professional Lives and Careers: a Maltese Case Study</b>
10:40 – 11:00	Dr Joseph Gravina <b>Reconceptualising Human Rights. Working at the Disconnections</b>	Mr Simon Caruana <b>Use / Misuse of Learning Outcomes in Higher Education. Are we Threading on a Similar Path?</b>
11:00 - 11:20	Dr Mary Grace Vella <b>Non-Voting: Disconnecting from Politics</b>	Ms Rita Van Peteghem <b>Connections Between Mass and Energy – towards a more Conceptual Understanding</b>

11:20 – 11:40	Mr Aeden Chetcuti <b>The Private Enterprise – State Interface: a Social Network Analysis of the Board of Directors of Malta Enterprise and its Predecessors</b>	Dr Joan Borg Marks <b>Striving for excellence: the challenge of educating highly able/gifted students</b>
11:40-12:05	Venue: A301 Conference Hall  Chair: Dr Mary Grace Vella  Keynote Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino <b>Connectivity, Mobility and Island Life: Looking at Malta and Lesbos</b>	
12:05-12:20	Question time	
12:20 – 13:20	Lunch A201 Cafeteria & Dining Area	
Venue	A301 Conference Hall	A203 Meeting Room 1
Chairperson	Dr Mario Fenech Caruana	Dr Josette Attard
13:20-13:40	Dr Alexander Farrugia <b>The Connections of Connections: New Results on the Centrality and Communicability of Networks</b>	Mr Ryan Scicluna <b>Marketing and Promotion of OAR @ UoM: the Open Access Institutional Repository of the University of Malta</b>
13:40-14:00	Dr Emmanuel Attard Cassar <b>In search of the fastest sorting Algorithm</b>	Ms Agata Derkowska <b>Changing the Image of the University of Malta Library: New Roles, Challenges, and Services</b>
14:00-14:20	Dr Christina Zarb <b>Discrete Mathematics in Post-Secondary Education</b>	Dr George Cremona <b>The Eurovision Song Contest within Formal Educational Learning Contexts: A Critical Multimodal Interpretation of Possible Inter-disciplinary Connections</b>
14:20-14:40	Question time	
19:30	Social Meal in Valletta Venue: <i>Ristorante La Giara</i> 75-76, Casa Rocca Piccola, Republic Street, Valletta	