

Dear Colleagues

In October this year, MDPI will host a Subject Workshop entitled “**Bridging Psychology, Education and Society**”, bringing together researchers who contribute to journals across our Social Sciences portfolio.

This free event is open to anyone with an interest in this research field, or whose work aligns with the theme of the workshop; MDPI would be delighted to invite you to attend.

Date: 09:00–17:40, Wednesday 14th October

Location: Hyatt Regency Manchester, 55 Booth St W, Manchester, M15 6PQ

This event is an opportunity for attendees to hear cutting-edge research, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and discuss emerging themes and challenges in the field of Social Sciences. It will also provide a chance for attendees and MDPI staff to exchange perspectives on the development of MDPI's journals in this area and to explore how MDPI can best support the Social Sciences research community in the UK. This will be a whole-day event featuring presentations from leading researchers working across a broad range of Social Sciences disciplines, chaired and hosted by other distinguished academics in the field, with refreshments and lunch provided courtesy of MDPI.

Topics will range from an exploration of the application of emerging technologies in the field of education to considerations of the power of collaborative practices in developing and building social futures and the role of identity and personality in sports and social life.

At this event, we aim to encourage interdisciplinary contact between researchers and students across the field and to spark discussion and collaboration across the full spectrum of the Social Sciences. It will also provide a chance for attendees and MDPI staff to exchange perspectives on how MDPI can best support the Social Sciences research community in the UK.

The day will comprise two sessions: the first focusing on research bridging Psychology and Education, and the second focusing on research on the convergence of Psychology and Society.

The event will be chaired by Prof. Dr. Palitha Edirisingha and Prof. Dr. Brett Bligh, bringing together leading academic researchers, early-career academics, and key industry professionals working across the Social Sciences to share new work and exciting developments throughout the field.

To register your attendance, please [click here](#).

About Our Hosts

Prof. Dr. Palitha Edirisingha is an Honorary Fellow in the School of Education at the University of Leicester. Previously, he was an Associate Professor in the same School and led two distance learning programmes: MA International Education and Post Graduate Certificate in Learning Technologies, and contributed to the MA International Education (Campus-based) and International PGCE programmes as a module convenor and a seminar tutor. He was also a Co-Director of the PhD programme in the School and a member of the University Ethics Committee. His current research and PhD supervision interests include AI in Education, Technology-Enhanced Learning, Open Educational Resources, Internationalisation of Higher Education, and Distance Learning from a Global South perspective. Palitha has edited two Special Issues in *Educational Sciences*, and serves as an Editorial Board Member of *Trends in Higher Education*.

Prof. Dr. Brett Bligh is a Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) and Deputy Discipline Lead for Educational Research at Lancaster University. His research interrogates issues of technology and institutional change in post-compulsory education. He prioritises Activity Theory conceptions of human practice and interventionist methodologies such as the Change Laboratory when addressing these issues. He is Director of the PhD Programme in E-Research and Technology Enhanced Learning at Lancaster, an Executive Board member for the International Society for Cultural-historical Activity Research (ISCAR), and a member of the Scientific Council for the Centre for Activity Theory at University West, Sweden.

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<https://canada.mdpi.com/post/mdpi-canada-summary-of-the-humanities-subject-workshop>

If you have any questions or would like further information about the workshop, please visit [MDPI UK's website](#), or get in touch.

We hope you will be able to join us, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,