



TRANSATLANTIC EDUCATORS DIALOGUE (T.E.D.) **SPRING 2020**

February 16 - May 3, 2020

What is the Transatlantic Educators Dialogue?

The Transatlantic Education Dialogue (T.E.D.) is an opportunity for educators in the United States of America and the European Union to come together online for shared exploration and examination of a variety of educational topics related to issues of identity and difference, with a particular emphasis on representations of “the other” in the classroom.

This experience of educational diplomacy and exploration from multiple perspectives will enable educators to overcome cultural misunderstandings and misconceptions.

Who is involved with T.E.D.?

A total of 50 educators in the US and the E.U. will be involved. Participants may be current teachers, pre-service teacher education students, school administrators, graduate students, and education faculty.

Where Does T.E.D. Meet?

Participants can participate anywhere, provided they have access to the internet. Weekly sessions are synchronous; readings and reflections take place asynchronously.

Synchronous sessions take place weekly for ninety minutes using Blackboard Collaborate. This online application enables registered participants to simultaneously communicate with classmates by using microphones connected to their computers, typing into a shared chat-rooms, contributing notes on a “chalkboard” tool, and using webcams and other capabilities to upload videos and picture images.

Prior to each weekly session, participants will have assigned readings representing US and EU perspectives on the topic. Readings will be available through a shared course website called Moodle. Using Moodle, participants can share articles with other participants, post comments on topic specific forums, and send messages to other participants.

Why Participate in T.E.D.?

- learn about transatlantic educational systems and realities
- networking opportunities with transatlantic counterparts
- opportunities for career development, professional reflection, and growth, acknowledged in an official capacity at the end of the program
- develop critical thinking and analytical skills, with a focus on making connections between current events and material covered in our discussions
- share experiences with other educators, maintain connections with other participants, and have your students engage in online classroom exchanges
- Upon successful completion of T.E.D., all participants will receive a Certification of Completion.

U.S. Participants: Up to 30 non-credit Professional Development Hours (PDH) for Illinois teachers and up to 3.0 non-credit Continuing Education Units (CEU) for 30 contact hours for non-Illinois teachers are available.

How Much Does it Cost?

There is no fee to participate in T.E.D.

For further information:
visit <http://europe.illinois.edu/ted>

How to Participate?

Apply at <http://europe.illinois.edu/ted> by January 15, 2020

Contact T.E.D. Coordinator, Jeremie Smith,
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Scheduled dates and weekly topics:

Feb. 16	Orientation & Introductions
Feb. 23	Meeting your Presentation Groups and organizing for Future Sessions
Mar. 1	Teacher Education – Policies & Norms
Mar. 8	Impressions of the Other & Cultural Awareness
Mar. 15	Creative Pedagogies & Instructional Practices
Mar. 22	Migration/Immigration and Its Impact in the Classroom
Mar. 29	Student and Parental Involvement in Education
Apr. 5	Youth Culture and Student Life
Apr. 19	Building Safe Spaces: Inclusion & Approaches to Violence/Bullying
Apr. 26	Technology in the Classroom and the Future of Education
May 3	Opportunities for International Collaboration

The Transatlantic Educators Dialogue is sponsored by the European Union Center (europe.illinois.edu) and the College of Education (education.illinois.edu) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Testimonials

"Transatlantic Dialogue Educators was an invaluable experience and provided benefits of online collaboration for every attendee. It was a great place for open debate and mutual comparability of education in Europe and overseas, as well as the professional development of teachers participating."

- Dr. Zuzana Mészárosová (Bratislava, Slovakia)

"The Transatlantic Educators Dialogue is a unique diplomatic educational program with educational leaders in the US and in Europe who are given the opportunity to exchange on comparative educational systems and philosophies. In a global and competitive world, The Transatlantic Educators Dialogue acts as a possibility for educational leaders to join efforts to reflect, rethink and reshape our cultural perceptions on education to empower our future generations."

- Fabrice Fresse (Huntersville, North Carolina USA)

"Participation in TED has helped me to realize that teachers from distant places speak the same language, have the same interests, and we are concerned about the same issues. During the sessions I felt part of the group "teachers in the world". I have many emails and I like to think I can get in touch with any member of the group in case I need professional help."

- Maribel Andres (Logrono, Spain)

"With TED, there are no borders, no divisions. Our goal is unified. TED allows me to interact with peers around the globe and provides a means to share educational methods on how to better engage my students. The program enables participants to collaborate creative ideas and discover ways to help make this world a better place through education. I am thankful for the personal growth TED provides by helping me to become a better educator, and a better person."

- Kit Brown (Homer, Illinois USA)



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