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	II Floor	Great Hall
9:15-9:45	Registration, greeting coffee	
9:45-10:15		OPENING ADDRESSES: • Juozas Augutis, Acting Chairman, Research Council of Lithuania • Jonas Petkevičius, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport • Eglė Pranckūnienė, President of Lithuanian Educational Research Association
10:15-10:30		**Building the Future of Education: Objectives and Early Results of EDU project** Presenters: • Ugnė Marija Andrijauskaitė, Research Council of Lithuania • Natalija Kancevičienė, Research Council of Lithuania
10:30-11:30		KEYNOTE: • Drew Story, Former Managing Director of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA) Policy Lab. **"Passing the Baton: Practical Guidance for Connecting Education Research, Policy, and Practice"**
11:30-12:15		DISCUSSION: **"Bridging Research and Decision-Making in Education"** Panel: • Eglė Pranckūnienė, President of Lithuanian Educational Research Association • Unė Kaunaitė, Director, EDU Vilnius • Lina Kaminskienė, Chancellor, VDU Education Academy • Regina Valutytė, Vice-Minister of Education, Science and Sport • Rūta Gajauskaitė, Chief specialist, Teachers' division, Department of Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport Moderator: Goda Raibytė-Aleksa, Science journalist, communicator
12:15-13:15	Lunch break	

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13:15-14:15		KEYNOTE: • Liudvika Leišytė, Professor, TU Dortmund University, Germany; President of the European Higher Education Society (EAIR). **"Between Competition and Collaboration: Teacher Training in a Changing Governance Landscape"**	
14:25-15:50		SESSION: **"Advancing Teacher Learning through Research and Innovation" (I)** Moderator: Natalija Kancevičienė, RCL	SESSION: **"Education Systems in Times of Change and Uncertainty"** Moderator: Ugnė Marija Andrijauskaitė, RCL
		14:25-14:45 • Yasemin Gülbahar Güven, Teachers College, Columbia University, USA. **"How to Effectively Use Learning Analytics in Education?"**	**14:20-14:40** • Antti Laherto, University of Helsinki, Finland. **"Futures Thinking in Science, Sustainability and Teacher Education"**
		14:45-15:05 • Bart Declercq, KU Leuven, Belgium. **"Measuring and Monitoring (Pedagogical) Quality in ECEC for Children Aged 0–3 in Flanders (Belgium)"**	**14:40-15:00** • Rajib Shaw, Keio University, Japan. **"The Intersection of Climate, Social, and Emotional Challenges: Designing Next-Generation Learning Environments"**
		15:05-15:25 • Christopher Bezzina, University of Malta. **"Professional Learning versus Professional Development: How Communities of Learning Enhance Teacher Agency"**	**15:00-15:20** • Joanna Rokita-Jaškov, University of the National Education Commission, Krakow, Poland. **"Teacher's Attitudes to Working with Immigrant Students: The Cases of Lithuania and Poland"**
		15:25-15:50 Q&A, discussion	**15:20-15:40** • Yuliana Lavrysh, National Technical University of Ukraine, Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, Kyiv, Ukraine. **"Reframing Inclusion in times of crisis: Trauma-Informed pathways for integrating displaced learners"** **15:40-15:50** Q&A, discussion
15:50-16:10	Coffee break, registration to workshops		

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16:00-17:30		SESSION: **"Advancing Teacher Learning through Research and Innovation" (II)** Moderator: Natalija Kancevičienė, RCL	**16:00-17:30** • Marco Cremaschi, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy. WORKSHOP: **"From Curiosity to Classroom Practice: Responsible Artificial Intelligence and Visual Psychological Guidance for Self-Directed Learning"**	**16:00-17:30** • Prof. dr habil. Ewa Filipiak, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland. WORKSHOP: **"Developmental teaching approach in everyday teachers' practice"**
		16:10-16:30 • Halszka Jarodzka, Open Universiteit, the Netherlands. **"Developing teachers' professional vision using eye-tracking in educational practice"**		
		16:30-16:50 • Alan Gorman, Dublin City University, Ireland. **"Rethinking Professional Development: Professional Doctoral Pathways for Future-Focused Education Systems"**		
		16:50-17:10 • Lisa Bardach, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany. **"Opportunities, challenges, and future perspectives for studying learners' motivation in digital learning environments"**		
		17:10-17:30 Q&A, discussion		
17:30-19:00	Discussions & light dinner			

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9:40-10:55		SESSION: **"Innovative Didactics for STEAM and Philosophy Learning" (I)** Moderator: Ugnė Marija Andrijauskaitė, RCL	SESSION: **"Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence for Future-Ready Education"** Moderator: Natalija Kancevičienė, RCL
		9:40-10:00 • Ilona Södervik, University of Helsinki, Finland. **"Fostering Adaptive Expertise through STEAM Education"**	**9:40-10:00** • Nikolina Nikolova, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria. **"Digital transformation of education in Bulgaria: addressing the gap between school and university in computer science/IT education"**
		10:00-10:20 • Lukasz Kaczmarek, Institute of Materials Science and Engineering Lodz University of Technology, Poland. **"Current Situation of Chemistry and Science Education in Poland"**	**10:00-10:20** • Diane Vassallo, University of Malta, Faculty of Education. **"The role of AI in supporting the development of CT in learners"**
		10:20-10:40 • Richard Alan Cohen, Vilnius University, University at Buffalo, SUNY. **"Levinas, Philosophy, Pedagogy"**	**10:20-10:40** • Lilia Cheniti Belcadhi, University of Sousse, Tunisia. **"AI-Enhanced and Intelligent Assessment Systems: New Directions for Competence-Based Education"**
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11:00-12:00		KEYNOTE: • Mahsa McCauley, Associate Professor, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand; Communication and Information Commissioner for the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO. **"Raising Minds Machines Can't Replace: An Education Agenda for the AI Age"**	
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	13:00-13:20 • Marika Parviainen, Turku University, Research Institute for Learning Analytics, Finland. **"Integrated Mathematical and Computational Thinking Education in Fourth Grade: Insights from Interventions in 51 Lithuanian Schools"**			
	13:20-13:40 • Jo Lieve Mieke Van Hoof, Turku University, Research Institute for Learning Analytics, Finland. **"The role of intuition and inhibition in students' mathematical reasoning"**			
	13:40-14:00 • Ewa Filipiak, Kazimierz Wielki University, Educational Change Laboratory – Center for Research on Learning and Development, Poland. **"The development of theoretical thinking in children of primary school age. From theory to change in practice."**			
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14:35-15:35		KEYNOTE: • Jon R. Star, Carl H. Pforzheimer, Jr. Professor of Teaching and Learning, Harvard Graduate School of Education, USA. **"Mathematical flexibility: A promising instructional focus for improving students' learning of mathematics"**
15:40-16:40		DISCUSSION: **"What Makes Effective Didactics Today?"** Panel: • Eva Stratilová Urválková, Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prague, Czechia • Jake Andrew McMullen, Turku University, Research Institute for Learning Analytics, Finland • Joanna Rokita-Jaśkow, University of the National Education Commission, Krakow, Poland • Daiva Penkauskienė, LERA vice president, Modern Didactics Center Moderator: Goda Raibytė-Aleksa, Science journalist, communicator
16:40-17:00		CLOSING CEREMONY: **What Lies Ahead for the EDU Project?**