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Can education help us to build peaceful, just, and sustainable futures for all?

Centre for Research on Lifelong Learning and Education CELE, University of Turku, will organise 2nd December a discussion of UNESCO's Futures of Education initiative report.

December 2, at 2–4 p.m. (EET) at the online-webinar

UNESCO will launch its long-awaited report 'Reimagining our futures together: a new social contract for education?' on 10th of November 2021. The UNESCO report asks us to rethink the ways in which knowledge, education and learning have the potential to address some of the most serious challenges we face in an increasingly complex, uncertain and fragile world. It expresses great confidence in education's capacity to address issues of social fragmentation, strains to natural ecosystems, and threats to peaceful coexistence across cultural divides. While acknowledging that recent technological developments can enhance human welfare, the report also notes that these developments pose serious ethical concerns and challenges for governance. It invites us to reimagine a future in which a new social contract is negotiated, that puts education at the heart of our attempts to build peaceful, just, and sustainable futures for all.

How realistic is this agenda for transformation and how should we approach the work that needs to be done to realize the report's bold aspirations?

You are most welcome to join a discussion of the challenges for education posed by this report, led by an international panel of experts:

Dr. **Noah Sobe** Senior Project Manager, UNESCO Futures of Education Initiative

Emeritus Professor and Visiting Professor **Fazal Rizvi** (University of Melbourne, University of Turku)

Professor **Kristiina Brunila** (University of Helsinki)

Academy Research Fellow **Johanna Kallo** (Academy of Finland, University of Turku).

Chair: Professor **Piia Seppänen** Director of Centre for Research on Lifelong Learning and Education CELE (University of Turku)

Programme

2 p.m. Event commences online

Dr. **Noah Sobe**: Introduction to the UNESCO report
Comments from Professor **Fazal Rizvi**, Professor **Kristiina Brunila** and
Academy Research Fellow **Johanna Kallo**

3:10 p.m.

Questions from audience

4 p.m.

Event concludes

Join the Event (<https://utu.zoom.us/j/65024758970> or www.utu.fi/cele)