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**World Education Leadership Symposium - Online Conferences 2021  
Info-Email 1 (November 2020)**

**Invite and Save the date for two WELS events:**

**World Education Leadership Symposium Online Conferences**  
**WELSpocus** February 1, 2021  
**WELSmain** September 28-30, 2021  
**Participation is free of charge.**

**Enclosed you will find some information about**

1. **WELSpocus**, February 1, 2021
2. **WELSmain**, September 28-30, 2021
3. Formats
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Based on the very good experiences of WELSONline 2020 with 1.200 experts from 90 countries, we will also conduct **WELSpocus** and **WELSmain** 2021 as an online format, also focusing on COVID-19 and its impact and against the background of current developments.

The conference languages are English and German; the conferences will comprise one half-day on February 1 and three half-days from September 28-30. You are free to choose which half-days you would like to participate in.

**[Read more](#)**

**1. WELSpocus, February 1, 2021**

**COVID-19 Educational Research (Cover): Crisis in Society and Impact on Education around the World**

Themes of the keynotes and the plenary discussions are: national and international monitoring of the current school situation due to COVID-19, e.g. school leadership as management of crisis, teams and digitalisation. Group discussions will be facilitated.

With the CovER-network we want to COVER the international research in education which focuses on the consequences in education due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to do both, to dis-COVER research of all kinds on one hand and to un-COVER emerging and hot issues and implications for policy, practice and further research on the other hand.

Join the CovER-network.

## **2. WELSmain, September 28-30, 2021**

### **Plenary Program: Innovation for Practice. Innovation in Practice.**

In the keynotes, current challenges and international trends will be focused on. Keynote presentations comprise:

- Maintain – Optimize – Innovate: Ordeal or clear strategy?
- Success and failure in school development – pathways and truths
- Resistance, contradictions, and further adversities
- Dealing with complexity – breaking down demands to fit local context
- Participation in and through education – supporting children and youths
- Innovations in learning, teaching, schools and the school system
- The school itself as ‘real life experience’

Besides keynotes and an integrated social program comprising art and culture, there will be discussions and an innovations atelier. At the innovations atelier, innovations from various contexts (instruction/teaching, education, school development, organization, system) will be presented briefly, which then can be explored more deeply during the parallel program.

### **Parallel Program:**

Themes of the English-speaking Parallel Program are:

- Educational Change, Evaluation and Improvement
- Educational Networks, Cooperation and System Leadership
- Digitalization in Education; Inclusion, Equity and Equality in Education
- Migration, Democracy and Citizenship in Education
- Health and Resilience in Education
- Leadership Learning
- Educational Policy, Reform and Governance
- Responsible Leadership in Education
- Professionalization of School Leaders
- Practices of Education Leadership around the World
- Research on Education Leadership around the World

## **3. Formats**

We will keep **WELSpocus** and **WELSmain** as interactive as possible. The conferences offer a plenary channel with keynotes, plenary discussions, plenary voting and surveys. Furthermore there are group channels with roundtables and discussion groups, networking and other interactive breakout-rooms and finally open space, market place, virtual apéro and shared writing tool.

## **4. Registration**

You can register [here](#) to receive further information.

## **5. Flyer**

A current flyer is available to you [here](#).

We hope very much that you will be part of these events.

Yours  
Stephan Huber and the WELS Team

For the last 15 years, WELS has been the largest international congress in Europe on education leadership. More than 800 experts working in different fields of practice and research from around 70 countries worldwide discuss challenges and solutions for education and schools for tomorrow in 250 speeches, paper presentations, and workshops with around 200 speakers. The conference languages of the Online Conference are English and German.

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