

**HAWK International Online Conference**

## **Approaches to creative learning in early childhood education**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 15.00-18.00 (3 to 6 pm) (Central European time)**

Dear Colleagues and Students,

We invite to the next HAWK International Online Conference in the context of international cooperation in ECEC.

As Early Childhood teachers, practitioners and researchers, it is our task to shape learning environments for young children. In a world of polycrises, approaches to creative learning based on children's rights and needs are crucial for fulfilling this task. Against this backdrop, we will discuss experiences and approaches from different ECEC contexts trying to develop quality education for young children towards a sustainable future.

This event is open to all who are interested in educational and care work with children and families. Together with guests from different countries, we want to share experiences and concepts regarding the quality of work with children from an international perspective. The aim is to get into conversation with each other and to think outside the box.

### **5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 via zoom**

#### **Time Zones**

16.00 – 19.00 Eastern European Standard Time (Greece, Ukraine)

15.00 – 18.00 Central Europe Standard Time (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Norway)

14.00 – 17.00 Greenwich Mean Time (Ireland)

9 am – 12 am Eastern Standard Time (New York)

Please register per mail to [sprachwerkstatt.fs@hawk.de](mailto:sprachwerkstatt.fs@hawk.de) before 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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Time	Program
15:00 – 15:20	<b>Welcome and Introduction of participants and universities</b>
15:20 – 15:30	Tim Rohrmann, HAWK Hildesheim, Germany <b>20 Years Academic Programs in ECEC in Germany</b>
15:30 – 15:50	Prof. Dr. Oresta Karpenko (Drohobych University, Ukraine) <b>Preschool education in Ukraine in wartime: challenges and opportunities</b>
15:50 – 16:10	Prof. Oliver Thiel (QMUC Trondheim, Norway) (requested) <b>„God used beautiful mathematics in creating the world“ A play-based approach to early mathematics education</b>
16.10 – 16.30	Discussion in mixed small groups
16.30 – 16.50	Break – bring your own tea/coffee!
16:50 – 17.10	Dr. Efthymia Tsiara & Ass.Prof. Dr. Konstantina Rentzou, University of Ioannina, Greece <b>Inquiry-based learning and children's agentic action: Scenarios and examples from a Greek kindergarten school</b>
17.10 – 17.30	Anja Siemens, M.A., HAWK Hildesheim, Germany <b>Gardening with children as education for sustainable development</b>
17.30 – 17:45	Discussion and Exchange
17.45 – 18:00	<b>Final round &amp; Farewell</b>

## Speakers

**Prof. Dr. habil Oresta Karpenko**, Professor of the Department of General Pedagogy and Preschool Education, Drohobych Ivan Franko State Pedagogical University, Ukraine

**Dr. Konstantina Rentzou**, Assistant Professor, Department of early years learning and care, University of Ioannina, Greece

**Anja Siemens**, M.A., HAWK University of Applied Sciences Hildesheim, Germany. Coordinator of the ECEC BA programme at the Faculty of Social Work and Health.

**Prof. Dr. Tim Rohrmann**, HAWK University of Applied Sciences Hildesheim, Germany. Program leader for ECEC at the Faculty of Social Work and Health.

**Prof. Dr. Oliver Thiel**, Professor of Mathematics in Early Childhood Education, Queen Maud's University College, Trondheim, Norway

**Dr. Efthymia Tsiara**, Kindergarten teacher & Postdoc researcher, Department of early years learning and care, University of Ioannina, Greece