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Call for Papers: Higher Education and Labour Markets: Challenges for Society

The HSM <https://www.iospress.nl/journal/human-systems-management/> will publish a special thematic issue on EU integration in relation to higher education and labour markets. HSM is a sponsored journal of the conference **MakeLearn & TIIM Conference 2020** <https://makelearn.mfdps.si/> and it is expected that published papers in this thematic issue will be presented at the conference with the title **Expanding Horizons: Business, Management and Technology for Better Society**.

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Important dates:

- **Deadline for paper submission: 30 March 2020**
- **Revised paper submission: 30 June 2020**
- **Special issue will be published in 2020**

About the topic: Higher Education and Labour Markets: Challenges for society

Education and training in general are enabling Europe to become a knowledge-based society, particularly by improving employability. The need for appropriate training and skills has been underlined in the majority of EU employment policies, as in the future only those with appropriate knowledge and skills will flourish in the labour market.

This special thematic issue focuses on the European Higher Education Area as a tool for EU integration with a particular emphasis on the EU labour market.

The development of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) has been an important instrument in the EU integration process and employability has been one of its main goals from its very beginning. Higher education institutions play a crucial role in providing high-level professional competences, giving graduates a base of knowledge and skills, but also enabling them to constantly adapt to changing labour conditions. There are at least two important challenges facing universities within the EHEA in relation to labour market demand (1) Providing education and training based on competences and skills that enable graduates to meet the needs of the labour market; (2) Active dialogue between higher education institutions and employers.

Papers are invited from a range of fields, for example, they may be located in human resource management, higher education studies, labour market studies, or international studies. Potential topics might include: knowledge-driven competitiveness and entrepreneurial thinking, innovation for growth and jobs, Europe's competencies in an increasing competitive world, project management, the art and craft of publishing, European integration, education in the EU, management in HE, financing HE, globalization, internationalization, Europeanisation through mobility and cooperation, HE and regional policies, quality



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assurance policies in HE, employment policies, soft skills in HE, ICT and on-line learning in HE and at the workplace, migration and multicultural societies, and human rights for education and work.

About the submissions:

To submit the paper, please login to the journal HSM <https://www.iospress.nl/journal/human-systems-management/>. You also have to register (and submit the abstract of your paper) to MakeLearn & TIIM Conference 2020 <https://makelearn.mfdps.si/> which will be held in Venice, Italy from 20-23 May 2020.

About the editors:

Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca has a Ph.D. in Management in Education from the Manchester Metropolitan University, UK. Currently she is working as researcher at University of Primorska and as professor and advisor to the dean at International School for Social and Business Studies. She has international experiences in research projects; she is a conference chair of <http://makelearn.mfdps.si/> and EIC of Human Systems Management, <https://www.iospress.nl/journal/human-systems-management/>. Her research and teaching fields include management in higher education, managing non-for-profit organisation, research methodology, quality and evaluations in tertiary education, the recognition of knowledge and lifelong learning. She is working in many international projects and she is Jean Monet Chair <https://learn-eu.net/about/>.

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About the conference: MakeLearn & TIIM Conference 2020

ML&TIIM will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on **May 20-22, 2020, in Venice, Italy**. You are cordially invited to submit abstracts or full-length papers at <https://makelearn.mfdps.si/submission/>.

As you see from the conference website at <https://makelearn.mfdps.si/>, MakeLearn/TIIM 2020 will be a conference that might be of interest to you. **Panels of journal editors** will share their insights on how to publish your scholarly work. Academic Leadership Forum and Research-Education-Business Forum, Workshop on Publishing for Young Researchers, and **Meeting F2F with Editors-in-Chief or Editors of the 16 Journals** (see a complete list at <https://makelearn.mfdps.si/conference-programme/>) are among many events and activities for the celebration. MakeLearn/TIIM 2020 will hold multiple sessions for **nine (9) tracks** (see complete list of 9 tracks at <https://makelearn.mfdps.si/call-for-papers/#tracks>), and events on research and engaged learning designed to provide opportunities for you to enjoy collegiality and exchange ideas.

Parallel to the conference **two intensive courses** are organized by the International School for Social and Business Studies (ISSBS) as part of the project Erasmus+, **Jean Monnet Chair**, titled **EU Integration: European HE Area and Labour Market (EU:HELM)**. It is co-funded by the ISSBS and Erasmus+, Jean



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