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Educational Integration of Immigrant and Minority Students – International Seminar

University Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj – Napoca, Romania

July 13-14, 2010

As psychologists, educational researchers and practitioners turn their attention to the persistent immigrant and minority student achievement gap in Europe, North America and other regions of the world, the theory of structural cognitive modifiability and its applied systems offer a new hope for closing this gap. How, in a heavily politicized climate, can immigrant and minority students' educational needs be effectively addressed? What "best practices" will help to close the achievement gap, and how might these practices be disseminated in the face of academic, institutional and structural challenges? What are the research agendas of immigrant/minorities research groups in various countries and how can these groups come together for sharing their experiences? These and related questions will be a particular focus of attention at the *Educational Integration of Immigrant and Minority Students Seminar*. We invite educators, scholars, policymakers, and members of immigrant and minority groups for two days of intensive discussion and analysis of the issues related to educational integration.

Seminar themes

- The challenges of psycho-educational assessment of immigrant and minority students;
- Multicultural classroom - Theoretical models and educational reality;
- Access to higher education and quality vocational training for immigrant adults;
- When ethnic majority has minority problems – lessons from Alaska and South Africa
- Cognitive education and educational integration – principles and techniques

Keynote lecture by Professor Reuven Feuerstein:

“How it all started: The challenges of educational integration of immigrant children from North Africa”

Call for papers:

We invite submission of proposal abstracts (250 words) on topics of the seminar themes. Deadline for submission – May 15, 2010. Individual paper presentation – 30 min. Abstracts should be sent to Prof. Alex Kozulin (alexk@icelp.org.il).

Registration:

Seminar participation fee of 250 Euro includes participation in all sessions, seminar materials, and lunch on July 13 and 14. Request registration forms by writing to sr@icelp.org.il (Phone +972-2-569-3304; Fax +972-3-542-6620).
Registration deadline: June 1, 2010.

Accommodation:

Low-cost accommodation is available on campus of Babes-Bolyai University (12 euro/day per person in a double room in Student Dormitories; 25 euro/day per person in a double room in the University Hotel). **Book your room directly through the local organizer: Ms. Eniko Batiz, Babes-Bolyai University 400084 Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Tel. + 40.264.405.301; email: ebatiz@staff.ubbcluj.ro.** Those interested in pre- or post-seminar holiday packages in mountain resort hotels near Cluj-Napoca should contact local organizer.

Transportation:

Direct low-cost flights to Cluj-Napoca from all major European cities are available by Wizzair: www.wizzair.com