



Future of Research in Challenging Times: an Inclusive and Value-Based Approach

This year has already started on a concerning note, with events threatening the lives and integrity of many people, and endangering the stability of the values which our society is built upon. It is a time when our beliefs must be re-evaluated, our lives reshaped, and our community re-organised. When faced with the on-going phenomena of social insecurity and inequity, the misuse of technology, and the persisting consequences of a pandemic, it is clear that education is one of the domains which suffer great changes. But challenges bring in new opportunities for growth, new chances of strengthening the bond between people and communities.

Adaptation is the key, and innovative, inclusive, and value-based research is the means.

On these grounds, we wish to invite you to our Round Table to address together the following questions:

- 1) What is research and how is it embedded in the notion of "education"?
- 2) What influence have the recent concerning global events had on the research activities carried out by doctoral candidates?
- 3) What do adaptability, inclusiveness, and progress have to do with research and doctoral studies?
- 4) Is there a link between carrying out research and giving back to the community?
- 5) What does the future of research and doctoral education look like?

We, the doctoral candidates, wish to bring our contribution to the world of knowledge and education through sharing our ideas and thoughts, not only with the academic circles but with the world at large. We research for a better future, a fresher start and a more optimistic perspective on life.

Join us, and give voice to your ideas and spend the evening in the company of fellows who want to build as bright a future as you do!