

**University of Opole  
Institute of Pedagogical Sciences  
Department of Special Pedagogy  
in collaboration with  
the University of Malta  
and Municipal Centre for Educational Support  
in Opole  
invite to**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Polish-Maltese  
Scientific Seminar, entitled**

# **INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

*in Poland and Malta: In search of  
equity, diversity, and quality  
education. Good practices*

**MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2025, 9:00 AM**

**ADDRESS: UL. KATOWICKA 95 OPOLE**

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

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## SEMINAR PROGRAMME

**9:00-10:00**

### SEMINAR OPENING

**BY HIS MAGNIFICENCE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE  
PROF. DR HAB. JACKA LIPOK, PHD  
SPEECHES OF THE HONORARY GUESTS**

**10:00-10:30**

### THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN MALTA: AN OVERVIEW

PROF. COLIN CALLEJA, PHD  
DEAN, FACULTY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF MALTA  
DR JOSEPHINE DEGUARA, PHD  
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DR JONATHAN BORG, PHD  
DEPARTMENT FOR INCLUSION AND ACCESS TO LEARNING, FACULTY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

**10:30-11:00**

### INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN POLAND

DR HAB. IRENA MUDRECKA, PROF. UO, PHD  
HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PEDAGOGY, UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

**11:00-11:20 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:20-11:40**

### FROM KNOWING TO GROWING: BUILDING INTENTIONAL LEARNERS IN OUR SCHOOLS

PROF. COLIN CALLEJA, PHD  
DEAN, FACULTY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

**11:40-12:00**

**EXPERIENCING CURRICULUM REFORM IN THE EARLY YEARS IN MALTA:  
CHANGES IN EDUCATORS' PERSPECTIVES OF CHILDREN IN PEDAGOGICAL  
DECISION-MAKING**

DR JOSEPHINE DEGUARA, PHD  
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**12:00-12:20**

**YOUNG GENERATION – EXCLUDED BECAUSE REBELLIOUS OR  
REBELLED BECAUSE EXCLUDED? REVISION OF OPINIONS**

PROF. DR HAB. EWA WYSOCKA, PHD  
DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PEDAGOGY, UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

**12:20-12:40**

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN THE LIGHT OF OPPORTUNITIES AND IN SHADOW  
OF THREATS**

DR BEATA GÓRNICKA, PHD  
DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PEDAGOGY, UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

**12:40-13:00**

**TEACHERS CO-ORGANIZING EDUCATION IN THE SYSTEM OF PSYCHOLOGICAL  
AND PEDAGOGICAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM  
DISORDER IN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

DR MARIUSZ GARBIEC, PHD  
DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PEDAGOGY, UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

**13:00-13:40 LUNCH BREAK**

**13:40-14:00**

**SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION**

DR JONATHAN BORG, PHD  
DEPARTMENT FOR INCLUSION AND ACCESS TO LEARNING, FACULTY OF EDUCATION,  
UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

**14:00-14:20**

**THE ROLE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION ON WELL-BEING IN  
TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-DIVERSE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

DR RAFAL GERYMSKI, PHD  
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

**14:20-14:40**

**WHO AM I? OR A FEW WORDS ON HOW TO UNDERSTAND MY OWN GENDER**

DR EMILIA LICHTENBERG-KOKOSZKA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PEDAGOGY, UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

**14:40-15:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:00-15:20**

**MODERN TECHNOLOGIES IN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION – A CASE STUDY**

DR TERESA SEGIET, PHD  
DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PEDAGOGY, UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

**15:20-15:40**

**SPORTS AND RECREATION AS A FORM OF REHABILITATION OF INDIVIDUALS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

DR JUSTYNA CHARAŚNA-BLACHUCIK, PHD  
OPOLE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

**15:40-16:00**

**FROM UGLY DUCKLING TO SWAN: STORIES OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL  
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS IN INCLUSION**

MGR ALICJA WRÓBLEWSKA, MA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PEDAGOGY, UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

**16:00-16:20**

**SUMMARY OF SEMINAR**