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Academic Quality Forum

Education in an Uncertain World

DATE

12th October 2026

FORMAT

ONLINE

Agenda

09:00 — 10:25

LECTURES, PART 1

09:00 — 09:10

Introduction to the Conference

Sabina Ratajczak, PhD, Vice-Rector for Development,
Director of the Center for Quality and Innovation at WSB University

09:10 — 09:45

Wisdom in a BANI World: Education and Human Development in the Age of Uncertainty and AI

Anna Syrek-Kosowska, PhD, University Professor

09:45 — 10:25

Mental Toughness — the key to developing young People/Students who can deal with the BANI world, creating resilience and positivity that, together, enable everyone to be the best version of themselves that they can be

Doug Strycharczyk, AQR

10:25 — 10:35

BREAK



10:35 — 12:20

LECTURES, PART 2

10:35 — 11:10

- **Educating for an Uncertain World: Developing Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving in Practice**

Sonia Gómez, PhD, Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands

11:10 — 11:45

- **Fostering learning through passion-based co-creation in higher education**

Tuomo Eloranta, PhD, Aalto University

11:45 — 12:20

- **Building Creative Confidence: How to Teach Innovative Thinking Through Design Thinking**

Łukasz Łata

12:20 — 12:30

BREAK

12:30 — 14:15

LECTURES, PART 3

12:30 — 13:05

- **From task execution to a partnership that supports our creativity. How to ensure that artificial intelligence supports critical thinking and stimulates academic discussions**

Dariusz Wylon, PhD

13:05 — 13:40

- **Teaching discernment under conditions of digital persuasion: An AI-mediated student production project**

Ofelia Palermo

13:40 — 14:15

- **How Can We Tell if Students Are Really Thinking? A Culture of Thinking as a Learning Methodology in an Uncertain World**

Katarzyna Winiarek
Maciej Winiarek

14:15 — 14:25

BREAK

14:25 — 15:25

- **Good Practices Session**

ZOOM 1

**Burnout or Growth?
Mentoring as a Strategy for
Supporting the Well-Being
and Long-Term Motivation
of Academic Teachers**

Grzegorz Grzegorzczak, PhD
University of Gdańsk

14:25 — 14:55

ZOOM 2

**Between the Curriculum and the
Student: Lean Management and
Artificial Intelligence in Supporting
the Quality of Education**

Agnieszka Kowalkowska, PhD
WSB Merito in Gdańsk

14:55 — 15:25

**Process, Not Product: Active
Learning in the Age of Artificial
Intelligence**

Paweł Urgacz, AWSB

More details coming soon...

15:25 — 15:35

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- **Summary and closing the conference**

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