



STUDY DAY IN VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

IMPACT AT AFRICA & GLOBAL SOUTH

April 23, 2026
13:00 - 15:30 (GMT+1)

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Program:

Time	Session
1:00–1:05	Opening Remarks and Welcoming , Dean Asma Abbas and Dr. Abdellah Chekayri, School of Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI), Morocco
1:05–1:15	IMPACT Project Highlights , Dr. Konstantinos Petridis, IMPACT Coordinator, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece
1:15–1:45	IMPACT Project: The Moroccan Experience , Dr. Abdelilah Kadili, Tamkine Foundation, Dr. Mohamed El Amri, AUI, and Dr. Luciana Cabrini Simões Calvo, State University of Maringá, Brazil, and Dr. Mohamed Amine El Khaldi, Euro-Med Association.
1:45–2:30	From Students to Decision Makers: Inclusive Dialogues on Organizing, Mobilizing, and Speaking for Education Development for All , Student Roundtable, Facilitator: Dr. Brian Seilstad, AUI.
2:30–3:15	Keynote Address: Making an Impact: COIL for Better Intercultural Understanding , Prof. Della Elizabeth Burke, The Jesuit University of Guadalajara

Abstract

This presentation invites a reflection on the potential of Collaborative Online International Learning/Virtual Exchange (COIL/VE) as a meaningful platform for addressing some of the most pressing global challenges, particularly those related to polarization, inequality, and the need for dialogue across differences. Drawing on the Erasmus+ IMPACT project; the first known virtual exchange initiative connecting Israeli and Moroccan higher education students which argues that structured online collaboration offers something traditional mobility historically has not: equitable, guided dialogue across borders. Grounded in research and practical experience from ITESO's COIL collaborations in Latin America, the presentation examines what makes virtual exchange effective: safe space design, the professor-professor relationship, and faculty intercultural training. And starts a conversation on how COIL can be a tool for building intercultural understanding across divided communities.

Bio

Della Elizabeth Burke is coordinator of Campus Internationalization, ITESO, the Jesuit University of Guadalajara and Council Member. She has been working in International Education for more than 20 years. As the Coordinator for Campus Internationalization at ITESO, the Jesuit University of Guadalajara, she previously worked in the international offices of several public and private universities in the United States and Mexico. In 2019, she led the Commission for Internationalization at ITESO and guided the interdepartmental team that devised the strategic internationalization plan. She currently leads a team of academics to ensure meaningful internationalization is accessible and increasing across all departments.