EDUCATION, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL COHESION AND PUBLIC POLICIES

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The symposium “Education, digital technology, social cohesion and public policies” is organised by the Institut des Amériques, in collaboration with the Europe - Latin America and Caribbean Foundation (EU-LAC), the Agence française de développement (AFD) and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) in the framework of the Latin America and Caribbean Week.
Overall, 2020 and 2021 were irrevocably marked by the closure of educational institutions, to different extents, to limit the spread of Covid-19. In the schools, universities, professional and economic spheres, all-digital technology has been largely imposed, without transition, with its successes and failures. This episode, which has led to an unprecedented digitalisation of societies, will mark a technological milestone.

The time has come to take stock of the situation in order to transform yesterday’s difficulties into tomorrow’s opportunities. Faced with this challenge, the Institut des Amériques, the EU-LAC Foundation and the Agence française de développement intend to contribute to the comparative, transamerican and transdisciplinary reflections through their annual symposium.

At the educational and academic level, the acceleration of distance learning in both Europe and Latin America has indeed led to a renewal of opportunities for scientific cooperation and the partnership development between institutions in both regions. More generally, the widespread use of online webinars, symposiums and events organisation suggests new dynamics of collaboration, dialogue and scientific exchange between Europe and Latin America. In the future, digital technology seems to be an unavoidable way to strengthen the links between the two regions. However, although digitalisation represents an undeniable tool of influence, it cannot be efficient without jointly considering the reduction of fractures, new methods of regulation and evaluation, and economic positioning in a highly competitive world.

In this context, the symposium will aim to fuel the debate through four workshops. Each of them will approach the issue of the complex and close links between education, digital technology, social cohesion and public policies: from the soft power issues steering public policies to the challenges of inclusion and the professions of tomorrow, not forgetting the economic factors necessary for the development of innovations. The synthesis of these workshops will bring coherence by crossing the reflections from multiple perspectives.
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The discussions will be held in French, Spanish and English, with simultaneous translation
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The crisis experienced during the pandemic has highlighted distance learning, a field that used to be confidential. It has become a widely publicised subject and an element of influence and valorisation for countries: a symbol of competitiveness, flexibility, performance, innovation, etc. Models that succeed in being exported thus help to strengthen their attractiveness and influence, while highlighting their innovation capacity.

Distance learning is a project for the future that States must now integrate into their public policies. More generally, what collective project can digital education support? How can we avoid the imposition of dominant models and therefore have models that are adapted and adaptable? To what extent can cooperation between Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean be part of the definition of an effective and inclusive digital education?

Firstly, it will be necessary to demonstrate to what extent partnership relations can be linked to diplomatic interests, while analysing the obstacles and motivations that contribute to the successes and failures of projects. In this context, it will be necessary to draw up an overview of existing cooperation and the opportunities proposed for the future: academic coalitions (partnerships between institutions from both regions), participation in large-scale European programmes etc.

**SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION AND DISCUSSION**

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The current crisis has accelerated the process of industrialisation of education, for example by developing the edtech sector. Numerous tools from the industrial world have thus been added to the learning platforms offered by public institutions.

In this new configuration, the web giants (in particular the Big Tech) are taking the lion’s share and are questioning the capacity of the public sector to respond. Thus, partnership relations must now be considered at various levels: between institutions on either side of the ocean, but also between the public and private sectors, by questioning the role of research in technology transfer. Since then, new issues have emerged: preserving equitable access to education while promoting technological innovation, co-developing tools in constrained environments, defining the positioning of public institutions in relation to private supply, etc.

On the other hand, the development of technologies suggests a promising future: from the robot that allows a sick student to participate in a classroom course to the possibilities of personalising learning paths through artificial intelligence, innovation can be put at the service of inclusive and efficient education. To what extent would collaboration between Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean foster the development of innovative and highly competitive systems? How can the pedagogical quality of the systems be guaranteed in order to provide a relevant, added-value offer? These questions lie at the heart of the issues raised by the training-research-innovation continuum. They invite us to imagine and clarify the relationships in the framework of Research and Development.

**SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION AND DISCUSSION**

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Schools and the academic world have the responsibility to educate students to be responsible citizens of the digital world, while adapting their training offers to the world of tomorrow. Thus, deviant uses of digital technology, such as cyber harassment or the massive dissemination of fake news, can have a negative impact on social relations. Education must take up these issues: which educational policies should be considered to effectively integrate the issue of teaching the various uses of digital technology in the learning process? More concretely, what tools do educators have to counteract incivilities on the internet? Furthermore, the digitalisation of society raises new questions about the new digital professions and, consequently, about the evolution of education to meet these new professionalization needs: what pilot programs already exist? How can existing training courses be adapted to new challenges? How can we ensure that education systems are responsive to the fast-changing economy? What importance should be given to private education? Finally, under what conditions can education to digital professions be exported?

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION AND DISCUSSION
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The crisis has raised new questions about the equitable pursuit of learning, particularly in terms of access to education and digital resources. There are significant gaps between and within countries. Thus, since the beginning of the pandemic, educational institutions in European countries closed for 12 to 46 weeks, while those in Latin America and the Caribbean closed for 15 to 73 weeks (Global monitoring of school closures, UNESCO). In addition, distance and online education solutions have been found to be counterproductive for girls' education in some socio-cultural contexts (UNESCO, 2021).

The challenge of equitable and inclusive access to education is thus raised in renewed and vivid terms. Open Educational Resources (OER), for example, represent a relevant and rational alternative to meet the challenges of democratization of education and social inclusion. In the same way, existing innovations could be exploited to invent innovative and competitive educational systems. Furthermore, the investments made by states during this crisis must now be harnessed to "create resilient systems capable of withstanding the impact of future crises. Low-income countries in particular, must be given the support they need to achieve this too" (ibid.), which implies the establishment of partnership relations between North and South countries.

The omnipresence of digital technology and its development therefore raise questions about digital inclusion, but also about the role of education in promoting this inclusion. In the presence of inequalities in education systems as much as in infrastructures, no common project is viable and sustainable. Thus, in what ways can EU-LAC collaborations contribute to the reduction of the digital gap, while promoting inclusive and innovative systems?

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In 2020, European and Latin American societies, like the rest of the world, experienced a major health crisis that had multiple repercussions in many areas. New questions have arisen about the functioning of the different national health systems, the existing economic models and the inequalities they may induce, the social cohesion of each country and international relations.

Having neglected prevention and the organisation of responses to pandemics, most governments face painful choices between public health, economic activity and the preservation of citizens' freedoms. In the past, authorities have generally assumed that economic growth delivers dividends to fund health services. In 2021, it is most likely that the control of the pandemic - at the global level - will determine the return to social life and economic activity.

Beyond the health crisis and the thousands of deaths (more than 530,000 in the European Union and more than 750,000 in Latin America and the Caribbean, i.e. almost half of the deaths in the world in March 2021 according to the WHO), the book resulting from the conference “Societies, crises and public health in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean” proposes to reflect on the initial lessons of this global crisis.

Check the 2021 publication
Practical information

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