



Emerging Futures:

Societal Innovation meets Futures Studies

Summer school 2026 - UPEC

AEI International School – UPEC and the

UNESCO Chair on the Futures of Education for Health and Living Well UPEC are happy to invite you to the

2026 Summer School “Emerging Futures: Societal Innovation meets Futures Studies” for June 9th to 19th.

The Summer School will start focused on Futures Studies Foundations, with professors Felipe Koch, Anika Keils and Philippe Frouté: Futures Literacy lab participation and facilitation in the mornings, (Social and Strategic) Foresight and Forecast in the afternoons.

Then we will host an array of international lecturers:

- Ramon Rispoli, from University of Naples, will host a lecture/ workshop on Transition and Speculative Design
- Rocco Scolozzi, from University of Trento, will teach a course on Systems Thinking
- Fabienne Goux-Baudiment, from Projective, will run a game on the Great Transition
- Fabio Scarano, curator of Rio's Museum of Tomorrow, will teach a course on Regenerative Futures
- Riel Miller, former head of Futures Literacy at UNESCO, will host a lecture/workshop on Anticipatory Systems and Processes
- Also invited guest speakers.

The summer school will be closed on June 19th, with an International Conference on Futures of Education for Peace.

During this event, we will listen to analysis from:

- UNESCO leaders who are leading the works on Futures of Education;
- Stakeholders dealing with the Futures of Peace;
- Specialists and experts on how Educate for Peace.

The course will be free of charge for Aurora Students, including sandwich lunches.

This course is a recognized French national University Certificate, and offer 6ECTS for Aurora students.

A closing ceremony is planned for the 19th afternoon with the delivery of certificates.

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Programme

Week 1 : FOUNDATIONS OF FUTURES STUDIES with Felipe Koch

- Welcome & presentation of the Summer school and introduction of participants
- Futures Literacy labs
- Social foresight
- Foundation of future studies
- Data Analysis & Forecasting
- Great Transitions Game

Week 2 : USING THE FUTURE

- Transitions and Speculative Design by Ramon Rispoli
- Anticipatory Systems and Processes by Riel Miller
- Regenerative Futures by Fabio Scarano
- Systems Thinking by Rocco Scolozzi
- Guest speakers

Application process

Students must be nominated by their universities and provide an updated CV and Bachelor Transcript of Record for the three years.

Nominations can be received until April 6th 2026.

Universities will be notified of selected students by April 7th 2026. Students must enrol until April 16th 2026.

Learning objectives

Futures Literacy and Foresight

- Understand the process of Anticipation
- Distinguish between concrete and abstract futures
- Differentiate between Forecast, Foresight and Anticipation
- Distinguish between Simple, Complicated and Complex systems
- Apply system thinking when doing strategic planning.

Teaching Methods

This summer school is taught 100% in person.

- Lectures, group work, learning by doing, assessments
- Feedback during the teaching period
- Lectures will provide feedback along the course.

During the first week, special slots for check-in and check-out have the goal of providing feedback and verifying key take-aways from students.

Student workload

- Class preparation readings: 30 hours
- Optional online videos : 30 hours
- Teamwork: 5-10 hours →
- Lectures: 40 hours.
- Futures Literacy lab: 20 hours