

AURORA

Workshop on Vulnerability

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GENERAL PURPOSE

Vulnerability arises from various aspects of frailty that humans can experience, such as physical, emotional, social, economic, or environmental factors. Conflicts, migrations, climate change, demographic shifts towards aging, mental health issues, inflammatory processes, the obesity epidemic, cancer, emerging pandemics, and other chronic diseases on a global scale represent some of the significant challenges faced in life. These challenges disproportionately affect vulnerable groups, including children, women, individuals with disabilities, African descendants, people living in extreme poverty, older adults, individuals belonging to national, ethnic, and religious minorities, refugees, asylum-seekers, displaced populations, LGBTQI+ people, and those exposed to emergency contexts.

Therefore, the United Nations calls for global efforts to develop a comprehensive understanding of vulnerability, as encompassed within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The European universities alliance Aurora is dedicated to fostering collaborative learning initiatives across borders to tackle this societal challenge. As part of this dedication, the working group of Aurora's Hub Health & Well-being is pleased to announce its upcoming **Workshop on Vulnerability**. The workshop aims to facilitate an in-depth discussion on vulnerability approaches and **will take place at the University Federico II of Naples (Italy) on May 30th, 2024**, as a satellite event to the Biannual Aurora Conference.

This workshop welcomes students, researchers, scholars, and practitioners from all Aurora member universities who are working on vulnerability and are interested in the pedagogy of vulnerability and its relevance to diversity teaching and the humanizing of higher education.

Throughout the workshop, invited keynote lectures will predominantly delve into pivotal topics such as global health and vulnerability, environmental risk factors, and health trajectories. In the afternoon, a sequence of roundtable discussions will center on the pedagogy of vulnerability, encompassing diverse subjects like mental health and teaching, equality, diversity, and inclusion, as well as unconscious bias.

We warmly welcome suggestions for speakers from our partner institutions and encourage AURORA's community members to attend this meeting and participate in the roundtable's discussions.

Online [registration](https://forms.office.com/e/Nt6SLeqhPd) to this event is mandatory, by clicking this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/Nt6SLeqhPd>

For remote attendance a link will be provided upon request.

Provisional Programme

9:00: Welcome Registration

9:30-13:00: Part I - Plenary session

- 9:30-10:00: Geneviève Derumeaux "Senescence, metabolism and cardiovascular diseases" (Professor of the Physiology Department and the Functional Exploration Department at UPEC. Director of research at INSERM).
Discipline: Cardiology
- 10:00-10:30: Pasquale Maffia "Africa-Europe CoRE in Non-Communicable Diseases & Multimorbidity" (Professor of Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacy, UNINA, AURORA H&W Lead).
Discipline: Cardiovascular Immunology
- 10:30-11:00: Ophélie Godin "Translational psychiatry" (Researcher at Mondor Institute for Biomedical Research IMRB, UPEC).
Discipline: Epidemiology

11:00-11:30: Coffee Break

- 11:30-12:00 Daniela Caso (Professor of Social Psychology, Department of Humanistic Studies, UNINA) "Students' mental health: what trajectories for a sustainable future?"
Discipline: Psychology
- 12:00-12:30 Barbara Buchenau "Politics for the most vulnerable" (Professor of North American Cultural Studies, UDE).
Discipline: American Studies
- 12:30-13:00 Blanca Deusdad Ayala "Ageing: a new way of looking at life. A life-course perspective" (Associate Professor at the Department of Anthropology, Philosophy and Social Work URV).
Discipline: Ageing Studies, gerotechnology and ageing-in-place and de-institutionalisation

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-16:00: Part II - Parallel round tables

16:00-17:00: Part III - Conclusive session

17:00-18:00: Part IV - Networking

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