

Economy for a New Normal: Digitalisation and  
Human Relations in Business and Education  
20–21 May 2021 • virtual conference

Date: **20-21 May 2021**

Conference website: <http://makelearn.issbs.si/>.

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME:**

*(Click on individual event links in the programme to access the event e-room and participate.*

*All events are planned and will take place in [Central European Summer Time](#))*

Thursday, 20 May 2021	
14.00 - 14.15	<p><b><a href="#">Conference opening and welcome addresses from the co-organizers (JOIN):</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Valerij Dermol, International School for Social and Business Studies, Slovenia</li> <li>- Dr. Bordin Rassameethes, Kasetsart University, Thailand,</li> <li>- Dr. Zbigniew Pastuszek, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland</li> <li>- Dr. Luigia Melillo, Pegaso International, Malta</li> </ul>
14.15 - 15.15	<p><b><a href="#">Keynote speeches and discussion (JOIN):</a></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><a href="#">"Analytics + Intuition = Success!"</a></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Jay Liebowitz, Seton Hall University, USA</p>
15.30 - 16.45	<p><b><a href="#">Academic Leadership Forum (JOIN)</a></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><a href="#">"How can we shape higher education institutions to respond to future trends in the post-pandemic world?"</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Dr. Kris MY Law, Deakin University, Australia</li> <li>• Co-chair: Dr. Dušan Lesjak, International School for Social and Business Studies, Slovenia</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kirsi Aaltonen, University of Oulu, Finland</li> <li>• Dr. Yuk Ming Tang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, PRC</li> <li>• Dr. Zbigniew Pastuszek, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland</li> <li>• Dr. Bordin Rassameethes, Kasetsart University, Thailand</li> <li>• Dr. Eugenijus Valatka, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania</li> <li>• Mag. Domagoj Nikolić, RIT Croatia, Croatia</li> </ul>
16.45 - 17.00	<p><b><a href="#">Invitation to MakeLearn &amp; TIIM 2022 (JOIN)</a></b></p>

**Friday, 21 May 2021**

**12.00 - 13.15**

**[Workshop on Academic Writing and Publishing \(JOIN\)](#)**

**13.30 - 14.45**

**[Editors' panel with editors of Scopus and WoS indexed journals \(JOIN\)](#)**

*Chair: Dr. Zbigniew Pastuszak, Maria Curie Skłodowska University, Poland*

*Co-chair: Dr. Kongkiti Phusavat, Kasetsart University, Thailand*

Panelists:

- Dr. Alex Koohang, Middle Georgia State University, USA  
(Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Computer Information Systems)
- Dr. Joanna Paliszkiwicz, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland  
(Editor-in-Chief, Management and Production Engineering Review)
- Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, International School for Social and Business Studies, Slovenia (Editor-in-Chief, Human Systems Management)
- Dr. Egon Žižmond, University of Primorska, Slovenia  
(Editor-in-Chief, International Journal of Sustainable Economy)
- Dr. Anca Draghici, Politehnica University of Timisoara, Romania  
(Editor-in-Chief, Scientific Bulletin of Politehnica University of Timisoara, Transaction on Engineering and Management)
- Dr. Živilė Stankevičiūtė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania  
(Guest Editor, Sustainability)

**15.00 - 16.30**

**[Research-Education-Business Forum \(JOIN\)](#)**

**["Acceleration of Digitalisation through COVID-19; How it leads to a faster geographical shift and change of local labour composition"](#)**

*Chair: Dr. Claude Meier, HWZ University of Applied Sciences Zurich, Switzerland*

*Co-chair: Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, International School for Social and Business Studies, Slovenia*

Panelists:

- Dr. Anca Draghici, Politehnica University of Timisoara, Romania
- Dr. Michael Grund, HWZ, Switzerland
- Dr. Luigia Melillo, Pegaso International, Malta
- Dr. Matti Muhos, University of Oulu, Kerttu Saalasti Institute, Finland
- Dr. Anna Rakowska, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland
- Dr. Živilė Stankevičiūtė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania
- Dr. Georges-Simon Ulrich, Director of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, Switzerland
- Dr. Robert Whitehouse, University of Gloucestershire, United Kingdom
- 

**16.30 - 16.45**

**[Final remarks and conference closing \(JOIN\)](#)**

**16.45 - 18.00**

**[Project dissemination session and networking \(JOIN\)](#)**