



Praxis Festival of Scholarship 2025

Programme

Wednesday, 21st May 2025

Hosted on Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams meeting opens 09:45

Welcome and introduction 10:00 – 10:15

Prof. Carol Azumah Dennis, Director of Praxis

Session 1: Morning parallel sessions 10:15 – 11:15

You will be able to choose which session you would like to join on the day of the event.

10-minutes presentation plus 5-minutes for questions, per presentation.

Parallel session A –

- Student use of ChatGPT – **Felipe Tessarolo**
- Supporting minoritised student experience of Taught Postgraduate assessment: a co-creation project – **Judy Chandler & Bob Hallawell**
- Starting as we mean to go on: understanding induction experiences for students who declare mental health difficulties – **Nichola Kentzer, Ian MacDonald & Jess Pinchbeck**
- Tutor and student experiences of Discord as a module communication channel – **Dr Olivia Kelly**

Parallel session B –

- Practice Tutors' views on their readiness for supporting OU pre-registration nursing students who require reasonable adjustments for clinical placement – **Liz King**

- Peer to peer mentoring network for younger learners on Level 1 modules in the School of Languages and Applied Linguistics – impact and challenges – **Danielle Pullen**
- Voices from Beyond the Walls: Student reflections on their Access learning journeys within English Prisons – **Eira Patterson**
- Breakout rooms: the virtual dance begins – **Zsuzsanna Bárkányi & Bärbel Brash**

COFFEE BREAK 11:15 – 11:30

Welcome back and keynote introduction 11:30 – 11:45

Session 2: Keynote presentation 11:45 – 12:45

From the Race Equality Charter to building an Anti-Racist University: Mechanisms for Change – **Syra Shakir**, Associate Professor in Learning and Teaching and Strategic Lead on Race Equity at Leeds Trinity University

LUNCH 12:45 – 13:45

You are invited to visit our [Praxis Project Summary Display on Padlet](#) to find out more information on some of the exciting scholarship taking place within the Open University, Faculty of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies.

Welcome back 13:45 – 14:00

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Session 3: Afternoon parallel sessions 14:00– 15:15

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Parallel session A –

- Designing effective interventions for improving completion and outcomes on joint degrees – **Olwyn O'Malley & Joanna Mirek-Tooth**
- Exploring the impact of using Enquiry-Based Learning on the experience of nursing students. Exploring the impact of using Enquiry-Based Learning on the experience of nursing students – **Dr Nicola Goodall**
- It's good to talk – Exploring effective professional conversations in teacher education – **Angela Thomas & Cath Bleasdale**
- Spaces for Mattering; The Early Childhood Student Journey – **Joanne Josephidou, Eleonora Teszenyi, Julie Buck, Jane Dorrian, Linda Plowright-Pepper & Lucy Rodriguez-Leon**
- Proactive motivational support and online students with mental health challenges: an emancipatory action research study – **Annie Storkey**

Parallel session B –

- An exploration of staff perspectives about anti-racist and inclusive assessment in ECYS – **Mel Green**
- Investigating the effectiveness of module design for engagement and participation in the first year of presentation – **Lucy Henning & Sally Hunt**
- Offering students the opportunity to improve the integrity of their assessments through 15-minute success conversations in an era of Gen-AI – **Chelle Oldham**
- Using video-enhanced reflective practice with students to develop their communication and reflection skills – **Sarah Brown**
- Improving the integrity of student assessments through group academic conduct learning opportunities – **Chelle Oldham**

COFFEE BREAK 15:15 – 15:30

Session 4: Praxis Hubs 15:30 – 16:45

- What are Praxis hubs? – **Lisa Bowers, Mel Green & Olivia Kelly**

- Immersive Technologies Hub – **Lisa Bowers**
- Anti-Racist and Inclusive Assessment (ARIA) Hub – **Mel Green**
- Social Media Scholarship Hub – **Olivia Kelly**
- Q&A – **Lisa Bowers, Mel Green & Olivia Kelly**

Session 5: What's Next for Praxis? 16:45 – 17:00

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