

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “MIND THE PROJECT”

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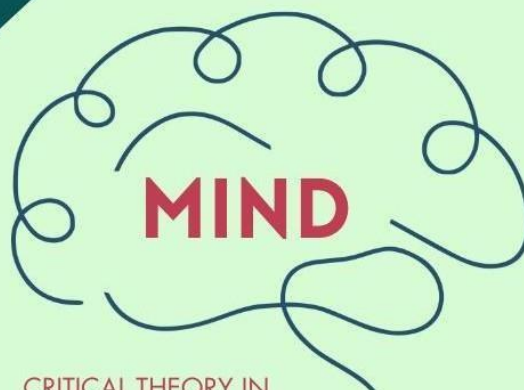
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Closing conference of the Erasmus+ project 2023-1-LT01-KA220-ADU-000153426
Critical theory in adult education practice: empowerment for critical actions (MIND)

09:00 – 09:30 Registration in person and on-line connection

Registration link for all participants:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_v1P6uzPg3o468WOJcroo4hbxE4XF5XYqqnnwygtJwyPc-A/viewform?usp=dialog

09:30 – 10:00 Conference Opening

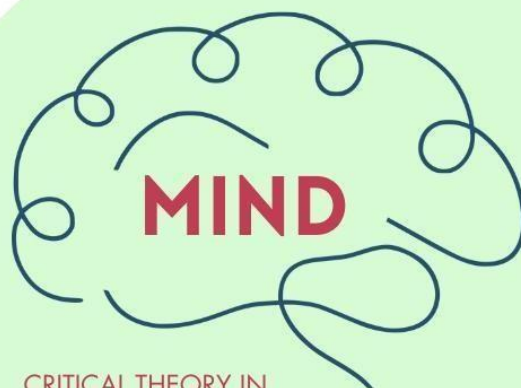
- Prof. Marius Constantin Profiroi, Vice-rector for International Affairs of Bucharest University of Economic Studies;
- Inga Jagelaviciute - President of Lithuanian Association of Adult Education, coordinator of the MIND project
- Prof. Daniela Dumitru - Director of Teacher Education Department - Bucharest University of Economic Studies

10.00 - 10.20 Get acquainted with the MIND project

- **Keynote address: *Overview of the project*** - Daiva Penkauskienė & Inga Jagelavičiūtė

10.20 - 10.40

- **Critical thinking in adult education. The overview of scientific literature** - Daniela Dumitru & Monica Păduraru



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- Keynote address. Dr. Gabriela Florea - *Mind & Heart - insights from the medical humanities*

11.10 – 11.40 Coffee break

11.40 - 12.10

- Keynote address. Christopher Dwyer - *Critical thinking for everyday life* (online)

12.10 - 12.30

- Presentation: *How much is critical thinking in adult education?* - Arunas Beksta

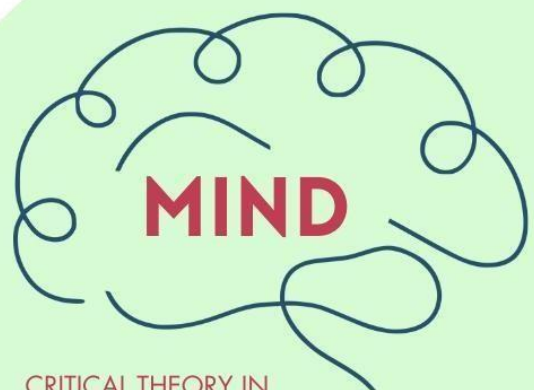
12.30 - 12.50

- Presentation: *The model for the development of critical thinking in adult education*
- Daniela Dumitru & Ramona Richițeanu-Năstase

12.50 - 13.20

- Presentation: *Critical thinking at work! Adult trainers for adult learners. Adult learners for adult learners* - Sandra Kalniņa

13.20 - 14.00 **Q&A Session. Closing Statement & Evaluation of the Conference** - Daniela Dumitru -
Bucharest University of Economic Studies



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