

Conference Program

Date & Venue

Wednesday, 21 October 2026
Melbourne, Australia

Program EMCEE

Ms. Fatima Reyes
Conference Executive Chair
Chief Executive Officer, AIHE

Presentation Format

Parallel rooms (Morning)
Combined session (Afternoon)
15-minute presentation+ 5 Minute
Q&A, 20 Minutes per paper

Paper Sessions and Online Access

Session	Theme	Room	Meeting Link
Morning - Parallel 10:20- 12:00	Business, Leadership and Economic Resilience in Asia	Room 6 Online Presentations	Join Meeting
Morning - Parallel 10:20- 12:00	Artificial Intelligence, Education and Governance	Room 7 Online Presentations	Join Meeting
Afternoon Combined 13:00- 15:30	Leadership, Resilience and Human Capability Awards & Certification of Presentation Ceremony	Room 7 Online Presentations	Join Meeting

Opening Plenary

Time	Program
8:30 - 9:00	<i>Registration & Morning Coffee</i>
9:00 - 9:05	Welcome Address: Dr Wasana Jayawickramarathna, Conference Chair
9:05-9:35	Keynote Address: Polycrisis and education: agency, language and research Dr Peter Micken, <i>Keynote Speaker</i>
9:35-9:50	Special Address: Humane ethics in research in Australia, Dr Joanne Barker
9:50-10:20	<i>Morning Tea</i>

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Morning Paper Sessions- Parallel Rooms

Time	Business, Leadership and Economic Resilience in Asia <i>Room 6. Online Presentations</i>	Artificial Intelligence, Education and Governance <i>Room 7. Face to Face</i>
MORNING SESSION 10:20-12:00	Session Chair: Dr Peter Mickan	Session Chair: Dr Joanne Barker
10:20-10:40	Entrepreneurial Leadership in India's Startup Ecosystem During an Era of Global Polycrisis: Developing an Indian Startup Leadership Model <i>Sanket Jack & Fred Utanes</i> <i>GlobalNxt University</i>	Preparing Global Citizens for a Polycrisis World: University Students' Perceptions of SDG 4.7 Competency Development through English-Medium Higher Education in Taiwan <i>Daniel Dat Tran (Tran Vuong Quoc Dat)</i> <i>National Yunlin University of Science and Technology, Taiwan</i>
10:20-10:40	Building Resilience Amidst a Challenging Condominium Marketplace: How Amenities Drive Value in Singapore <i>Sophie Fang & Fred Utanes</i> <i>Aston University, Kaplan</i>	The Relationship Between Governance and Drug Trafficking: A Comparative Analysis Between the United States of America and the United Kingdom <i>Diego Dominguez Mejia</i> <i>Adelaide Institute of Higher Education</i>
10:20-10:40	BAB-AI sa Lakas Komunidad Program (Women for Community Empowerment) <i>Steve Z. Logatoc, Jacqueline O. Caacbay, Averiec Nathaniel L. Danaytan, & Celah Faith L. Urbino</i> <i>Polytechnic University of the Philippines</i>	Human-Centred AI Culture in Healthcare: Understanding How Artificial Intelligence Shapes Workforce Adaptability and Organisational Trust <i>Muzammil Hussain</i> <i>Adelaide Institute of Higher Education</i>
10:20-10:40	Crisis-Driven Business Transformation in Singapore's Environmental Services Industry: The Shift to Outcome-Based Contracting <i>Arthur Lim (Lim Chew Teck)</i> <i>Arden University – Ascensus</i>	Pedagogical Challenges in Higher Education: Engaging Digital-Native Generations <i>Faisal Abdullah</i> <i>Adelaide Institute of Higher Education</i>
10:20-10:40	Organisational Barriers to Effective Nutritional Care in Australian Residential Aged Care Facilities: Developing a Best Practice Nutritional Care Management Framework <i>Laura Natalia Gonzalez Munoz</i> <i>Adelaide Institute of Higher Education</i>	Labor Productivity Resilience in ASEAN Manufacturing Amid Global Polycrisis — A Cross-National Analysis with Implications for Japanese Firms in the Philippines <i>Nobuyuki Abe</i> <i>GlobalNxt University</i>
10:20-10:40	Lunch	



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Afternoon Paper Sessions- Parallel Rooms

Time	Leadership, Resilience and Human Capability <i>Room 7. Combined session for all delegates. Face-to-face</i>
AFTERNOON SESSION 13:00 - 14:20	Session Chair: Dr Vanessa Ratten
13:00 - 13:20	Leadership Styles and Organisational Performance: Implications for Organisational Resilience in an Era of Polycrisis — Evidence from Singapore <i>Nithin Narayanan & Fred Utanes</i> <i>Applied Materials Singapore / Technical University of Munich</i>
13:20- 13:40	Destigmatising AI Disclosure in Higher Education: A Narrative Literature Review <i>Raquel Ho</i> <i>Adelaide Institute of Higher Education</i>
13:40- 14:00	The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Professional Accountants in New Zealand <i>Janaka Jayawardena, Saman Bandara & Nayomi Wijesinghe</i> <i>Unitec Institute of Technology / Adelaide Institute of Higher Education</i>
14:00-14:20	Reconceptualising Hospital Resilience in a Polycrisis Era: A Practice-Based Strategic Leadership Framework <i>Samadi Madiwala</i> <i>Adelaide Institute of Higher Education</i>
14:20-14:35	Break & Transition to Closing Plenary

Afternoon Paper Sessions- Parallel Rooms

Time	Program
14:35 - 15:20	Awards & Certificate of Presentation Ceremony Dr Vicki Feast, <i>Chair of the Academic Board</i> , AIHE and Mr Don Chen, <i>Founder and President</i> , AEG Group
15:20 - 15:30	Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks Mr Nigel Smalls, <i>Chair of the Council</i> , AIHE
15:30-17:00	Conference Close and Networking Drinks