

European Society for Research on the Education of Adults
Network on Gender and Adult Learning
Conference
Gender and Adult Learning for Democracy, Inclusion and Citizenship
Faculty of Humanities, University of Huelva, Spain
El Carmen Main Campus (Avenida de las Fuerzas armadas, s/n 21007 Huelva)

14th-16th of October 2026

PROGRAMME

14 October 2026 (Wednesday)

15.30 Registration of participants

16.00-16.30 Opening of the conference

Faculty Dean/Vicerrector/Director of Cátedra “Clara Campoamor”

Cristina Vieira and Joanna Ostrouch-Kamińska
Convenors of ESREA Network on Gender and Adult Learning

Maria Gravani
Member of the ESREA Steering Committee

Mar Gallego
Organizing Committee, University of Huelva

16.30-17.30 Session 1¹

Gendered Foundations of Democratic Education
Raquel Pérez Márquez (University of Huelva, Spain)

Women’s Rights as a ‘Bargaining Chip’ in Political Decision-making in an Era of Rising Populism: a Reflection on Portugal after Five Decades of Democracy
Cristina C. Vieira (University of Coimbra, University of Algarve, Portugal)

17.30-18.00 Coffee break

¹ 20 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for discussion

18.00-19.30 Session 2

Democratising Gender Relations within the Family: Towards an Adult Negotiation Pedagogy

Joanna Ostouch-Kamińska (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland)

Challenges of Single Parenthood among Migrant Women in Portugal: an Intersectional Perspective

Mônica Francine, Lucas Dutra, Sofia Bergano (Instituto Politécnico de Bragança, Portugal)

Educating on Queer Families and Homoparentality as Building Intimate Citizenship: Examples from Czech and Polish Queer Parenting

Zdeněk Sloboda (Charles University, The Czech Republic)

19.30 Welcome reception (University of Huelva)

15 October 2026 (Thursday)

9.30-11.00 Session 3

Gender-Aware Professional Learning for Democratic and Inclusive Policing: Reframing Sexual Harassment as a Shared Collegial and Organizational Responsibility

Malin Wieslander, Silje Lundgren (Linköping University, Sweden)

Messages about Adult Education in the Journal Woman Today (1936 – 1940)

Uroš Kuzmanović (University of Belgrad, Serbia)

Intergenerational Programs: A Framework for Strengthening Inclusion, Solidarity and Active Citizenship

Lenka Kamanova (Mendelu University in Brno, The Czech Republic)

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Session 4

Telling a Story of a Woman Adult Educator and University Professor

Maria N. Gravani (Open University of Cyprus)

Transgender Ageing and Lifelong Learning in Belgian Higher Education

André Brasil, Sofia Bergano (University of Salamanca, Spain; Polytechnic University of Bragança, Portugal)

Psychological Safety, Gender, and Voice in Academic Departments (How do psychological safety and gender shape voice behaviour in academic departments as adult learning environments?)

Mariya Ivanova, Mina Kostova (New Bulgarian University)

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 Session 5

When Gender Becomes Excellence: From Policy Requirement to Institutional Learning in Horizon Europe

Monika Ryndzionek (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland)

Educational Inequalities and Gendered Patterns in Older Men's Participation in Non-Formal and Informal Learning

Carla Vilhena, Sandra Valadas, António Fragoso (Universidade do Algarve, Portugal)

Gendered Dimensions of Adult Learning with Generative Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities, Risks, and Emerging Forms of Digital Citizenship among Pre-service Teachers and Pedagogues

Lidia Bielini (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland)

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.00 Session 6

How Adult Education Disempowers Well-educated Women Migrants

Helene Ahl, Nevena Pantelic, Cecilia Bjursell (Jönköping University, Sweden)

Learning to Belong? Gendered Migration, Care and Language Learning among Chinese Migrant Women in Spain

Esther Cores Bilbao (Universidad Isabel I, Spain), María Dolores Camacho Díaz (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain), Anali Fernández Corbacho (Universidad de Huelva, Spain)

Contextualising Approaches for Strengthening Women's Participation in Communal Affairs – Example of an Action-Research in a Development Project in Madagascar
Elisabeth Hofmann (University Bordeaux Montaigne, France)

19.00 Flamenco show

20.30 Conference dinner in the Old Town (optional)

16 October 2026 (Friday)

9.30-10.30 Session 7

Intersecting Inequalities: Women's Educational Trajectories
Eleni Papaioannou (Open University of Cyprus)

Towards a Transformative Pedagogy: Navigating the Complexities of Women as Adult Learners
John Zimba (The University of The Free State, South Africa)

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.00 Closing Session