

***New Directions in Telecollaborative Research and Practice***  
***The Second Conference on Telecollaboration in University Education***

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The second conference on Telecollaboration in University Education, on the theme of **New Directions in Telecollaborative Research and Practice**, will be held in **Trinity College Dublin, Ireland** from **21 to 23 April 2016**.

The first conference on Telecollaboration in University Foreign Language Education (2014, León, Spain) brought together over 120 researchers and practitioners of telecollaboration / online intercultural exchange (OIE) initiatives at university level. The event led to the publication of two journal special editions and a book. Building on this success, the UNICollaboration team is happy to announce the second in a planned biennial conference series.

The profile of telecollaboration in education has continued to grow, while Web 2.0 and social media offer ever greater possibilities to instructors and course designers. The conference will therefore emphasise new avenues for research and practice, and new ways of approaching challenges old and new. Specifically, the conference aims are:

- to share experience and research findings among practitioners and investigators in telecollaboration and OIE in changing technological and institutional contexts;
- to foster development of the professional communities that are emerging around this important new element of tertiary education; and
- to explore together how we can further promote the integration of telecollaboration / OIE in tertiary education

We invite proposals for research papers, practice reports, round table discussions and panels, covering all aspects of telecollaboration, such as pedagogy, curriculum, learner language and discourse, as well as organisational, institutional and policy perspectives, and research methods. Papers on new developments in research and practice will be particularly welcome.

Proposals concerning online exchange in areas outside these fields are likewise welcome: please circulate this announcement to relevant colleagues from other subject areas.

**Watch out for the formal Call for Papers, and announcement of invited speakers, in May.**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8evbCLVepg>

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