

## LECTURERS AND EXPERTS FROM UNESCO JANUSZ KORCZAK CHAIR



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Her main scientific activities have included independent field research in Italy (2002-2004), UK (2004-2008) and Saudi Arabia (2010-2012). Her research work is focused on education, women and children's issues. Her main areas of expertise are an interdisciplinary approach to social inequality: gender, ethnicity, religion and the reproduction of social systems through the lens of social and critical pedagogy.

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His PhD at University of Patras was on writing abilities of pre-school age children (2006).

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