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#### Lesley University and UNITWIN: International Network on Life **Design and Decent Work**

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# **UNESCO-UNITWIN**



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



- UNITWIN Network
- "Life Designing Interventions
- (counseling, guidance, education)
- for decent work and sustainable development"

# UNESCO-UNITWIN

International Collaboration

University twinning for "Life designing interventions (counseling, guidance, education) for decent work and sustainable development"

### Key International Concerns

- ♦ 43% of the world's population are 15-19 years old
- ♦ Youth unemployment is steadily rising
- ♦ Nearly 75% youth unemployment in developing countries
- ♦ Exploitation and oppression of young workers
- Physically and emotionally unsafe conditions
- Unequal opportunity and exploitation particularly impacting young women
- ♦ Few resources and alternatives leading to hopelessness

#### **UNITWIN** Goals

- ♦ Lifelong vocational guidance
- ♦ The fostering of development in southern countries
- ♦ Sustainable economic development
- ♦ Good work in good conditions
- ♦ Social and educational inclusion of young people
- ♦ Equality and equity between women and men, girls and boys, across cultures and races, and for all people with disabilities

# Principles of Decent Work

Opportunities for work that is productive and delivers a fair income, security in the workplace and social protection for families, better prospects for personal development and social integration, freedom for people to express their concerns, organize and participate in the decisions that affect their lives and equality of opportunity and treatment for all women and men.

# Objectives and Directions

- ♦ A structure for collaboration for the exchange of research, policy, and practice ideas
- ♦ Strengthen organizational support for career counseling and life-designing interventions
- \* Make tangible contributions toward the development of decent work within a just and sustainable world economy
- **♦** Internet Site to share the information
- → International conferences & training programs by different partners (e.g., summer institute for doctoral students)
- → Publications (books, articles, presentations etc.)

### Participating Universities

+ 1/ Université de Wroclaw, Pologne



2/ Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Paris



♦ 3/ Université de Bordeaux, France



♦ 4/ Université de Buenos Aires, Argentine



+ 5/ Université de Koudougou, Burkina Faso

♦ 6/Université de Lausanne, Suisse / Mornadie



♦ 7/Université Catholique de l'Ouest, France



♦ 8/University of Iceland



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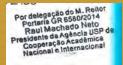
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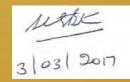


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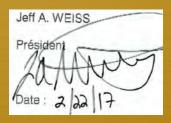


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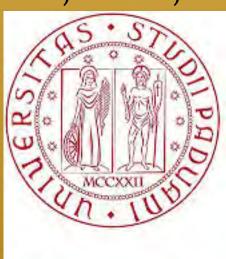


# How did we get involved? Step 1: Go to Italy!



### 2013 International Conference

Life Designing and Career Counseling: Building Hope and Resilience June 20-21-22, 2013, Padova-Italy



Università degli Studi

# UNITWIN Idea Proposed

Aula Magna, the Great Hall, of Palazzo Bo where Galileo lectured



# UNITWIN Chair and Coordinator





### Counseling and Psychology's 40th Anniversary A Regional Academic Symposium

Transition to Adulthood: International Concerns and Promising Directions



March 2015





# University of Wroclaw June 2016

UNESCO Chair on Lifelong Guidance and Counseling



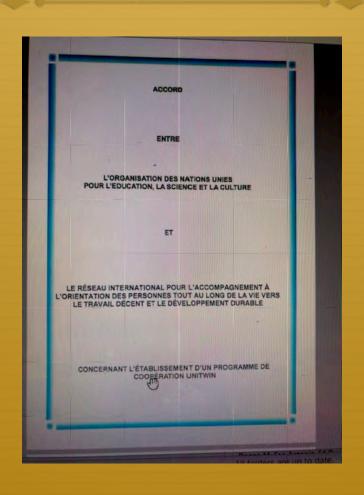


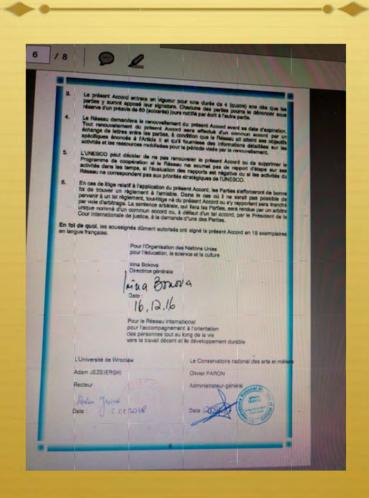


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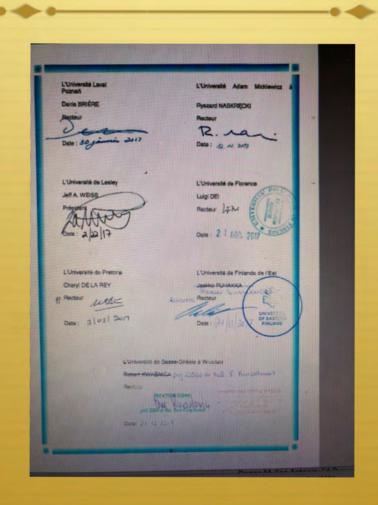


# Agreement Signed 2017









## University of Padova October 2017



## Manifesto for Inclusion



# Back to Wroclaw May 2018



# UNITWIN and Lesley University Current Efforts

- ♣ International research project: Perception of decent work and the future among youth without secondary education
- ♦ Community of Scholars Day Presentation, March 2018
- ♦ International Conference, University of Wroclaw, May 2018
- → Panel presentation at International Conference on Applied Psychology in Montréal, Canada, *June 2018*
- ♦ Co-authoring articles and possible co-editing a special issue of an international journal

## Future Possibilities

- ♦ Host education and training with international participants
- ✦ Faculty and student travel for training and presenting
- ♦ Visiting Scholar or Professor possibilities in other UNITWIN universities
- ♦ Launch or participate in new international research
- ♦ Use UNITWIN affiliation when applying for grants
- ♦ Cross-university, cross-disciplinary course on the political, economic, social, and mental health aspects of working and designing justice oriented policies and practices
- **♦** AND???

# Questions Hopes and Possibilities