



REDIO

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Overview

The International Network of Researchers in Distance, Online and Open Education (**REDIC**, by its acronym in Spanish) is a collaborative, academic and scientific network composed by researchers all over the world in order to create cooperation links, define common research topics, foster collaborative academic publishing, and establishing a common project portfolio suitable for international funding.



Introduction

■ REDIC was officially established in 2017 by Maynor Barrientos (UNED, Costa Rica), Víctor Torres (UAN, Mexico) and Manuel Rosales (UDG, Mexico).

■ Up to date, REDIC brings together educational researchers from the five continents.



Theoretical Background

- REDIC is based upon the principles of collaborative working in academic networks, through which every partner benefits in terms of discovery, integration, and application of knowledge and teaching (Weller, 2011).
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- REDIC is made up from a series of dynamics of specific relationships among individual and institutional partners, that is, a set of exchange, approach, traffic, and linking actions, that could be definable, observable, representable, and traceable (Easley y Kleinberg, 2012).
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- REDIC is also conceived as the space in which all these relationships and actions take place. Its shape, size, and scope is naturally given by them (Barthelemy, 2011).



Main Purposes

- REDIC is intended to create an space of academic and research relationships characterized by cooperation links, common research fields, collaborative academic publishing, and a common project portfolio suitable for international funding.

- REDIC seeks to design, facilitate, and lead collaborative distance, online, and open research projects that increase access to quality educational opportunities for citizens in its partner countries.

- REDIC also aims at becoming an international hub that can bring together research opportunities and exchange of experiences of research groups from all over the world.



Structure

■ REDIC has a horizontal organizational structure composed by individual and institutional nodes, mainly academic managers, scholars with experience in distance and online education, research programs, and other research networks.

■ REDIC also comprises international advisors, teachers, students, and general public interested in distance and online education.



Current Partners

■ Canada (Avant Learning, Athabasca University, Mount Royal University, Royal Roads University, St. Lawrence University).

■ United States (Penn State University, University of California Irvine, University of New Mexico, University of Wisconsin).

■ Mexico (CRESUR, Delfín Program, ITES Zamora, UAC, UAN, UANL, UAT, UDG, UMSNH, UNIPEM).

■ Nicaragua (Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería).

■ Panama (Universidad de Panamá).

■ Colombia (ECCI, FUS, PG, UEI Bosque, UniGermana, UniMinuto, UniValle, Universidad Católica Luis Amigó, Universidad Santo Tomás).

■ Venezuela (Universidad Nacional Abierta).

■ Peru (Centro Ann Sullivan, Pontificia Universidad Católica).



Current Partners

■ Argentina (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad de la Cuenca del Plata).

■ Cuba (Universidad Central de Las Villas, Universidad de Ciencias Informáticas).

■ Dominican Republic (Universidad Abierta para Adultos).

■ Puerto Rico (EDP University).

■ United Kingdom (The Open University).

■ Spain (UB, UGR, UHU, UOC, USAL).

■ South Africa (University of South Africa).

■ United Arab Emirates (Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University).

■ New Zealand (The Open Polytechnic).



Research Topics

■ International Cooperation in Distance, Online and Open Education

■ Open Educational Resources

■ Educational Technology for Distance, Online and Open Models

■ Innovative Institutional Organization Models

■ Educational Innovation

■ New Services for Students

■ Quality Assurance in Distance, Online and Open Education

■ Innovative Teaching for Distance Online and Open Education

■ Ethics, Democratization and Social Inclusion in Distance, Online and Open Education

■ Academic Mobility

■ International Collaborative Publishing

■ International Research Portfolios



Research Projects

- An Intercultural Model of Analysis and Evaluation of Instructional Design and Production of Learning Materials. Avant Learning (Canada) & UNED (Costa Rica). (Aucoin & Barahona).

- Evaluation of Learning in Online Courses: Case Studies from UNED (Costa Rica), UDG (Mexico), UAPA (Dominican Republic), EDP (Puerto Rico) and UPCP (Peru). (Various research teams).



Research Projects

- Training Needs of Students in Research Skills. UNED (Costa Rica) & UNICAR (Mexico). (Díez, Herrera, Barrientos & Cascante).

- A Reference Framework for the Development of Digital Learning Competencies among Higher Education Students. ECCI (Colombia) & UNED (Costa Rica). (Various research teams).



Research Projects

- Skills Development for Educational Research in ICT-Mediated Learning Environments. UNI (Nicaragua) & UNED (Costa Rica). (Flores & Barrientos).



Recent activities

- 1st REDIC International Conference: Building Bridges to Strengthen Distance, Online and Open Education. March 18th to March 21st. UNED, San José Costa Rica.

- Reception and supervision of international students during the 24th Research Summer of the Interinstitutional Program for the Strengthening of Research and Graduate Studies of the Pacific (Delfín). June 17th to August 2nd, 2019.

- 1st International Colloquium on Media, Production and Education. August 22nd to August 23rd. UNED, San José, Costa Rica.



Forthcoming events

- International Meeting on Learning Analytics. Main speaker: Paul Prinsloo, University of South Africa. March 2020 (exact date to be determined). UNED, San José, Costa Rica.

- 2nd REDIC International Conference. September 7th to September 12th, 2020. UAPA, Santiago de Los Caballeros, Dominican Republic.

- International Conference on Learning Evaluation and Digital Technology: Challenges and Opportunities for Distance Education. September 28th to October 2nd, 2020. UNED, San José, Costa Rica.



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