

# IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE 2022: EMBRACING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND ETHICAL FUTURE

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## ABOUT THE ALMA MATER EUROPAEA

The European Academy of Sciences and Arts, a society of some 2000 prominent scholars, including 32 Nobel laureates, initiated the Alma Mater Europaea international university in 2000. Alma Mater Europaea is based in the Austrian city of Salzburg, with entities in Slovenia and several other countries.

Alma Mater Europaea ECM, Alma Mater's entity in Slovenia, is a young and dynamic higher education institution established in 2007. It offers fully-accredited doctoral, masters, and bachelor degree studies in humanities, ecology, business, European studies and project management, as well as archival studies, social studies, healthcare, nursing, physical therapy, artificial intelligence, dance studies, and social gerontology. Institutum Studiorum Humanitatis, the oldest Slovenian private higher education institution, focused in humanities, joined Alma Mater in 2014. Since 2015, the Dance Academy, the only Slovenian-accredited institution offering diplomas in ballet and dance studies, is part of the Alma Mater.

## WORLD-CLASS CONFERENCES

Alma Mater Europaea is known for its world-class conferences. Among the leading scholars who have spoken at Alma Mater conferences are renowned economist Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University, Harvard Law School professor Mark Tushnet, Oxford professor Jacob Rowbottom, German political scientist Werner Weidenfeld, who is also the rector of Alma Mater Europaea, the Alma Mater president and cardiac surgeon Felix Unger, the Facebook and Instagram Oversight Board member and former European Court of Human Rights vice-president András Sajó, David Erdos of Cambridge, the Constitutional Court judge Klemen Jaklic, who lectured at Harvard for seven years before joining Alma Mater, and philosophers Alain Badiou, Jean-Luc Nancy, and Srećko Horvat.



The EU Commissioner for Education Mariya Gabriel speaking in 2021 about education challenges during the pandemics



Jeffrey Sachs, Professor at Columbia University, and Ludvik Toplak, president of Alma Mater Europaea ECM, at the All About People 2021 conference

## ALMA MATER HELD THE FIRST ROUND-THE-CLOCK SEMINAR

During the early months of the Covid pandemic when most organizers cancelled their events, the new format of events emerged, which virtually travel the globe with the sun from East to West. Alma Mater Europaea, together with the International Association of Constitutional Law, organized the first such event on July 3-4, 2020, featuring 52 speakers from 28 countries. Within months, the traveling virtual conferences had become widespread.

## THE 2021 CONFERENCE WAS THE LARGEST TO DATE

The European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Mariya Gabriel, gave the introductory speech. Renowned economist Jeffrey Sachs gave the keynote lecture. Among the speakers were the current and previous presidents of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Klaus Mainzer and Felix Unger, several national academy presidents, and Emma Stokes, the president of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy.

## JOIN US IN MARCH 2022

In March 2022, the Alma Mater Europaea, with the support by the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of Europe's Sciences and Arts leaders and scholars, entitled Embracing Digital Transformation: For a Sustainable and Ethical Future. Submit your paper or a full panel proposal by January 15, 2022: [conference.almamater.si](https://conference.almamater.si).