



Visiting scholar lectures on Inclusive Education

Τίτλοι ομιλιών:

“The system of special education (inclusive education) in UAE” (στα Ελληνικά) by Dr Maria Efstratopoulou

“Inclusive strategies for Children with Sensory Disabilities” (στα Αγγλικά) by Dr Ashraf M. Moustafa

Ημερομηνία: Τετάρτη 26/3/2025 και Πέμπτη 27/3/2025

Ώρα: 10:30-12:00

Χώρος διεξαγωγής: Αίθουσα TEM (πρώτος όροφος), Τμήμα Αγωγής και Φροντίδας στην Πρωίμη Παιδική Ηλικία



Dr Maria Efstratopoulou

Dr Efstratopoulou is currently the Chair of Special Education Department. She is an Associate Professor of Special Education at the United Arab Emirates University since August 2020. Before joining UAEU she was a Senior Lecturer in BG University in UK teaching at the Graduate Program in Special Education and Inclusion. She holds a PhD in Biomedical Sciences from the Faculty of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Sciences, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and also a European Master in Psychomotor Therapy for Children (KU Leuven, Belgium) and a Master in Human Performance (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece). Her research interests are in Motor Behavior and Assessment and Diagnostical Procedures for children with emotional, behavioral and developmental disorders. She is an active researcher with international collaborations in Research for more than 15 years in the field of Special Education, Psychomotor and Child Psychology. Dr Efstratopoulou is the author of 5 books in Special Education and she has published many research articles in peer review journals. She is a Core Member of the EFP (European Framework in Psychomotor) in Research and she acts as Editorial Board member and Senior reviewer for several peer review journals in the field of Education.



Dr Ashraf M. Moustafa

Dr Ashraf, Instructor, Department of Special and Gifted Education, College of Education, UAE University, holds a PhD in Special Education. He won the Sheikh Khalifa Award for Education in the field of people with disabilities, and the Sharjah Award for Educational Excellence in the Field of Applied Educational Research 2020, in addition to having obtained the American license to diagnose Irlen Syndrome. Dr Ashraf is a trainer in braille, reading and writing, and is fluent in dealing with assistive technology in the field of visual impairment. He has more than twenty years of experience in the educational field supporting students with Special Education and he has many research papers published in journals as well as many workshops to educate professionals, teachers and parents in dealing with cases of sensory disability. He is a researcher in the field of Special Education. He gained national and international experience in the field of special needs. His main clinical and research interest is in sensory disabilities with /language disorders & autism specializing in braille language. Dr Ashraf is a member of neuroscience of education lab to investigate various cortical activations related to educational tasks in normal individuals as well as individuals who have special needs. He works with researchers and graduate students in different areas in special education.