



Emerging Futures **Societal Innovation meets** **Futures Studies**

Summer school 2025 - UPEC

UPEC is happy to invite you to the 2025 Summer School “Emerging Futures: Societal Innovation meets Futures Studies” for June 2nd to 13th.

The first week will be focused on Futures Studies Foundations, with professors Felipe Koch and Philippe Frouté: Futures Literacy lab participation and facilitation in the mornings, (Social and Strategic) Foresight and Forecast in the afternoons.

The second week will host an array of international lecturers:

- Ramon Rispoli, from University of Naples, will host a 4 hours workshop on Speculative Design
- Rocco Scolozzi, from University of Trento, will teach a course on Systems Thinking
- Mayra Fonseca, from University of Brasilia, will teach a course on Social Technologies with focus on Feminine Technologies in vulnerable territories
- Fabio Scarano, curator of Rio's Museum of Tomorrow, will teach a course on Regenerative Futures
- Riel Miller, former head of Futures Literacy at UNESCO, will host a 4h hour workshop on Anticipatory Systems and Processes

The summer school will be closed on June 13th, with an International Conference on Decision Making under Deep Uncertainty.

During this event, we will listen to analysis from:

- WHO leaders who were in charge of the Covid response;
- Central bankers on the 2008 subprime crisis;
- Specialists and experts on hidden epistemologies and social responses to crisis.

The course will be free of charge for Aurora Students, including sandwich lunches, and cultural activities.

This course is a recognized French national University Certificate, and offer 6ECTS for Aurora students.

A closing ceremony is planned for the 13th afternoon with the delivery of certificates.

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Programme

Week 1 : FOUNDATIONS OF FUTURES STUDIES with Felipe Koch

- Welcome & presentation of the Summer School and introduction of participants
- Futures Literacy labs
- Social foresight
- Foundation of future studies
- Data Analysis & Forecasting

Week 2 : USING THE FUTURE

- Workshop " Speculative Design " by Ramon Rispoli
- Workshop "Anticipatory Systems and Processes" by Riel Miller
- Regenerative Futures, by Fabio Scarano
- Social Technologies, by Mayra Fonseca
- Systems Thinking, by Rocco Scolozzi
- Cultural activities on June 9th

Application process

Students must be nominated by their universities and provide an updated CV and Bachelor Transcript of Record for the three years.

Nominations can be received until March 24th 2025.

Universities will be notified of selected students by March 31st.

Learning objectives

Futures Literacy and Social Foresight

- Understand the process of Anticipation
- Distinguish between concrete and abstract futures
- Differentiate between Forecast, Foresight and Anticipation
- Distinguish between Simple, Complicated and Complex systems
- Apply system thinking when doing strategic planning.

Teaching Methods

This summer school is taught 100% in person.

Attendance: each student must have at least 80% of attendance overall and for each different lecture.

- Lectures, group work, learning by doing, assessments
- Feedback during the teaching period
- Lectures will provide feedback along the course. During the first week, special slots for check-in and check-out have the goal of providing feedback and verifying key take-aways from students.

Student workload

- Class preparation readings: 30 hours
- Optional online videos :30 hours
- Teamwork: 5-10 hours
- Lectures: 40 hours.
- Futures Literacy lab: 20 hours

Examination

- Group activities
- Oral presentations