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Social Emotional Learning Today: Challenges and Opportunities in Teacher Education

04/03/2026 14:00-18:30

Conference

Polo Zanotto, aula T1

Speakers:

Luigina Mortari – University of Verona

Rosi Bombieri – University of Verona

Stephanie Jones – Harvard Graduate School of Education

Kimberly Schonert-Reichl – University of Illinois Chicago

Carmel Cefai – University of Malta

In-person. Admission is free and open to all, with prior registration. The event will be recorded.



The speakers will present key insights from their areas of expertise in exclusive interviews, to be disseminated via TaLC's official channels.



Registration is mandatory for organizational reasons. Kindly specify whether you will attend the full event or only one day.

05/03/2026 13:45-18:30

Thematic sessions and workshops

Palazzo Zorzi-Polfranceschi, aula LABSUM

Led by Stephanie Jones, Kimberly Schonert-Reichl and Carmel Cefai.

In-person. Admission reserved for faculty members and PhD candidates of the University of Verona (Maximum of 25 participants).



IMPORTANT:
A certificate of participation will be available upon request. Faculty members who attend the full event will receive an Open Badge.

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Conference and Workshop Program

CONFERENCE

March 4, 2026 | 14:00 – 18:30 p.m. - Room T1, Polo Zanotto

In-person. Admission is free and open to all, subject to prior registration..

Registration: talc@ateneo.univr.it

- 14:00–14:15 **Welcome and institutional greetings**— *Valentina Moro, Director of the Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona*
- 14:15–15:00 **The Hellenistic View of Affective Life** — *Luigina Mortari & Rosi Bombieri, University of Verona*
- 15:00–15:45 **The Science and Practice of Social and Emotional Learning: Implications for Instructional Practice and Teacher Education**—
Stephanie Jones, Harvard University
- 15:45–16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00–16:45 **Supporting Future Educators: Promoting Teacher Well-Being Through SEL, Mindfulness, and Compassion in Teacher Education**
— *Kimberly Schonert-Reichl, University of Illinois Chicago*
- 16:45–17:30 **A Systemic Whole-School Approach to Social and Emotional Education and Well-Being** — *Carmel Cefai, University of Malta*
- 17:30–18:30 Discussion and Q&A

Refreshments will follow.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

March 5, 2026 13.45 | 18:30 p.m. – Room LABSUM, Palazzo Zorzi-Polfranceschi

In-person. Admission reserved for faculty members and PhD candidates of the University of Verona (Maximum of 25 participants). Subject to availability, participation may be extended to external participants.

Registration deadline: February 23, 2026. Please email: talc@ateneo.univr.it

13.45–14:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks— *Luigina Mortari & Rosi Bombieri*

14:00–15:30 **HOPEs: Positive education for primary school children**— *Carmel Cefai*

15:30–17.00 **Going deeper on SEL strategies for children and youth: An introduction to SEL Kernels** — *Stephanie Jones*

17:00–18:30 **Creating Caring and Resilient Learning Environments Through SEL and Mindfulness: Research and Strategies for Nurturing Empathy, Kindness, Altruism, and Resilience in Young People and Educators** — *Kimberly Schonert-Reichl*

Each session includes a short break, with refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

SPEAKER INTERVIEWS

March 6, 2026

Production of short interviews with the speakers, in which they will share key insights from their areas of expertise. The interviews will be disseminated via TaLC's official channels.