AGENDA

MAY 18 - 20, 2026

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MAY 18 - 21, 2026
08:00 - 12:00 EDT(UTC-4) DAILY

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MAY 18

- Opening Ceremony and State of GPE — **8:00 - 9:00**
- Break / Networking — **9:00 - 9:15**
- Facilitated Discussion: Looking Ahead Together — **9:15 - 10:15**
- Break / Networking — **10:15 - 10:30**
- Collaborative Project Preview — **10:30 - 11:00**
- Presentations: Preparing Students for Meaningful Virtual Exchange — **11:00 - 12:00**
  - ***Student Readiness in Virtual Exchange***, Zeynep Bilgehan Can, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University, Türkiye
  - ***Cultural Sensitivities and AI***, Noureddine Mouhadjer and Kheladi Mohammed, University of Tlemcen, Algeria
  - ***COIL in Crisis: Strengthening Student Voices***, Nada Nasr, Modern University for Business and Science, Lebanon

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MAY 19

- Facilitated Discussion: From Interest to Engagement — **8:00 - 9:00**
- Break / Networking — **9:00 - 9:15**
- Workshop: Collaborative Project — **9:15 - 10:45**
- Break / Networking — **10:45 - 11:00**
- Breakout Sessions: Virtual Exchange in a Changing World — **11:00 - 12:00**
  - Preparing Students for Meaningful Virtual Exchange
  - AI and Cultural Sensitivity in Virtual Exchange
  - Virtual Exchange in Times of Crisis

MAY 20

- New Initiatives: WorldWise — **8:00 - 8:45**
- Break / Networking — **8:45 - 9:00**
- Workshop: Guiding Student Reflection — **9:00 - 10:30**
- Break / Networking — **10:30 - 10:45**
- Future Directions — **10:45 - 11:15**
- Awards & Closing — **11:15 - 12:00**

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COIL DAY

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MAY 21 - COIL DAY!

- Intro to GPE COIL **8:00 - 9:00**
- Networking **9:00 - 9:30**
- Presentations: COIL Across the Disciplines **9:30 - 10:30**
  - ***COIL Impact in Global Dental Learning***, Alina Santiago Caobi, Universidad Iberoamericana, Dominican Republic
  - ***COIL in Legal Education: A Comparative Experience***, Jesus Perez Marmolejos, Universidad Iberoamericana, Dominican Republic
  - ***COIL in Ecology: NL-DZ Exchange***, Benameur Nehar, Tlemcen University, Algeria & Maartjie Musschenga, HAS Green Academy, Netherlands
  - ***COIL in Algerian Engineering Education***, Racha Zeghmar, Ecole Nationale Polytechnique, Algeria
- Networking **10:30 - 11:00**
- Presentations: COIL in Practice **11:00 - 12:00**
  - ***Planting Seeds: A Spanish COIL Start***, Cristina Estrada-Underwood, East Carolina University, ECU
  - ***Enhancing Professional Communication Through COIL***, Laura Levi Altstaedter, Magalí Krosl, and Luci Anayeli Morgado Cervantes, East Carolina University, ECU
  - ***Exploring Identity through Food: A COIL Sample***, Zeynep Bligehan Can and Fatemeh Aziminiya, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University, Türkiye
  - ***COIL as a Space for Promoting Research***, Bianca Lajara, Universidad Iberoamericana, Dominican Republic and Georgina Vázquez Herrera, UNIVA, Mexico
- Wrap-up **12:00 - 12:15**