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UBC Robson Square
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10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Career Construction and Life Design: Self-Determination and 21st Century Work-Life Skills

A Keynote Presentation by Dr. Michael Weymeher

By all indicators, what 21st century learners (and workers) need are skills related to flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self-direction, social and cross-cultural skills, and productivity and accountability skills. Global and economic forces are changing the landscape for the world of work, and will require that young people learn how to self-regulate and self-determine learning so they can 'construct' their own careers. This keynote will examine this changing landscape and its implications for youth with autism and intellectual disability. The ideas of career construction (making choices and acting in ways that enable one to 'construct' their own career) and life design (lifelong self-construction processes that promote skills and competences in overall life planning) will be introduced. The important role of self-determination and self-determined learning will be examined, and strategies to promote self-determination and self-determined learning will be discussed.

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