

## Academia International Staff Week 2025: Innovative Teaching in Action

[Academia](#) is excited to invite educators from around the world to the **Academia International Staff Week 2025**, a week-long event focusing on **Innovative Teaching Methodologies**. This year's event provides a hands-on, interactive learning experience for educators, featuring a diverse range of pedagogical approaches aimed at transforming the classroom experience.

Throughout the week, participants will engage with cutting-edge teaching methods such as **Flipped Classrooms**, **Project-Based Learning (PBL)**, and **Gamification in Education** while also exploring the impact of **AI and Digital Tools in Education**. The program will combine expert lectures, practical workshops, pilot lecture deliveries, and group discussions designed to translate these innovative approaches into everyday teaching practice.

**Equip your staff members & institution with the knowledge to shape the classrooms of tomorrow.**

 **Event Dates:** May 26–30, 2025


 **Location:** Academia, Slovenia


### What Are the Event Highlights?

- ♦ **Learning:** Engage in thought-provoking lectures and hands-on workshops covering key innovative teaching methods, such as:
  - Flipped Classroom: Shifting lectures so students review lecture content at home, and class time is used for interactive activities, discussions, or problem-solving.
  - Project-Based Learning (PBL): Using real-world challenges so students' work requires critical thinking, collaboration, and application of knowledge.
  - Use of AI & Digital Tools in Education: Exploring how artificial intelligence and other digital tools can transform teaching and learning experiences.
  - Gamification in Education: Applying game-based strategies to boost student engagement.
  - Hybrid and Remote Learning: Developing strategies for managing diverse and online classrooms.
- ♦ **Applying:** Put innovative teaching methods into practice by delivering one 45-minute guest lecture for Academia's students and observing (at least) one colleague's lecture.
- ♦ **Knowledge Sharing:** Give and receive constructive feedback from peers and experts to refine teaching approaches and enhance future applications.


### Why Should Your Staff Attend?


 **Guest Experts & International Perspectives** – Insights from global education professionals.

 **Hands-On Experience** – The program will include a practical implementation of a pilot lecture & feedback.

 **Digital Learning Resources** – Access to an online repository with program materials and tools.

**+Bonus Points+**

 **Networking & Collaboration** – Opportunities to build international partnerships and share best practices with peers from various academic environments.

 **Cultural experience** – Immerse yourself in Slovenia's natural and cultural beauties.



 Check out our similar event from last year - Academia International Staff Week 2024: <https://youtu.be/01RD6azxf98?feature=shared>

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Date & Place: 26 – 30 May 2025 / Maribor / SLOVENIA

DATE	26/5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	
TIME/ DAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
9:30-10:00	Registration				Exploration of Slovenian Sights & Culture: <i>Organized trip to cultural &amp; tourist attractions (details TBA).</i>	
10:00-10:30	Welcoming Session: <i>Introduction of program &amp; Ice Breakers</i> (Žan Dapčević and Barbara Jožičić, Academia) - big hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor	Lecture: <i>Flipped Classroom</i> (engaging students beyond lectures), TBA - big hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor	Lecture: <i>Use of AI &amp; Digital Tools in Education</i> (transforming teaching & learning experience), TBA - big hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor	Lecture: <i>Hybrid and Remote Learning</i> (strategies for online classrooms), TBA - big hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor		
10:30-11:00						
11:00-11:30	Opening Session: <i>Introduction to Innovative Teaching Methodologies</i> (TBA) - big hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor					
11:30-12:00		COFEE BREAK – lobby, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor				
12:00-12:30	<b>Organized Lunch &amp; Networking</b> - Rožmarin Restaurant	Workshop/Lecture: <i>Project-Based Learning</i> (real-world challenges in the classroom), TBA - big hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor	Workshop/Lecture: <i>Gamification in Education</i> (game-based learning), TBA - big hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor	Group Feedback Session: <i>Suggestions on Pilot Deliveries</i> , TBA - big hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor		
12:30-13:00						
13:00-13:30						
13:30-14:00	COFEE BREAK – lobby, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor	FREE TIME				<i>Delivery of Certificates of Attendance.</i>
14:00-14:30	E+Career Cocktail: <i>Introduction of your institution's Opportunities to Academia Students</i> (E+ Study/Traineeship Mobilities and/or continuation of studies Bachelor/Masters level) (each participating University 10 min presentation, Q&A session) - big hall, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor					
14:30-15:00						
15:00-15:30						
15:30-16:00	FREE TIME					
16:00-16:30						
16:30-17:30	Delivering Guest Lectures for Academia Students & Peer Observation: <u>EACH PARTICIPANT</u> (during the whole week; according to assigned timeslot): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1x 45-minute guest lecture delivery for Academia students by using a selected innovative method to deliver the topic of their choice</li><li>(at least) 1x peer observation of a 45-minute lecture of a colleague</li></ul>					

## **List of Innovative Teaching Methods & Subjects/Fields for the 45-minute guest lecture**

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Below is the list of teaching methods and subjects/fields each participant of the 'Innovative Teaching in Action' training program ***should pick from (1 method + 1 subject/field)***. Based on the selection, each participant will get one timeslot assigned to deliver a 45-minute guest lecture during the program in Maribor to Academia students (one 45-minute lecture between Monday and Thursday in the afternoon).

The idea is that the participant researches and learns about the method, then uses it in action and delivers a lecture on the topic of their choice. We suggest choosing from the topics (of the field selected) that the staff member is especially passionate about or has extensive expertise in, or presenting good practices from your country/region.

The staff member will be supported in learning about the method via the virtual component before the program in Maribor, lectures/workshops during the program in Maribor, and will gain valuable peer feedback on their lecture delivery during the program in Maribor.

### **Innovative Teaching Methods**

- Flipped Classroom
- Project-Based Learning
- Use of AI & Digital Tools
- Gamification
- Hybrid and Remote Learning

### **Subjects/Fields**

- 3D Animation (for Media Production students)
- Video Production (After Effects) (for Media Production students)
- Photography (for Media Production students)
- Graphic Design (for Media Production students)
- Cloud Computing (for Computer Science / Informatic students)
- Strategic HR Management (for Economy students)
- Technical Equipment in Security Systems (for Security Engineering students)
- Business Mathematics with Statistics (for Economy students)
- Social Media Campaign Planning (Digital Marketing) (for Economy students)
- Web Production (for Media Production students)
- Cost Calculation and Business Operations (for Construction & Civil Engineering students)
- Tool Manufacturing and Maintenance (for Mechanical Engineering students)

## Travel Guidelines to Maribor, Slovenia

### Academia, College of Short-Cycle Higher Education

Address: Glavni trg 17B, SI-2000 Maribor ([Google Maps](#))

#### Travel by plane

##### Graz (Austria) Airport – 60km to Maribor

- Flight to Graz
- [Taxi Plus](#) individual transfer or [GoOpti Shuttle](#) to your accommodation in Maribor

##### Ljubljana (Slovenia) Airport – 129km to Maribor

- Flight to Ljubljana Airport (Letališče Jožeta Pučnika)
- [Taxi Plus](#) individual transfer or [GoOpti Shuttle](#) to your accommodation in Maribor

##### Zagreb (Croatia) Airport – 128km to Maribor

- Flight to Zagreb Airport
- [Taxi Plus](#) individual transfer or [GoOpti Shuttle](#) to your accommodation in Maribor

##### Vienna (Austria) Airport – 264km to Maribor

- Flight to Vienna
- [GoOpti Shuttle](#) to your accommodation in Maribor

##### Trieste (Italy) Airport – 220km to Maribor

- Flight to Vienna
- [GoOpti Shuttle](#) to your accommodation in Maribor

#### Travel by bus

- Bus to Maribor Main Bus Station (AP Mlinska)

Recommended bookings:

<https://global.flixbus.com/>

#### Travel by train

- Train to Maribor Station or
- Train to Spielfeld-Bahnhof (Austria) and [Taxi Plus](#) individual transfer

Recommended train ticket bookings:

<https://potniski.sz.si/en/> (routes within Slovenia)

<https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html> (routes to/from Italy)

<https://www.oebb.at/en/> (routes to/from Austria)

## Accommodation

For accommodation, we would recommend you choose a place that is located in central Maribor (within 1km from the center):

- [Hotel City Maribor](#)
- [Hotel Ibis Maribor](#)
- [Hotel Orel](#)
- [Hotel B&B](#)
- [Booking.com](#) within 1km from the center

## Special Offer for Academia Guests

- [Hotel Maribor](#)

For [Hotel Maribor](#) we have special prices secured for Academia guests. Please check the table below for room options and note you should get an additional 10% discount. Note Garden Rooms stay includes breakfast, while City Apartments do not (subject to 12,00€/person/night surcharge).

Please book it via [info@hotelmaribor.si](mailto:info@hotelmaribor.si) or inquire about the booking via phone at 00386 2 2345600. When booking enclose you are an Academia guest in the header of the email and would like to get the partner offer.

## City Apartments (of Hotel Maribor)

Room Type	Low Season (3.1.-31.5.2023 and 1.10.-21.12.2023)	High Season (1.6.2023-30.9.2023 and 22.12.-2.1.2023)
Apartment with 1 bedroom (max 2 people)	149,00€	159,00€
Apartment with 2 bedrooms (max 4 people)	219,00€	229,00€
Apartment with 2 bedrooms (1 bedroom 90 cm bed; max 3 people)	189,00€	209,00€
Apartment with 3 bedrooms (max 6 people)	299,00€	319,00€
Apartment with 4 bedrooms (max 8 people)	369,00€	399,00€
Single use of apartment with 1 bedroom	109,00€	119,00€

## Garden Rooms (of Hotel Maribor)

Room Type	3 people	2 people	1 person
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<b>Superior double room</b>		109,00€	89,00€
<b>Superior triple room</b>	139,00€	109,00€	89,00€
<b>Standard double room</b>		99,00€	79,00€
<b>Standard single room</b>			79,00€

#### **Additional Services (of Hotel Maribor)**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>Breakfast (for City Apartment guests)</b>	12,00€/day
<b>Touristic and promotional tax</b>	3,13€/day
<b>Parking Garden Rooms</b>	10,00€/day
<b>Parking City Apartments</b>	12,00€/day
<b>Baby bed</b>	12,00€/day
<b>Dog</b>	15,00€/day
<b>Late check out</b>	30,00€/person

