

# **Preparing Gen-Alpha Students for Success in a Rapidly Changing World**

**Date:** 5 December 2023 (Tue)

**Time:** 17:00-18:30

**Venue:** Tin Ka Ping Lecture Hall, Faculty of Education (E33-G021)

**Language:** English

**Registration:** Online Registration (<https://go.um.edu.mo/hsihmpmq>)

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## **Speaker:**

Prof. Spencer BENSON is the Founder and Director of Education Innovations International Consulting and has spent more than 30 years as a faculty member, researcher, and educator at the University of Maryland and the University of Macau. He is currently consultant at the Graduate School at the University of Maryland. Prof. Benson has given teaching and learning workshops and talks in more than 15 countries many in Asia. He has authored more than 50 articles on teaching and learning and is an editor/reviewer for the Journal on Excellence in College Teaching (JECT), the Learning Communities Journal (LCJ) and College Teaching.

## **Abstract:**

In this hands-on minds-on session we will share information of the challenges of educating today's Gen-Alpha students for success in a rapidly changing global world where AI, climate change and an emerging new world order are changing how we live and work. We are at a nexus in human history where human impacts, environmental challenges, and disruptive technologies combine to make the world a crucible for rapid changes. Unfortunately, education at all levels tends to hang-on to current and past approaches, many of which will not meet the needs of Gen-Alpha students, who will inherit a world where information and tools are available at a touch of a screen and changes that once took decades now occurs in years and in

some cases months. Preparing today's student for the challenges of tomorrow requires that educators embrace new approaches, new tools and out of the box thinking that focuses on skill development rather than content acquisition. The session will include presentation, small group work, sharing and learning from one another and a forum for multiple voices and views.