



## Call for Papers

### ***6th International Conference on Situating Strategy Use (SSU6): Learning Strategies and Self-Regulation in the time of AI***

Alexandroupolis, Greece  
11-13 September 2026

Department of Education Sciences in Early Childhood  
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Democritus University of Thrace

We are pleased to announce that the *Sixth International Conference on Situating Strategy Use (SSU6): Learning strategies and Self-regulation in the time of AI* will be held in Alexandroupolis, Greece, from 11 to 13 of September 2026. Organized by the Department of Education Sciences in Early Childhood, School of Education Sciences, Democritus University of Thrace, this interdisciplinary conference aims to be a leading forum for cutting-edge research at the dynamic intersection of learning strategies, self-regulation, and artificial intelligence within an international community of scholars, educators, and practitioners from various disciplines. The conference will highlight three main thematic pillars: (a) learning strategies across disciplines, (b) self-regulated learning, and (c) learning with AI.

#### **Main Conference Themes**

We invite submissions revolving around (but not limited to) the following topics:

- **Strategies in Specific Contexts and for Diverse Learner Populations** (including research on the strategies used by specific groups, e.g., young learners, learners with special educational needs, heritage language speakers, and international students)
- **The Interplay of Self-Regulated Learning (SRL) and Strategy Use**
- **Strategy Use and Learner Well-Being** (including the relationship between strategy use and individual learner characteristics, such as motivation, emotions, beliefs, etc.)
- **Teacher Roles in Strategy-Based Instruction** (including good practices and training for educators in how to effectively teach learning strategies)
- **Learning Strategies in Technology-Mediated Environments** (exploring the use of various technologies, including AI and non-AI applications, and their role in facilitating strategy use)
- **Methodological Innovations in Strategy Research** (including new and innovative research designs for studying strategy use)

#### **Invited Speakers**

Osamu Takeuchi, Kansai University  
Isobel Kaihui Wang, University of Edinburgh  
Zoe Gavrilidou, Democritus University of Thrace

### **Submission Guidelines**

We welcome abstracts for individual papers, symposia, workshops, and posters. Abstracts should be 300-350 words, excluding references, and must be submitted in English or Greek. Abstracts should be structured according to the following to ensure clarity and consistency for reviewers: Research Objectives, Methodology, Findings, and Implications for Practice/Theory. Each author may submit up to two abstracts: (a) one single-authored and one co-authored, or (b) two co-authored.

**For Abstracts Submissions please click here:**

<https://forms.gle/jpjBRc3WJPTQou4h7>

### **Key Dates**

Abstract Submission - **December 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026**

Notification of Acceptance - **By June 15, 2026**

Early Bird Registration Deadline - **June 30, 2026**

### **Venue**

Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Thraki

<https://www.ramadaplazathraki.com/en/>

### **Contact Information**

**Conference email:** 6th.icssu@gmail.com

**Conference website:** <https://www.ssuconference.com/>

**We look forward to welcoming you to Alexandroupolis in September 2026!**

On behalf of the organizing committee,  
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