**Reflective Spaces, Safe Places: The mission of education in our times**

**Wednesday, March 22, 12:00 - 19:00, Combes**

In the midst of a busy semester, let’s take time to pause and think about the changing nature of the world today.

These afternoon events, instigated and curated by both students and faculty, are designed to stimulate reflection and discussion about the changing global political, social and cultural global paradigms. In a series of all-inclusive workshops and panels, we’ll be considering fundamental issues related to our place as citizens in the world today: human rights, education, freedom of speech, social justice, democracy, and civic engagement.

All members of the AUP community are welcome and attendees are welcome to come for one, or all, of the events. Food and drink will be provided. All sessions take place in room C104 unless stated otherwise. The afternoon is organised by the AUP Teaching and Learning Center.

For more information, please contact Rebekah Rast, Michelle Lynch, Henry Goldenberg and Russell Williams (tlc@aup.edu).

**Schedule**

12:00 – 1:00, Communal lunch. Bring your sandwiches and kick off the afternoon with an informal discussion.

1:00 – 1:30, Pre-event meditation session with Siân Dafydd in The Wellness Room (PL6)

1:45, Opening remarks (C104)

2:00, Siân Dafydd and student group – “A Writer's Place in times like these”

2:45, Elizabeth Kinne and Michelle Lynch – “Reading ourselves, reading others”

3:20, Peter Hägel, Stephen Sawyer and student group – “Global Citizenship”

4:30, Geoff Gilbert and student group “– A manifesto for a democratic classroom in a real world”

5:15, Waddick Doyle and student group – “Taking agency with civic media”

6:00, Anne-Marie Picard, Raphaël Bloche-Laine and students, French presidential elections round table (in French and English), including representatives for the main candidates: France Insoumise, Jeunes avec Marine, Jeunes avec Fillon, Jeunes avec Macron, and Jeunes avec Hamon).