

Post-Event Reflections



Transilvania University of Braşov hosted the 23rd International Conference on Smart Technologies & Education (STE) in collaboration with the Edunet World Association (EWA) and the International Education Network (EduNet).

The city—already highly attractive due to its rich cultural and historical landscape—became even more vibrant with the presence of academics and researchers eager to exchange ideas and share scientific experience.

Our contribution to the conference, the [Scientific Jam Session](#), introduced an original format designed to stimulate creative and transdisciplinary scientific thinking within the academic environment. Both in format and content, it created a different type of academic encounter—centered on exploratory dialogue, transdisciplinary reflection, and the Science of Complexity.

The Jam Session brought together researchers from diverse fields around the *Atlas of Conceptual Nodes*, a framework intended to catalyse reflection at the intersections of engineering, biology, physics, computation, and epistemology. The exhibition space—designed as a visual landscape of ideas—allowed participants to navigate freely among conceptual nodes, extending the experience beyond conventional academic formats.

The discussions confirmed the relevance of exploratory research as a necessary complement to problem-solving approaches in contemporary science. Participants highlighted the importance of creating intellectual spaces where questions can be reformulated, assumptions revisited, and new conceptual alignments allowed to emerge. Alongside the presentation sessions, which covered a wide range of topics, the poster area attracted significant interest not only from specialists but also from the broader public.

The open and welcoming atmosphere, combined with a forward-looking thematic focus, encouraged students from diverse disciplines to engage actively with the ideas presented, explore conceptual tensions, and identify emerging patterns that often remain invisible within conventional conference structures.

Encouraged by this positive reception, the Center for Complexity Science intend to further develop this format in future events and to initiate collaborative projects inspired by the dialogues that emerged during the session.

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