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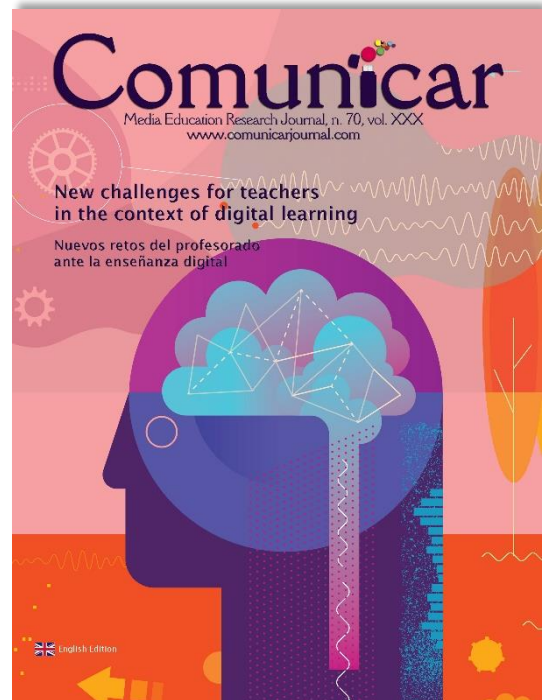
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New challenges for teachers in the context of digital learning

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Scope

The role of professors and teachers as front line educators is crucial. In this information and knowledge era, teachers and professors are facing new challenges in teaching and learning. Despite the fact that 51% of the world population still does not have regular access to the Internet (ITU, 2020), children and adolescents are growing up in mediatized environments. Prosumers of the new generations interact and inform each other online, mainly through social networks, in public spaces increasingly engineered by artificial intelligence. This journal issue takes up the new challenges for teaching and the current needs for teacher training in a digital age, set against the background of rapidly shifting mediascapes in an unequal world.

Descriptors

- Digital literacy pedagogy in pre-service and in-service teacher education.
- Comparing MIL and ICT perspectives.
- Digital competencies of teachers.
- Challenges in and for distance education.
- Education for the digital age.
- Social and educational gaps and divides in the digital age.
- Pedagogical strategies for children and adolescents.
- Innovative experiences in digital education.
- Teacher training policies in the digital age.
- Updating the UNESCO MIL curriculum.

Questions

- What are the learning (and professional development) needs of teachers for the digital age?
- What competencies do teachers require to educate students who are already active media prosumers?
- How have teacher training policies advanced for the digital age?
- What pedagogical strategies successfully engage children and adolescents in active participation?
- To what extent does thinking about teacher training for the digital age lead to a necessary reflection on changing current education paradigms?
- Is teaching the mastery of technologies as important as teaching the social and communicative competences that they allow?
- How do we teach digital citizenship? What gaps do we face and what are the risks of standardizing teacher education?
- How has distance education changed our views on teacher training in the digital age?
- Should we update media and information literacy in the UNESCO MIL teacher training curriculum?
- How do MIL perspectives mesh or clash with ICT training perspectives?
- What leading edge models of teacher training for the digital age, formal and informal, are being implemented today?

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