



**Series:** New Models of Education?

**Title:** Resilient Higher Education & Digital Transformation

**Date/Time:** July 15, 2020/10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon (Hong Kong time)

**Speaker:** Prof. Dr. Merlin Teodosia Suarez, De La Salle University, Philippines

**Moderator:** Kevin Henderson, Director of Digital Content and Programming, United Board

### Description

The COVID-19 pandemic has flipped the administration and delivery of higher education upside down, creating the need for emergency online teaching protocols, and forcing many institutions to confront the possibility of long-term school closures and general uncertainty toward the future of in-person learning. This presentation explores possible futures in the wake of COVID-19 and proposes a path toward higher education's "new normal," through the creation of resilient higher education institutions that leverage existing technologies and develop strategies and policies to ensure sustainability and growth.

### About the Speaker



**Prof. Dr. Merlin Teodosia Suarez** is Professor of Computer Science at De La Salle University (Philippines), where she works on systems that analyze user emotions and behavior using machine learning. She was also chosen as a United Board Fellow in 2017, joining the first cohort to study at the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education, part of Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. As a member of the Fellows Program, she spent two months at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, observing campus life and learning from its academic leaders.

As an administrator, she served as Dean of the College of Computer Studies at De La Salle University where she spearheaded the revision of its curriculum to conform to outcomes-based education principles. She also served as Vice-Chancellor for Academics at De La Salle University, where she led the redesign of its undergraduate programs,

including interdisciplinary general education courses, a gap term, and minor programs. In addition, she implemented the university's strategic transition to blended learning via AnimoSpace. She is currently on sabbatical leave, studying worker emotions and motivations.

**About the Series**

*New Models of Education?* is a webinar series hosted by the United Board designed to explore possible futures in higher education as the world continues to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on education delivery.

**Registration:** Registration for the webinar is available here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_BPEUnTdrSQCJ2l8eNEdM4g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BPEUnTdrSQCJ2l8eNEdM4g)

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A complete recording of the webinar will be made available for all who register to attend.