SSE CRL Press Release - International interest on Learning Leadership for Flourishing

In a significant stride towards redefining leadership and management education, over 150 distinguished participants convened at the international interdisciplinary symposium entitled "Learning Leadership for Flourishing Through Responsibilization." This event, held both in hybrid mode 9-10 April 2024 in Nicosia, Cyprus brought together a diverse group of thought leaders, including prominent academics, industry professionals, students and the general public.

The event also attracted the support of policy maker and the Honorary Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, Dr. Athena Michaelidou, delivered the opening speech aligning the Ministry’s vision for the role of ‘paideia’ (cultivating humanity) in fostering leadership that contributes to Global Flourishing.

The symposium addressed critical issues in the current landscape of leadership and management education, emphasizing the urgent need for a shift towards responsible and value-based organizational practices. This aligns with the broader calls by the United Nations and the World Economic Forum to prioritize responsible leadership to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Participants engaged in deep discussions on several pivotal themes:

1. Co-designing and Co-delivering Education: Enhancing management and leadership education through partnerships between academics and practitioners.
2. Student Engagement: Actively involving students in their own leadership development and transformation processes.
3. Institutional Transformation: Challenging and transforming university and business school structures and cultures to better support responsible education.
4. Educator Support: Empowering educators to deliver education that fosters human flourishing and addresses the hidden curriculum in responsible management education.
5. Societal Impact: Organizing and transforming societal structures to accelerate progress towards the SDGs and Global Flourishing Goals.

The symposium showcased emerging promising practices that could lead to radical changes in management education and leadership development. The discussions underscored the importance of cultivating a learning leadership that is deeply rooted in overcoming challenges like ‘euthynophobia’ (the reluctance to assume responsibility and accountability) to cocreate preferred futures and ultimately contribute to a flourishing society.

This symposium marks a critical step towards redefining the essence of leadership and management education and concluded with a strong call to action for all stakeholders from all sectors to foster an environment where responsibilization nurtures the flourishing of leaders and leadership that serves the common good.

Stockholm School of Economics as a key partner in this event continues to be positioned at the forefront of advancing this agenda and the

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played a pivotal role in shaping this symposium’s program and through that extending the work on Inner Development Goals to make the much-needed progress in realizing the Global Flourishing Goals.

This event catalyses a series of new international initiatives by the SSE executive education and leadership development and invites interested organizations to partner for impact.