

International Workshop on 16th January 2026

moderated by **Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Jean-Francois**

DAAD Visiting Professor at the University of Würzburg, Professor at Xavier University of Louisiana

Using Appreciative Inquiry as Theoretical Framework for Comparative Research

The workshop essentially seeks to build capacities and discuss opportunities for **Appreciative Inquiry (AI)** as a comparative research tool, especially for comparative research in Adult Education. The 4-D and 5-D models of AI will be discussed along with case studies and evidence from empirical studies. These models will be the basis for discovering step-by-step process of using AI for inquiry purposes.

At the end of the workshop, the participants who attend the entire session will be able to:

- Provide at least one scholarly definition of Appreciative Inquiry (AI)
- Share the key principles of AI
- Explain the meanings of the 4Ds and 5Ds AI frameworks
- Describe how AI can be used as a theoretical or/and a methodological framework, especially for comparative Adult Education research

The workshop activities will include discussions and group activities involving using AI as a research tool.

9:30a.m. - 16:00p.m. (CET)

Opening Remarks

Regina Egetenmeyer, Professor for Adult and Continuing Education at University of Würzburg, Germany

Emmanuel Jean-Francois, Professor for Educational Leadership at Xavier University of Louisiana and DAAD Visiting Professor at the University of Würzburg, Germany

Comparison and development of scientific explanation and comparative educational research

Emmanuel Jean-Francois, Professor for Educational Leadership at Xavier University of Louisiana and DAAD Visiting Professor at the University of Würzburg, Germany

Appreciative Inquiry and narrative analysis

Allison Tucker, Assistant Professor for Teacher Education and Curriculum and Leadership at St. Francis Xavier University, Canada

Appreciative inquiry and action research

Joacim Rosenlund, Associate Professor in environmental science with a specialisation in circular economy, Department of Biology and Environmental Science, Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, Linnaeus University, Kalmar, Sweden

Please register until **12th of January** via: <https://go.uniwiue.de/workshopjeanfrancois>

The workshop will take place in a hybrid mode. You can either join digitally or on-campus.
Please note in your registration if you intend to participate digitally or on-campus.

