Teaching for Global Readiness:
Examples from Teacher Education in the U.S. and Spain

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In this transatlantic dialogue, we will share a framework for curriculum and instruction that prepares learners with the intercultural competence, global competence, and global citizenship needed in our globally interconnected world. The framework is called “Teaching for Global Readiness” and consists of four dimensions: 1) situated practice, 2) integrated global learning, 3) critical literacy instruction, and 4) intercultural experience. We will discuss the theoretical grounding of each dimension and provide examples of practice from each of our respective universities, the University of Missouri - St. Louis and University of Burgos in Spain. We will conclude with a Q&A session to discuss the current and future state of teaching for global readiness.

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