

**30 March 2022 KIX EAP Webinar: Education as Development in the centenary of Paulo Freire**

**Speakers and moderators' biographical notes**



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