



Urban Education

European Conference on
Educational Research 2011

Freie Universität, Berlin
12 -16 September 2011

Call for Proposals

EERA, European Educational Research Association and the Free University of Berlin invite Educational Researchers to participate in and to submit proposals for the European Conference on Educational Research 2011, in Berlin, Germany. The conference theme “Urban Education” will provide a focus for the keynote addresses, for other invited events such as the EERJ Roundtable and may also be taken as a reference within the conference sessions organised by the EERA networks. However, proposals for contributions are welcome from all fields of educational research. Participants are invited to hand in up to two abstracts for papers, posters, workshops, round tables and symposia. All proposals must be handed in electronically via the online submission form. PhD students and emerging researchers are especially invited to participate in the Emerging Researchers’ Conference by submitting proposals to the Emerging Researchers’ Group.

The ECER is the annual conference held by the European Educational Research Association (EERA). It welcomes close to 2.000 scholars each year, representing views and research traditions from all parts of Europe and also attracts researchers from other parts of the world.

Please note that unlike in previous years ECER 2011 will last 3.5 days instead of 3 and will start on Tuesday, 13 September at noon.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Emerging Researchers' Conference: 12 – 13 September 2011
- Main Conference: 13 – 16 September 2011
- Submission Deadline: 17 January 2011 (all proposals to be submitted on-line!)
- Information on Review Results: 15 March 2011

CONFERENCE THEME: URBAN EDUCATION

Berlin – as a focal point for the political unification of east and west Europe, with its historical contributions to the modernization of central Europe, as a multicultural capital of a European state, and as one of the largest cities in Europe – provides an excellent location to discuss Urban Education. Cities are greenhouses for educational change and educational reform all over the world and also in Europe. Cities have always been regarded as leading elements in Europe; they are modern, progressive and networked. They are producers and traders; they are a medium for political and cultural development.

In history cities bundled the hopes as well as the doubts concerning educational matters. On the one hand cities have been appreciated as places of modern and urban lifestyles, on the other hand they had been suspected of bringing forward uniformed ways of living.

In recent times social change triggering educational reactions has been concentrated in city regions; national and international migration movement has focused on cities; and demographic changes have led to aggregation as well as disaggregation in the population’s structure. In cities social, economic, and cultural diversity are challenges for politics, civil society, and everyday life.

- Read more on the conference theme or listen to Harm Kuper, chair of the local organizing committee speaking about the ECER 2011 conference theme:
<http://www.eera-ecer.eu/ecer/ecer-2011-berlin/conference-theme/>
- What is ECER about? Watch last year's video impressions.
<http://www.eera-ecer.eu/ecer/ecer-2011-berlin/>

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- **Prof Dr Jaap Dronkers**,
Chair International Comparative Research on Educational Performance and Social Inequality, Maastricht University, Netherlands
- **Prof Elisabet Öhrn**,
Department of Education and Special Education, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- **Prof Saskia Sassen**,
Department of Sociology and Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, USA

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

All submissions have to be handed in via the online ECER submission form in the online submission system. To access this form you first need to create a user account. Please consult the information about the format of presentations and on networks and their subthemes before handing in your submission.

Information about networks, formats of presentation and submission guidelines is available at the EERA website.

The closing date for submission will be 17 January 2011. No late submissions will be accepted!

- Read more on how to submit to ECER 2011
<http://www.eera-ecer.eu/ecer/ecer-2011-berlin/submission-copy-1/>

CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The conference will take place at Freie Universität Berlin located in the district of Dahlem in southwestern Berlin. It was founded by students and scholars on 4 December 1948, with the support of the American Allies and Berlin politicians as a response to the divided city of Berlin.

The local organising committee will provide an online booking form for hotels and will be glad to help you with your reservation.

THE ASSOCIATION

EERA was founded in 1994 to promote educational research in Europe through fostering cooperation between European associations and institutes of educational research, and international government organisations. It is organized as an umbrella organisation and only allows institutional membership. Please note, scholars who have joined one of the EERA member associations are entitled to reduced conference fees.

You will find a list of EERA member associations on the EERA website.

- EERA member associations
<http://www.eera-ecer.eu/about/members/eera-members/>

Looking forward to welcoming you at ECER 2011 "Urban Education" !

EERA and the Local Organizing Committee of ECER 2011.