EERA and the Universität Hamburg invite Educational Researchers to submit proposals for the European Conference on Educational Research (ECER) 2019. ECER, the annual conference held by the European Educational Research Association (EERA), welcomes over 2,500 scholars each year, representing views and research traditions from all parts of Europe. ECER is preceded by EERAs Emerging Researchers’ Conference (ERC).

IMPORTANT DATES
Emerging Researchers’ Conference: 2 - 3 Sept 2019
ECER - European Conference on Educational Research: 3 - 6 Sept 2019
Submission Period: 1 Dec 2018 - 31 Jan 2019
Information on Review Results: 3 April 2019

CONFERENCE THEME
Education in an Era of Risk – the Role of Educational Research for the Future

Our globalised, rapidly changing world is increasingly perceived as risky and unstable. War, violence, environmental disasters, political and economic crises, labour market upheaval – such phenomena are viewed daily, not least on account of the changing media landscape. The gap between rich and poor continues to grow exponentially. International migration, which is partly a consequence of these phenomena, leads to drastic societal change in both donor and receiving regions. Old certainties are questioned, leading to uncertainty and ambiguity regarding, for example, social cohesion, political stability and lasting peace. Europe’s geographical, political and economic model, which has stood for security and stability since WWII, has itself become uncertain. Uncertainty also plays out in individual lives, careers, families and social networks. Such developments are of utmost relevance to education systems worldwide as they are responsible for providing learners with the skills and capacities to live and act under given social conditions. Given that these future conditions can hardly be predicted in the current era of risk, educational processes, developments, and capacity building become uncertain. What do we know about the unfolding of such educational processes in present times and what are the skills and capacities that are needed in this complex situation? How can educational systems – also operating under conditions of uncertainty – provide a basis for the development of those skills and capacities? Which ‘promises’ can educational systems and institutions make to the future generations, and which can they actually keep? What is the role of education itself and educational research in dealing with the aforementioned problems? Can regional experiences and insights be ‘internationalised’, or must we work from context to context?

Educational research has a significant role to play in generating answers to these questions. This is not bound to theory as educational research possesses the tools to empirically examine assumptions and to provide evidence-based knowledge, for instance, as a basis for evidence informed decision making. ECER 2019 in Hamburg will be a platform for educational research that seeks to respond to the questions outlined here. ECER 2019 invites contributions oriented towards the overarching question concerning the role of educational research and practice in providing opportunities for sustainable, peaceful and equitable co-existence that appreciates diversity and diversification under conditions of uncertainty and risk now and in the future.

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SUBMISSION PROCEDURE
Submissions need to be directed to one of the EERA networks and can be handed in as Paper, Poster, Panel Discussion, Workshop, Symposium, Video or Ignite Talk. PhD students and Emerging Researchers are especially invited to submit to and participate in the Emerging Researchers’ Conference. Please consult the network descriptors, submission guidelines and formats of presentation on the EERA website before handing in a proposal.

Due to the high number of participants at ECER, we can only guarantee each person two presentations without a time clash within ECER’s 17 time slots. While the submission system will only allow you to submit two proposals, it is possible for you to be listed as presenting co-author on another person’s submission. As the limit of two guaranteed presentations applies to all submissions, please be aware that if you are listed as presenting author/presenting co-author for more than two presentations in total, we may have to withdraw you as presenter from one or more presentations.

The closing date for submission will be 31 January 2019. No late submissions will be accepted!

Browse through EERA Networks
http://www.eera-ecer.de/networks/

Information on Formats of Presentation and on how to write an Abstract for ECER and ERC
https://eera-ecer.de/ecer-2019-hamburg/submission/

ConfTool Submission System
http://www.conf-tool.com/ecer2019

EMERGING RESEARCHERS’ CONFERENCE
PhD students and Emerging Researchers are especially invited to participate in the Emerging Researchers’ Conference. To submit to the ERC, please choose „Emerging Researchers Group“ as your “Network” when making your submission. Please note that for the Emerging Researchers’ Conference only papers, posters, Ignite Talks and video presentations will be considered. Group presentations like symposia, panel discussions and workshops are reserved for ECER or, if they are offered in the ERC, are centrally organised.

CONFERENCE VENUE – UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG
Universität Hamburg is the largest research and educational institution in northern Germany. As one of the country’s largest universities, they offer a diverse range of taught programs coupled with excellent research.

The university has established several interdisciplinary key research areas and fosters an extensive network of academic co-operations with leading institutions on a regional, national, and international scale. It is committed to sustainable science and scholarship. The faculties pursue the concept of sustainability in its broadest sense in both research and teaching.

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ABOUT HAMBURG
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GETTING TO THE UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG
Follow this link to see how you can reach the Universität Hamburg from the airport, train station and by car: https://eera-ecer.de/ecer-2019-hamburg/venue-accommodation/how-to-get-there/

HOW TO GET AROUND HAMBURG
Train, bus, car or bike: Hamburg has a number of transport options, both public and private, to explore the city. For more details https://eera-ecer.de/ecer-2019-hamburg/venue-accommodation/how-to-get-around/

ACCOMMODATION IN HAMBURG
We recommend you reserve a room as soon as possible. The booking system for rooms especially blocked for ECER participants will be active from January and accessible via: https://eera-ecer.de/ecer-2019-hamburg/venue-accommodation/accommodation/

SPECIAL CALLS FROM EERA NETWORKS
In addition to the general call, some networks would like to encourage discussion on specific thematic topics and have therefore issued a special call. However, they will remain open for all other submissions within their area.

Inclusion at Risk: Working with vulnerable students in challenging educational environments.
Network 04 Inclusive Education

Abstract
Through this special call, NW04 wants to provide an opportunity to foster scientific investigation and debate on the role that inclusive education can play facing the growing risk of exclusion and marginalisation of vulnerable students in challenging educational environments at all school levels. The call is especially addressed to promote the organisation of collaborative sessions with the contribution of researchers from various European countries in the form of symposia, research workshops, and round tables on this topic.

The Call
We are living in uncertain times, and education is not an exception. This shouldn’t come as a surprise, as the world is becoming increasingly complex and interconnected. Thus, even though life expectancy and quality have been growing dramatically in the last decades, nowadays the notion of ‘risk society’ has become widely used, reflecting the concern about real hazards in the natural and
social world, as well as the anxiety related to the perception of potential and unpredictable impending risks. Education has to deal with both. The Israeli writer and peace activist David Grossman once described the everyday dilemmas of living with two children in a war area and trying to protect them from suicide bombing: “Should I send both boys to school in the same bus? And if not, which one will get on the 7:10 and which one on the next bus?”.

With regard to education, the concept of risk is especially relevant, as it may take different forms. In school, vulnerable children can be marginalized or excluded on the basis of various aspects as disability, learning difficulties, age, gender, socioeconomic status, ethnic and cultural background, sexual orientation, just to name a few. Developing an inclusive educational environment entails tackling any kind of barrier and discrimination that could affect the children’s right to education of high quality. Moreover, it implies respecting and valuing diversity as an important resource for learning and democratic participation.

Accordingly, on dealing with educational risks we should take into account that risk is a professional dimension involving not only threats or dangers, but also opportunities and positive results, depending on our ability to develop scientific research and promote positive change, especially in challenging educational environments.

With reference to the general ECER 2019 Call, Network 4 invites participants to submit symposia, research workshops, and round tables related to the topic of ‘Inclusive Education in an Era of Risk’. Research submissions can include but are not limited to themes such as:

- Disability
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Social Class
- Migration
- Sexuality
- Home-school issues

Please indicate in your proposal that you are submitting to this network specific call.

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Mapping Teacher Education across Europe and Beyond

Abstract

Teacher education is an important field for research, since the quality of teacher education has been regularly questioned by government, whilst teacher quality is increasingly seen as crucial to improving educational outcomes and pupil achievement (OECD, 2011; European Commission, 2015). Although it might look ‘deceptively simple’ (Grossman et al, 2009), the work of teacher educators is complex and multiple (Boyd and White, 2017), and we are not just teachers of teachers (Lunenberg et al., 2017). Consequently, teacher education researchers need to work together in order to:

- Identify emerging themes in teacher education research;
- Build a distinctive profile for teacher education research in Europe and beyond;
- Share and critique emerging research findings;
- Develop innovative research methodologies within teacher education;
- Develop innovative teaching and learning methods within teacher education.

With reference to the theme of ECER 2019 Education in an Era of Risk – the Role of Educational Research for the Future NW10 invites contributions oriented towards the overarching question concerning the role of educational research and practice in providing opportunities for sustainable, peaceful and equitable co-existence that appreciates diversity and diversification under conditions of uncertainty and risk now and in the future.

Mapping the work currently taking place is valuable for a number of reasons. Firstly, such work supports the development of a geographically diverse teacher education community. Secondly sharing theory, policy and practice allows us to learn from others and finally a critical examination of scholarship across Europe and beyond allows us to consider what might be possible in our own location. This Special Call includes, but is not limited to the following topics:

- The impact of social, cultural, political and economic changes currently taking place across Europe on the status of teaching, teacher recruitment and retention (European Commission, 2015);
- The five aspects or ‘turns’ in teacher education policy suggested by Cochran-Smith (2015) - the policy turn, the accountability turn, the practice turn, the university/research turn and the equity turn;
- Research in and on teacher education (BERA-RSA, 2014) and the development of a ‘researcherly disposition’ (Tack and Vanderlinde, 2016);
- The development and implementation of a knowledge base for teacher educators (Vanassche et al., 2015).

Network 10 welcomes theoretical and methodological contributions, practice and project reports, as well as hands-on workshops on all topics. We are interested in papers that articulate geographical specificity and consider the social, historical, cultural and political context in which the practice is situated. We encourage authors to consider the variety of submission formats, including papers, research workshops, round tables, posters, video presentations and symposia. We particularly invite symposia presenting research and debate from at least three European countries and proposals that engage with the range of experience across the EERA community and make space for a forum of discussion and joint sessions with other networks.

We hope that presenters will later be invited to contribute to a shared publication.

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Reflecting on Risk in Partnerships in Education
Network 15 Research Partnerships in Education

Abstract

In this call, we ask for submissions that reflect on risks in partnerships in education. This could include themes concerning initial teacher education and professional development, or public-private partnerships in education, or partnerships in school settings. We welcome any submissions that explore theoretical, methodological or practical aspects to do with questions of partnerships. Submissions may consider questions to do with ethos and values in educational partnership; management of commitments; vulnerabilities and negotiations when being explorative; and the management of power relationships.

The Call

The term ‘partnership’ is frequently used in different social scientific areas including also in education. However, the use of this term can cover very different realities and the everyday meaning of the word can be easily assumed to mean something inherently good, safe and risk-free. However, social inequality and vulnerabilities may be perpetuated due to the differences that exist between different communities that come together through partnership arrangements. Is not schooling synonymous for an institution ‘school’ becomes a reproducing force of social and cultural inequalities. We therefore invite in this special call contributions that elaborate on the notion of risks in partnerships in education. When we speak of partnerships we would like to expand the term to collaborations or networks, yet we ask our contributors to clearly define what is meant. Consider that partnerships that carry risk may become so when institutional partners fail to take care of their responsibilities “with the degree of rigor necessary to merit societal trust” (Freudenburg 1993, p. 909). Contributions are invited that critically examine partnerships for instance when they capitalize on the expertise, input or simple presence of the other for a particular purpose. What, for example signifies the home-school partnerships? What kind of risks present themselves through the triadic partner relationship between parents, teachers and students? How value free or laden are for instance the funded research relationships between different educational partners and can the longing of researchers to be non-oppressive truly lead to open and honest approaches with their research participants?

We invite contributions that contribute to the topic of risk in partnerships in education that may be found in initial teacher education and professional development, or public-private partnerships in education, or partnerships in school settings. We welcome any submissions that explore theoretical, methodological or practical aspects to do with questions of risk in partnerships in education. Submissions may consider questions to do with ethos and values of educational partners; management of commit-
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Education in an Era of Risk – Addressing the Issue of Cyber Risks
Network 16 ICT in Education and Training

Abstract
In an era of risk, cyber risks pose an increasing threat. Human behaviour is considered to be one of the weakest links. In addition, using the internet may affect young people in various ways. This calls for education that prepares students to recognize and avoid risks of using the internet and that contributes to talent development in ICT. However, research shows that teachers’ competences in this area are often inadequate, and many students do not have sufficient skills in digital literacy. The aim of this special call is to attract contributions to ECER 2019 that focus on educational research in relation to these and related issues.

The Call
The theme of ECER 2019 is ‘Education in an Era of Risk – the Role of Educational Research for the Future.’ Cyber risks are typical risks in the field of ICT. Trimitzios et al. (2017) state: ‘an overwhelming percentage of successful cyber attacks are due to human errors. We consider human behaviour as one of the weakest links in the cybersecurity chain.’ (p. 57). These authors contend that widening the cybersecurity focus in higher education, as well as offering continuous professional development through training and exercises, is vital.

Pusey and Sadera (2011) distinguish cyberethics, cybersafety, and cybersecurity, or C3, as three overlapping domains of knowledge, and state that teacher education programs must prepare preservice teachers to model and teach C3 topics and safe computing practices. However, these researchers’ study revealed that preservice teachers don’t have sufficient knowledge of C3 and lack the ability to teach their future students about it. For pupils cyber risks include a range of issues that typically involve violations of the pupil’s own personal sphere or that of his/her friends, which calls for pupils being provided with appropriate skills and awareness for ensuring their safety online (Berendt et al., 2014). The current generation of pupils is often referred to as ‘the Net generation’ (Tapscott, 1999) or ‘digital natives’ (Prensky, 2001). They grew up with technology and would therefore lack the ability to teach their future students about it.

According to some authors and authorities, our digital environment and our connected life raise a number of concerns about the protection of children (Cross et al., 2009; American Academy of Pediatrics, 2010, 2013; French Academy of Sciences, 2013; ANSES, 2014; NIPSSC, 2017; UNICEF, 2017), and the support of adolescents (UNESCO, 2017; Ortega et al., 2009; Patching & Hinduja, 2012; Couchot-Schieux et al., 2016). These concerns may relate to, e.g., young people’s mental health, excessive behaviour, social outcomes, and (digital) citizenship. Now, a growing body of research is interested in these issues, articulating from the outset, a transformative goal (e.g. designing education programs and/or developing policies) to an epistemic purpose.

Grover and Pea (2013) believe ‘that those in possession of computational competencies will be better positioned to take advantage of a world with ubiquitous computing’ (p.40), and claim that computational thinking should be included in curricula, which may involve activities like programming, game design and robotics.

In conclusion, there is an urgent need to address issues of cybersecurity and other ICT related risks in education. Therefore we especially welcome contributions that address topics in this field. This may include issues of fostering digital literacy, computational thinking, enhancing teacher competencies in preservice teacher training or by continuing professional development, and training of personnel.

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From a historical perspective, however, education has often faced such uncertainties, “risks” and at the same time new possibilities and promises in tumultuous times when well-known institutions have been renegotiated and novel trajectories have emerged. Some examples are the religious reformation, the Enlightenment, decolonisation and democratization processes, forced migration and the aftermath of wars and conflicts. In fact, the only constant in history is change. In this sense, historical research has much to offer in terms of understanding the development of education and education systems, institutions and practices under periods of change, uncertainty, “risk” and possibility.

This is no less true for history of education as a discipline, which in recent times has also come under pressure in particular contexts, and researcher “identities” in this field. Also here, change, “risk” and possibility present themselves all at the same time.

To some philosophers of history – for instance, Leopold von Ranke (1795-1896) – learning from history is highly problematic. The past is irreversibly gone and can never again be invoked. But if we see time and experience as something emerging across/with/through past(s), present(s) and future(s), then history becomes a gathering of communalities, for instance, organisations populated by human beings with lived experiences of “timeless” themes such as love, power, competition, recognition, and the passing on of legacies.

Historical research, then, can contribute to increased awareness of precursors of developments, help expand current knowledge about trajectories and path-dependencies inherited from pasts present to us, which shape spaces for new opportunities. It also enables one to focus on continuities and ruptures as an analytical lens.

In relation to such and other possibilities, Network 17 has come to develop a “tradition” of its own of openness to “risk”-taking in terms of exploring under-researched sources, trying novel, “daring” methods of analysis, and developing new theories able to enrich and complicate current historiography. It has thereby foregrounded less conventional sources, such as visual materials, artefacts, built environments, digital archives, and many more, and likewise embraced visual methods of analysis, new digital approaches, etc. In terms of theorising, finally, it has extended the reach and depth of its gaze both within and beyond the disciplinary boundaries of education.

Network 17 welcomes proposals for papers, panels and posters, but especially also roundtables and workshops. The Network is open to any contribution related to the conference theme.

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Abstract

Linguistic diversity is a dynamic phenomenon that “reflects the constant state of rapid change prevalent in modern societies” (Peukert & Gogolin, 2017, p. 3). Adjustments to such linguistically diverse and steadily changing environments are required within intercultural education from the preschool to the tertiary levels.

The research conducted thus far has shown that students’ linguistic diversity provides a set of resources that needs to be acknowledged by educators and integrated into curricula for successful learning (Duarte & Gogolin, 2013). At the political level, the European Commission is committed “to safeguarding this linguistic diversity and promoting knowledge of languages” and encourages all citizens to be multilingual and to draw upon all language resources that they possess for successful educational performance (European Commission, 2012, p. 2). In addition, the European Reference Framework of Key Competences for Lifelong Learning has defined the competences each European citizen needs for personal fulfillment, development, employment, social inclusion, and active citizenship to include communication competences, cultural awareness and expression competences (European Commission, 2018). At the local level, however, educational opportunities provided for migrant students to acquire or preserve their heritage languages and culture remain very limited, as the focus of school-based learning predominantly involves monolingual ideologies (Gogolin & Duarte, 2017).

Despite this, previous research has revealed the advantageous role of bilingualism in language and subject-specific learning (Lindholm-Leary, 2014; Meyer & Prediger, 2011); hence, untapped cultural and linguistic resources may hinder students from profiting from their multilingualism and may reduce their chances for educational success.

In line with the general conference theme for ECER 2019, “Education in an Era of Risk—the Role of Educational Research for the Future,” we invite symposia, research workshops, round tables, individual papers, and posters that address opportunities and challenges in mainstream education that arise in the contexts of cultural and linguistic diversity. This special call bridges the research between innovative and intercultural education and language learning to explore the experience and practice of educators who draw upon students’ multilingual and multicultural repertoires in the learning process across all subject areas.

In particular, we are interested in submissions that will deepen our understanding of language learning and teaching in culturally and linguistically diverse settings, and address the challenges and possibilities of implementing students’ cultural and linguistic resources by educators across all subject areas. We welcome studies on teachers’ beliefs, transcultural, multilingual literacy, plurilingual curricula, language awareness, cultural identity and diversity, multi-ethnic learning groups and communities, intercultural courses, and the role of inclusive intercultural education.

Please indicate in your proposal that you are submitting to this network-specific call.

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Collaborative and Inclusive Education Policy Research in a Troubled Europe

Network 23 Policy Studies and Politics of Education

Abstract

Relating to the conference theme, ‘Education in an Era of Risk’, and building on Network 23 activities to promote collaborative and inclusive education policy research in Copenhagen 2017 and Bolzano 2018, this special call is for papers and symposia, which address at least one of the following: (1) methodological challenges in collaborative and/or inclusive education policy research; (2) collaborative and/or comparative education policy research, especially where this involves diversely constituted research teams; (3) research which is inclusive and representative of people, their perspectives and their interests and the varied cultural and policy contexts and socio-economic conditions across Europe.
The Call
This call builds on our Networking Seminar in University College, Copenhagen in August 2017, ‘Promoting Inclusive European Collaborative Education Policy Research’, which was generously supported by a grant from the EERA Council, and our Capacity Building Workshop with the same title in Free University, Bolzano in September 2018.

Europe faces many challenges. Economic and migration concerns, alongside terrorism, have aggravated weakening social cohesion (Atkinson, 2009, amongst others). Neoliberalism, in privileging market mechanisms over political process (Muddle & Rovira Kaltwasser, 2013), has exacerbated inequalities and increased the precariousness of many peoples’ lives (Standing, 2011). In this context of late-modern doubt (Giddens, 1990), populism and religious fundamentalism threaten European liberalism, whilst the European Union itself faces an existential crisis, as more and more of its citizens come to regard its institutions as unrepresentative of them (Terry, 2014).

The conference theme for ECER 2019, ‘Education in an Era of Risk – the Role of Educational Research for the Future’, recognizes these challenges. Considering how education policy researchers might respond, in recent years Network 23 has organized conference events to encourage research that is inclusive and representative of people, their perspectives and interests and the varied cultural and policy contexts and socio-economic conditions across Europe. However, we recognize that European educational research, like other fields, constitutes a space characterized by asymmetrical/unequal social relations among its main agents; a condition that limits its possibility to be a strong transformative force.

This special call builds on recent network activities. We seek papers and symposia each addressing at least one of the following:

• Methodological challenges in collaborative and/or inclusive education policy research
• Collaborative and/or comparative education policy research, especially where this involves diversely constituted research teams
• Research which is inclusive and representative of people, their perspectives and their interests and the varied cultural and policy contexts and socio-economic conditions across Europe.

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Children’s Rights Research in Education in an Era of Uncertainty

Network 25 Research on Children’s Rights in Education

Abstract
Relating to the overall conference theme ‘Education in an Era of Risk – the Role of Educational Research for the Future’, EERA Network 25: Research on Children’s Rights in Education welcomes contributions exploring important questions to consider in future educational children’s rights research, in the support of a sustainable, peaceful and equitable global coexistence. For example: What are the general and specific challenges for the research field? What has been neglected in earlier research? How can a critical and theory driven research approach and children’s rights advocacy be combined?

The Call
In 1989, the international community agreed on a legal instrument, the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), acknowledging children as rights-holders with the full range of human rights. Almost thirty years later, all but one United Nations member states have ratified this treaty. Due to this high level of commitment and its comprehensive character, the UNCRC is widely regarded as the most important advocacy tool for children’s rights globally (Coppock & Gillett-Swan, 2016). Moreover, issues related to children’s rights have gained increased attention in various areas of society, inducing a parallel rapid and exponential growth of research in almost every social science discipline since the adoption of the UNCRC (Quennerstedt, 2013). This expansion has contributed to establish and legitimate children’s rights as a field of study in its own right (Reynaert, et al., 2015).

Tensions have however arisen in the field of children’s rights studies. Beyond identifying shortcomings in the UNCRC itself (Freeman, 2000; Veerman, 2010), scholars have highlighted the ways in which the UNCRC has become imbricated with research internationally. Reynaert et al. (2009) have shown how three recurrent topics (participation, children’s vs. parental/adult rights, and the technicisation of standard-setting, implementation and monitoring of the UNCRC) have dominated the research agenda. Various studies have also underlined the issues related to a decontextualised approach for children’s rights when advocacy and research are closely entangled: the relevance of the treaty and the western standards it conveys are never discussed, in particular in respect to local realities (Ennew, 2000; Hanson & Nieuwenhuyss, 2012; Papavac, 2001). Various calls have therefore been made to adopt a more critical stance in respect to the concept of children’s rights as such, to reinforce theorisation and make explicit different research ontologies and finally to explore new research questions and orientations (Alanen, 2011; l’Anson, 2016; Quennerstedt, 2013).

Considering these tensions as well as the current global world situation, this special call invites submissions that explore the important questions for future research in children’s rights. Examples of matters for consideration in our time of great uncertainty and in a globalised and rapidly changing world, where rights issues are regularly under threat, are:

• What is the role of children’s rights research in education?
• What challenges can be identified for future research?
• What rights-related issues have not yet been addressed in educational research?
• What balance can be found between critical/theoretical research approaches and children’s rights advocacy?
• How can research involving children’s education-related rights contribute to rights informed and evidenced-based
practices, thereby supporting a sustainable, peaceful and equitable global coexistence?

Relating to the overall conference theme ‘Education in an Era of Risk – the Role of Educational Research for the Future’ ERA Network 25 Research on Children’s Rights in Education welcomes theoretical, methodological and empirical research submissions as well as practice and project reports that address the aforementioned questions, from various disciplinary perspectives.

For this special call we invite papers and symposia. Presenters may later be invited to contribute to a shared network publication.

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On the Collaboration Between Researchers and Teachers in Didactical Research

The Call

For ECER 2019 (Hamburg, Germany), Network 27 especially welcomes contributions that concern the discussion and reflection on the collaboration between researchers and teachers in didactical research.

In the special issue on Didactics – learning and teaching, published in European Educational Research Journal in 2018, Ligozat & Almqvist (2018) identified that a central trend in didactical research is to use and develop didactic knowledge and concepts in cooperation with teachers (cf. Marton & Runesson, 2015). In this process, the researchers and teachers are engaged in a mutual process of recognition where they contribute with their respective competences and perspectives (Carr & Kemmis, 1986; Edwards-Groves, Olin & Karlberg-Granlund, 2016; Olin, Sensevy & Lenzen, 2018). The participants and their contributions are shaped in dialogue with each other and become something else than if they would have performed the work separately (cf. Hamza, Palm, Piqueras & Wickman, 2018; Le Brun, Morellato, Sensevy, & Quilio, 2018; Sensevy, Forest, Quilio & Morales 2013).

The four main topics will be the following:

- Firstly, we welcome presentations on empirical findings relating to the unfolding of dialogue between teachers and researchers building curriculum and teaching practices in various school subjects. This is important, not least in relation to the ongoing discussion about what direction European education, teaching and learning should take in the future.
- Secondly, different models for design-based didactical research in a wide sense (as for example Cooperative Engineering, Didactic Modelling, Learning Studies and Lesson Studies) rely on different research traditions and we are interested in comparative analyses between them, especially with focus on the collaborative aspects of the model.
- Thirdly, moving from a more traditional focus in didactics on a three way relationship between teacher, students and knowledge taught in the classroom, to an extended one (where teachers collaborate with researchers), implies epistemological and ethical caution. For example, central issues about common knowledge production, participation, recognition and symmetry/asymmetry between teachers and researchers may be outlined here.
- Fourthly, we are interested in the development of methodological issues. For example, what does it mean for the research practice to provide teachers and researchers with a theoretical framework as an analytical tool to collectively perform analyses of issues regarding transaction and the co-construction of knowledge?

In sum, there is an increasing interest in didactical research for studies and development of teaching and learning performed in collaboration between researchers and teachers. With this special call, we want to highlight the results produced in this line of research, as well as the theoretical, methodological and ethical challenges that it leads to.

Network 27 Didactics – Learning and Teaching

Abstract

There is an increasing interest in didactical research for studies of teaching and learning performed in collaboration between researchers and teachers. With this special call, Network 27 wants to highlight the results produced in this line of research, as well as the challenges it leads to. The main topics will be the following: (1) empirical findings relating to the unfolding of dialogue between teachers and researchers (2) comparisons between different models for design-based didactical research, (3) epistemological and ethical views of knowledge, participation, recognition and symmetry/asymmetry between participants and (4) development of methodological issues.
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In particular, we would like to invite papers focus on the following issues:

- Europeanization under pressure: How have economic hardship, the global economic crisis and growing social inequalities impacted upon globalization and Europeanization processes? What happens with the European education space in the context of the current political crisis of the EU? What has been, and could be the role of the sociology of education?

- Mobilities, global migration processes and European education: How do European education systems react to the influx of economic migrants and refugees? How have conceptualisations of inclusion, exclusion and risk in sociology of education been challenged by the recent influx of refugees and what categories are being developed to conceptualize global migration processes?

- Datafication, and the algorithmic governance of education: How Europeanization and globalization intersect in the standardization, datafication and digitalisation of education? Is the digital governance of education promoting processes of convergence or divergence in trans-national and intra-national space? What is the contribution of sociology of education to analyse these new modes of governance in education?

More in general, we would like to receive paper proposals that address the above issues and that could contribute to give answers to one or more of the following questions:

- Who is the sociology of education for? How is it possible to engage multiple publics in multiple ways, connecting professional, critical, policy, and public/lay knowledge in the field of education?

- What are the aims of sociology of education in the current scenario? How can we deal with the ‘traditional’ tension between instrumental and reflexive knowledge (Burawoy, 2005)?

- What are the epistemological, theoretical, methodological and thematic challenges that the sociology of education is called to address? What are the different traditions of the sociology of education across Europe?

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Retuning Sociology of Education up?
Network 28 Sociologies of Education

Abstract
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Organizational Education in a World of Risks
NW 32 Organizational Education

Abstract
To survive in a world at risk, organizations learn. Global and social risks cause organizational risks. How do organizations deal with the so called VUCA world (volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous) and sustain an organizational identity? How do they secure cooperation among their members and multiple and diverse stakeholders? How do they deal with digitization, virtualization, and globalization as drivers of change, innovation and newness?

Organizational Education researches organizational behavior, organizational learning and its support, as well as organizational innovation from an educational perspective. Interested colleagues are cordially invited to submit papers for sessions of NW 32 Organizational Education.

The Call
Given the velocity of technologic development, the globalization, the transculturalization, the needs for work-life-balance and other aspects of societal change, organizations today – schools, universities, adult education institutions, as well as companies, public authorities, social services, hospitals, etcetera – are more than ever confronted with risk and uncertainty. On the other hand, these risks and uncertainties imply possibilities for the organizations’ construction of future. Organizations as actors become addressees of reforms and actors of developmental processes. Organizational Education researches such organizational behavior, organizational learning and its support from an educational perspective.

Interested colleagues are cordially invited to submit papers for sessions of NW 32 Organizational Education at ECER 2019. The following topics may be used to orientate submissions:

- **Organizational Learning in a World at Risk**
  Organizations exist within a transforming environment, where societies, sectors, regional settings are in often turbulent change. Organization may have existed in their environments like fish in the water. As the world is at risk in many ways, organization may be at threat. In order to survive, organizations will have to learn and unlearn. How do organizations address the VUCA world of risks? Does organizational change by (un) learning lead to societal change, too?

- **Organizational Identity in a cross-border World of Risks**
  While some societies actually tend to revive their territorial borders, many organizations of today act in inter- and transnational ways. While the trend towards right wing politics and societal discourses tend to exclude migrants, many organizations actively practice diversity management and intercultural opening. Organizations need human resources, expertise, motivation and identification of staff. How do organizations address the challenges of a world of risk and how do they involve human resources to become identifying members of an organization? How do organizations deal with the topic of corporate identity in a world of risks and plurality? How can organizations attract and bind individuals with diverse backgrounds?

- **Organizational Socialization within a multicultural World of plural norms and values**
  In the pluralist world(s) of norms and values of today, organizations are confronted with individuals who have experienced different worlds of socialization in families, peer groups, their milieus, thereby carrying a diversity of normative orientations and culturally bound value sets. How do organizations (schools, universities, companies, public authorities, and other organized workplaces) deal with onboarding, with involving their members and partners, to socialize them into membership in and belonging to an organization? What is the role of organizational socialization here and how does it work?

- **Organizational responses to a VUCA World of Risks**
  How do organizations deal with the volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous VUCA world of today? How do those global trends play out in organizing? Will organizations address necessary adaptions and changes in social, technological, economical or ecological ways? What are the paths taken within a world of risks and challenges? How do organizations deal with the velocity of change and digitalization, virtualization, or globalization as drivers of newness?

- **Organizations as actors of Organizational Futures and Innovations**
  Organizations are always in process – but speed rapidly is changing in the acceleration society. Organizations respond to risks and challenges by innovating. Within their innovation strategies they transform practice patterns of time and space, they produce new chances and new risks, deal with hopes and fears. Organizations bring about their special (aesthetic) practices, their specific styles of doing change, newness, future and innovation. Organizational work on time and space in innovation processes can also lead to solving social challenges and social transformation.

Network 32 “Organizational Education” encourages researchers from all over the fields of educational sciences and organization sciences to submit proposals for presentations, symposia, workshops or posters that deal with the above-mentioned topics.

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Shifting Narratives of Gender Inequalities Through the Lens of Intersectionality
Network 33 Gender and Education

Abstract
This special call invites papers that focus on intersectional perspectives on gender and education. Disability, ethnicity/race, sexualities, social class, age, issues beyond gender binary, immigration/migration status and indigeneity are just some of the cross-cutting divisions that shape gendered education systems and the unequal experiences and outcomes for individuals within them. Gender and feminist researchers, critical race theorists, critical theorists, disability activists and theorists of knowledge have highlighted the inadequacy of current methodological and theoretical approaches which, having largely been developed from mainstream perspectives, have a tendency to reproduce current inequalities. How can an intersectional approach produce better analytical tools to combat educational inequalities?

The Call
Over the years there has been continuous calls within the academic field to engage in research that challenges dominant knowledge production processes (Hooks 1989; Abu-Lughud &
Soziologin 1991; Kandiyoti 2002; 1991; Narayan 1993; Skeggs 1997; Smith & Dougherty 2012). Gender and critical feminist research has had a long-standing goal of challenging the essentialism, power hierarchies, and concepts of difference embedded in the research process.

The Gender and Education Network (GEN) would like to invite researchers, theorists and evidence-based practitioners to engage in a conversation on the diversity-related implications of educational research and, in particular, to consider what an intersectional approach offers in generating new analytical, critical and methodological tools for combating gender inequalities. We are inviting established researchers, network members as well as early career researchers to submit theoretical, methodological and empirically informed papers, workshops or round-table discussions which advance educational debates, practices and activism using an intersectional lens. The GEN is open for joint sessions with other EERA networks which have a focus on gender inequalities within their research field.

The Hamburg EERA conference theme “Education in an Era of Risk-the Role of Educational Research for the Future” provides a broad framework through which to address topics related to gender inequalities and theoretical and methodological challenges for gender researchers.

We invite submissions to the GEN that address the following themes at any level of education and in formal and informal schooling:

- The relationship between gender equality and education in an Era of Risk society
- The intersection between gender and social class – reflections on gender inequalities in education (gendered learning, teaching, curriculum, pedagogy, etc.)
- Whiteness, ethnicity, race and generating gender inequalities in education
- International migration, gendered opportunities and integration through education
- Gender binary in education and critical perspectives on individual and cultural dimensions of prejudices and discrimination of LGBT persons and those beyond gender binary in education
- Gendered conversations on promotional activities in higher education and other education levels
- National, EU and global policies on gender equality in education (policy documents on gender equality, implementation of policy measures, research as a base for evidence-based policy)
- Theoretical and methodological issues and role of gender studies in transforming gender inequalities in education
- The challenges of interdisciplinary research in gender and education
- Gendered education in a Risk society and theoretical and methodological challenges for men’s studies
- Gendered education in a Risk society as a theoretical and methodological challenge for feminist studies
- Quantitative and qualitative methodologies - challenges of exploring gender inequalities in education in contemporary society

Theoretical and methodological challenges of the research on gender inequalities and education are numerous. They call for a critical reflection on gender studies with an intent to develop innovative theoretical foundations and research methodologies in the field.

Submissions could include but are not restricted to the mentioned themes.

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