

CERA-UK



Chinese Educational Research Association-UK

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CERA-UK Annual Conference 2018

***Chinese Education in Global Contexts:
Researching the Local, the Global and the 'Glocal'***

14th-15th June 2018, London, UK

(The deadline for Submissions: 15th April 2018)

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

On behalf of CERA-UK, we are delighted to announce that our 2018 Conference will take place on the 14th and 15th June at UCL Institute of Education. We hope you will participate in this year's conference by submitting an abstract for presentation or as a conference delegate, listening to speakers and taking part in discussions and social exchanges. CERA contributes to the critical research and discussion of Chinese Education in its broadest sense. We provide opportunities for professionals, practitioners, students, academic researchers and scholars to share their interests and become actively involved in our association.

● **Conference Theme:**

The conference theme this year aims to create a critical space for consideration of focused local studies alongside presentations that cast a broader eye upon global impacts and initiatives. Often, education research that is focused upon seemingly small-scale, localised settings produces findings that have wider implications and relevance. Conversely, research into broad global themes often produces findings of relevance to a variety of local settings. One of the conceptual threads connecting these two seeming opposites is that of culture. At the global dimension many studies now explore intercultural transformations, while there is also a renewed interest in the particular aspects of localised cultures. This has led to the term Glocal being coined.

As China moves from the stage of making provision for a universally available basic education in China, we are now faced with the challenges and opportunities of moving forward, with China exerting a broadening influence on the world stage. The change in the international status of China calls for the current education system and its practices to re-orient itself towards global educational themes and priorities. However, one of the key challenges is to find ways of injecting qualitative elements into the planning, management and delivery of education for local learners of all ages that will contribute to China's future economic, social and cultural relationships with the wider world. We pose the question of whether education can achieve the prominence in national policy making of the 'One Belt and One Road' initiatives, exploring links between the local and the global. Our aim for the conference is to explore ways in which Chinese education can match the major and impressive advances being made in other areas such as infrastructure, civil engineering and transportation, and in which it might learn from other educational systems around the globe. We therefore welcome research papers that focus on local, global and 'glocal' aspects of the changing realities, issues and possibilities for Chinese education and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in the next period of development. The conference hopes to attract contributors raising questions about these issues through their current research.

Based on the previous five conferences since 2013, CERA members have developed the following special interest groups within Chinese educational research:

- Chinese language education
- English language education
- Higher education
- Early childhood education
- Family education
- Education technology and media
- Education and (economic, social and cultural) development
- Inclusive and special needs education
- School curriculum and subject development
- Teacher education and development
- Chinese students in the UK
- Educational leadership and management
- Art and music education
- Vocational education
- Continuing and lifelong education
- Educational policy
- Private education
- Character and moral education
- Outdoor education
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education

These and others will form the sub-themes for our conference. We welcome proposals from CERA members and conference attendees for ideas about new themes to enrich the range of discussion at the conference.

● **Events and Opportunities:**

The CERA-UK Annual Conference provides a unique space for scholars, researchers and students to share and discuss their ongoing or recent work with peers. The conference offers opportunities to benefit from feedback in a supportive and stimulating environment. At the conference we will provide a platform for you to promote your own research and publications.

The CERA-UK Annual Conference provides opportunities for participants to gain experience through chairing sessions and to learn more about various topics in relevant fields through networking with peers and more experienced scholars alike.

The CERA-UK Annual Conference also provides a vibrant and interactive online community for scholars, researchers and students to share their experiences and to exchange their ideas. Following the lead theme from CEAR Conference 2015, we continue to promote CERA as a link for research and practice between members and participants.

You can meet the CERA-UK Committee and other CERA-UK members on Facebook: [Cera-uk Annual](#). We also provide a variety of other workshops and seminars.

If you would like to organise for a group of students and academics from your host university to participate, please let us know. If you would like to help to organise the conference, volunteers are most welcome.

● **Abstract Submission and Presentation:**

Please submit your **200-250 word** abstract by **15th April** at: [Conference Registration and Abstract Submission \(for presenters\)](#).

The abstract should contain the following:

- Purpose of presentation (aim of the research, and/or research questions)
- Nature of your research
- Research methodology, approach and/or sample
- Key arguments, findings, and/or conclusions to be presented.

All submissions will be peer-reviewed by colleagues of the CERA-UK Conference Committee. We will respond to submissions by 16th April.

● **Conference Fees:**

To register, please go to: [Conference Registration \(for attendees\)](#).

The conference charges £15 administration fee. Information on the payment procedure is available [here](#).

- Early birds: £15
- Registration after 20th May 2018: £30

● **Conference Hosts:**

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to UCL Institute of Education and to the Education Section, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the UK for their strong and long-standing support.

● **Conference Venue:**

UCL Institute of Education 20 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AL, United Kingdom.

More information on travelling to UCL IOE can be found at: [Travel Advice](#).

For further enquiries, please visit our homepage at www.cerauk.org or contact us at ceraannualconference@gmail.com