

**International Conference for Education and Democratic Citizenship (ICEDC)
(co-directors Professor Audrey Osler and Professor Hugh Starkey)**

ICEDC 12th Annual Conference Friday 15 June 2018 9.30 – 17.00

**Venue: UCL Institute of Education 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL
Elvin Hall**

Reimagining education for citizenship and human rights in the face of global instability

Background

The ICEDC annual conference is a meeting place for scholars, researchers, graduate students, education policymakers, and civil society activists from across Europe and internationally. It is a unique opportunity to present and discuss current research and policy relating to education for human rights and democratic citizenship. We welcome research papers and poster presentations addressing education for human rights and democratic citizenship from sociology, education, law, history, politics, geography and other relevant disciplines, as well as analyses of policy and case studies of campaigns and curriculum development.

Call for papers

The ICEDC 12th Annual Conference takes place at a time when neo-liberal economic policies have created injustices and fanned populist political discourses that contest human rights, democracy and the rule of law. Democracy appears fragile as authoritarian regimes and nationalist politicians form alliances. Populism has proved successful as an election-winning strategy. Extremist ideologies based on radical intolerance encourage destabilising actions such as terrorist attacks. The planet is further destabilised by extreme weather events caused by irresponsible carbon emissions. Our conference will examine and debate educational responses to these challenges.

Amidst these challenging times, nation states across the world have accepted the United Nations challenge to implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Governments have committed in principle to ensuring that by 2030:

‘all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development’ (SDG 4).

We particularly invite papers that look afresh at education for citizenship and human rights in these challenging times, welcoming papers that address any aspect of education for human rights and democratic citizenship. This can include struggles to develop democratic citizenship and human rights education or to promote a democratic and human rights culture in schools or the community. Human rights include children’s rights. Papers may address, but are not restricted to, the following themes:

- Implementing Sustainable Development Goal 4
- Critical approaches to global citizenship education
- Reimagining human rights education
- Minorities' struggles, challenges to ethno-nationalism and hate speech
- Justice, democracy and gender identities
- Children's rights in education
- Social media and democracy

Abstracts of no more than 300 words including **name, institutional affiliation and contact email** should be sent, no later than **Monday 12 March 2018** to: Professor Hugh Starkey h.starkey@ucl.ac.uk. All abstracts will be peer reviewed by members of the ICEDC steering group. Please indicate whether you would prefer to give an **oral** or a **poster** presentation. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of the review by Monday 19 March 2018. As in previous years, selected papers will be considered for publication in the peer-reviewed journal *London Review of Education*.

Registration will open in March. The following rates including coffees and lunch apply

- Full price £95
- Earlybird (before 18 May) £75
- Students and concessions £35

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