

Call for papers



**ESREA: The 7th European
Research Conference**

**Changing configurations
of adult education
in transitional times**

Berlin Alexanderplatz: 'Cities and Times'

Venue

**4-7 September 2013,
Humboldt-University Berlin**

Department for Adult Education and Continuing Education



Conference theme:

Changing configurations of adult education in transitional times

Adult education is changing. The concept of lifelong learning has been moved to the foreground in political agendas in Europe with significant implications for research. New goals are set. New actors and institutions are now engaging in adult education. New forms of teaching, learning and counseling are observable. These forms are often merged into various hybrid configurations, building on past configurations. The established concepts of adult education have not been replaced, but merged with new concepts of lifelong learning.

The conference theme wants to stimulate critical research-focused discussions about the developments of adult education on national and European levels. How do we perceive scientifically these developments and their wider meaning? Where do we come from and where do we go with adult education? Which mechanisms of exclusion and inclusion can be observed? Why are we moving into these directions? What are the gains and losses? Which role does research presently play and what should be researchers' contributions? How can transitions and changing configurations be analyzed?

Keynote speakers and provisional titles

Professor Peter Mayo

University of Malta

***Adult Educational Research and
the Politics of Indignation
in 'These Times.'***



Professor Katarina Popović

University of Belgrade

***Adult Education –
Lost in a Transition?***



Professor Danny Wildemeersch

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

***Limit Experiences:
Adult Education and Commitment
in the 21st Century***



Abstracts of participants

You are invited from all fields of research on adult education and adult learning to submit an abstract addressing the conference theme. Contributions from colleagues all around the world are also welcome. **Abstracts should be no more than 500 words. The deadline for submission of abstracts is January 15, 2013.**

The Scientific Committee of ESREA 2013 is responsible for the selection of the submitted abstracts. **Latest notification of acceptance is March 1, 2013. Please submit abstracts in two separate files: one including the paper title, the name, address, e-mail of each author; and the second one including the paper title and abstract. Please send your abstract in RTF-format.** Abstracts should be submitted to: esrea-ebwb@hu-berlin.de

Papers

Completed papers should be submitted by August 16, 2013 and sent to: esrea-ebwb@hu-berlin.de Please send your paper in RTF-format. The paper should be 5000 - 7000 words.

Information for contributors of Abstracts/Papers

A paper is proposed and submitted in the form of an abstract by one person. Up to three other people can be named as co-authors in the abstract proposal. For each participant, a maximum of two such proposals may be submitted in which the person is named as an author or co-author. The abstract proposal must indicate which of the named authors will be presenting the paper. All those authors attending must register for the ESREA 2013 Conference. The author or one of the named co-authors is responsible for communicating with the ESREA Conference Organizers about the paper. The conference organizers will allocate a chairperson and a discussant for each paper. Accepted abstracts will be downloadable in PDF-format on the Conference website <http://ebwb.hu-berlin.de/aktuelles/esrea> Full conference papers will be downloadable on the website exclusively by the conference participants.

Criteria for Review of Abstracts

Abstracts for papers are welcome from all fields of research on adult learning. The criteria used in reviewing each abstract will be as follows:

- Should be directly related to specified aspects of adult education;
- Should make reference to a theoretical framework, involve systematic enquiry of an analytic or empirical nature;
- Background, method, results and implications should be set out clearly in a manner which is accessible to an international audience.

Language

The abstract, the paper and its presentation should be in English. Simultaneous translation will not be available in plenary sessions. However, in line with the ESREA language policy, efforts will be made to provide some translation in the parallel sessions. Please bear in mind when presenting a paper that you are speaking to an international audience, the majority of whom may not be familiar with your own country let alone its adult educational system. Please avoid the use of acronyms and do not use expressions which relate to your adult educational system without providing a contextualization.

Publication

Submitted papers will be put on a CD which will be distributed with the conference pack distributed when arriving at the conference venue. The conference organizers will review and select a number of papers for inclusion in an edited collection.

ESREA 2013 PhD student award

One of the papers written by a PhD student will be awarded with the ESREA PhD student prize consisting of 250 Euros. The selection will be made by the scientific committee of the conference and cannot be overruled.

Important dates 2013

January 15 Deadline for submission of abstracts

March 1 Acceptance of abstracts will be confirmed

April 1 Deadline for early bird registration (If payment have not been received by this date, the higher fee will be applicable)

June 1 Final deadline for registration and payment of the conference fee

August 1 Final papers must be submitted

September 3 Pre Conference for PhD-students

September 4-7 Date of the conference

Registration

Please register at our website: <http://ebwb.hu-berlin.de/aktuelles/esrea>

Registration will be possible in Spring 2013

Conference Fees

ESREA-members registered and paid by April 1 2013	190 EURO
ESREA-members after April 1 2013	290 EURO
Non-members registered and paid by April 1 2013	275 EURO
Non members after April 1 2013	350 EURO
PhD Students registered and paid by April 1 2013	80 EURO
PhD Students after April 1 2013	130 EURO
Conference Dinner September 6 2013	39 EURO

PhD students who have full time positions as lecturers should pay the full conference fee.
The conference fee includes two lunches, six coffee breaks, reception and proceedings/CD.

Scientific committee

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Pre Conference for PhD-students: Matching Research Questions and Methods



3 September 2013, Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany

A pre-conference for graduate-students, focused on the theme “**Matching research questions and methods**” will be organized on September 3 starting at 9 o’clock in the morning. The pre-conference is based on workshops lead by leading professors from different parts of the world within the area of adult learning. The aim is to create a space for graduate-students to problematize and discuss important issues related to the practice of doing a PhD/EdD. Subthemes will be:

- Critical reading of existing studies, connecting to research approaches of other researchers
- Discussion of selected qualitative and quantitative methods
- Steps within a research processes

Participants will be asked to read some articles and to hand-in at least a very first draft version of their research project (brief outline). The pre-conference is free of charge.

As this is a workshop based pre-conference, there will be no room for intensive paper presentations. The already described brief outline has rather the function of information for the tutors/organizers of the preconference. However, we would like to encourage graduate-students to submit also full abstracts to the main conference no later than January 15, 2013 as outlined previously in this call for papers.

A more detailed program for the pre-conference will be available on the website <http://ebwb.hu-berlin.de/aktuelles/esrea> in Spring 2013.

Bursaries and support to participating graduate-students

As a way to support graduate-student’s participation in the conference, there will be several bursaries available in the form of free accommodation during the entire conference (from September 2 to September 7). To be able to apply, one needs to be a graduate student (e.g. PhD-student, EdD-student, master student); a member of ESREA (either individual or covered by an institutional membership) and one need to submit a paper to the main conference. The bursary will cover accommodation costs at the guest house of Humboldt-University:

<http://www.ta.hu-berlin.de/index.php4?fd=502>

The guest house is located only 250 meters from the conference site.

Applications or questions regarding the application procedure should be directed to:
esrea-ebwb@hu-berlin.de

ESREA membership

Membership of ESREA is open to all individuals and institutions engaged or interested in research on the education of adults and adult learning. Members of ESREA benefit from reduced registration fees for ESREA networks and conferences and they will also receive the ESREA newsletter several times each year with information on forthcoming ESREA activities, conferences and new books within the field of adult education and much more. Membership fees for a calendar year are:

- Individual member 50 EURO
- PhD student members 25 EURO (PhD students who have full time positions as lecturers should pay the full membership fee)
- Institutional members 150 EURO.

To become a members of ESREA fill out the form available at www.esrea.org and send back to the secretariat. When the application has been received, the secretary will send an invoice for the membership-fee which should be paid within three weeks.



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Any further information

The website <http://ebwb.hu-berlin.de/aktuelles/esrea> will be continuously updated, but if you cannot find the answers to your questions on our website, please contact one of the following:

Questions regarding practical issues, such as fees and accommodation can be answered by

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Other Questions can be also directed to

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