

CONFERENCE ENQUIRIES:

Further information about the conference will be available at www.eecera2015.org from 1st October 2014. Questions about proposals or the conference programme can be addressed to: Dr. Sílvia Blanch Gelabert and Dr. Mequè Edo i Basté, EECERA 2015 Conference Chairs via enquiries@eecera2015.org

For information about EECERA and EECERJ go to: www.eecera.org

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Conference participants are invited to send proposals that correspond to the conference theme and strands.

A proposal can be submitted for:

- **Individual paper**

presentation: 30 minutes including discussion. Individual papers will be grouped into larger symposia by theme.

- **Self-organised symposium:**

groups may propose to organize 3 papers and a moderator around a common theme as a full session of 90 minutes including discussion. For self-organised symposium, please submit one abstract for each of the papers.

- **Poster presentation:**

selected posters will be displayed, and sessions will be set up for conference participants to interact with poster presenters.

Submission of proposals and abstracts:

Please submit all proposals for presentations through the conference website www.eecera2015.org

When submitting your proposal, follow the instructions on the website. You will be asked to enter the following information:

- The title of the presentation
- The type of presentation (individual paper for a themed symposium, self-organised symposium, poster)
- The name/s, institution/s and email address/es of the presenter/s and co-authors (For multiple authored papers, please indicate which authors will be presenting)
- Mailing address and E-mail address
- A 250-word abstract (addressing each element specified on the submission form, including theme and strands, the aims of the research, theoretical framework, methodology, ethical considerations, main findings, and implications for practice and/or policy)
- Up to five keywords

REGISTRATION:

Please register electronically through the conference website. Please be sure to register in advance for the conference, accommodation and the social programme.

ACCOMMODATION:

Barcelona, boasts a wide range of accommodation to suit all budgets. Please visit the EECERA 2015 website for more information on accommodation.

CONFERENCE VENUE:

Facultat de Ciències de l'Educació, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain.

CONFERENCE FEES:

400 € for bookings up to 12th June 2015;
370 € reduced fee for EECERA members up to 1th June 2015;
450 € for bookings after 12th June 2015;
Student discount on application.

Fee includes access to all keynotes and symposia, abstract book, tea & coffee, two buffet lunches, & reception evening. Please note accommodation, travel and social programmes are not included.

EECERA 25th CONFERENCE

UAB
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Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain
7th - 10th September 2015

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INNOVATION, EXPERIMENTATION AND ADVENTURE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Hilary Bradbury Huang, State University of Oregon, USA;
- Teresa Colomer, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain;
- Stephen Moss, Independent author, TV Broadcaster and Naturalist, UK;
- Christine Stephen, University of Stirling, Scotland;

For more information about the keynote speakers, visit the conference website: www.eecera2015.org

CONFERENCE CHAIR

- Dr. Sílvia Blanch Gelabert, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

CO-CHAIR

- Dr. Mequè Edo i Basté, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona



LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Montserrat Anton Rosera; Sílvia Blanch Gelabert; Mequè Edo i Basté,
With the collaboration of lecturers of the Early Childhood Degree at the Faculty of Educational Science, and Early Childhood teachers related to the ICE; All from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain.

CONFERENCE THEME

The theme of the 25th EECERA conference Innovation, Experimentation & Adventure in Early Childhoods looks to the future and embraces, explores and initiates discourse on childhood in a world which is becoming increasingly standardised, universalised and risk-averse, yet which has increasing opportunities, is technologically competent and where the rights and voice of children are being acknowledged.

In particular, the keynotes will consider such issues as exploratory drive in children, the impact of 'digital childhoods', children's connection with nature and the natural world using concepts of 'biophilia' and 'affordances' and new, democratic methodologies of 'participatory action research'. These ideas are clearly not a definitive list but illustrative examples of innovation, experimentation and adventure in today's changing childhoods.

STRANDS

Those who submit papers to the scrutiny of the Conference Scientific Committee will be asked to locate their work in one strand, as below:

- Values and value education;
- Culture, community & society;
- ECEC contexts, transition & practices;
- Children's rights, democracy & participation;
- Play & learning;
- Diversity & inclusion;
- Innovative/alternative approaches;
- Learning environment;
- Professionalism & teachers' role;
- Leadership & quality;
- Curriculum & assessment;
- Paradigms, theories & methodologies;
- National & International research in ECEC.

IMPORTANT DATES 2015

• **Friday 27th February:** Final date for submission of abstracts and proposals. After this date, no abstract, or proposition, will be accepted.

• **Monday 18th May:** Formal confirmation of acceptance of papers.

• **Friday 12th June:** Final date to pay reduced registration fees

• **Friday 7th August:** Final date for cancellation with refund (minus handling charges) for registration. After this date refunds will not be issued.

• **Monday 7th September:** Preconference meetings, registration and welcoming reception.

• **Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th September:** Days of the Conference.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Preconference: Monday, 7th September 2015

12:00 - 17:30 Registration

19:00 - 20:30 Welcome Reception

Day 1: Tuesday, 8th September 2015

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 17:30 Conference Programme

17:30 - 18:30 Open Forum & Members AGM

19:30 - 23:00 Optional Evening Programmes

Day 2: Wednesday, 9th September 2015

08:00 - 17:30 Conference Programme

19:00 - 22:00 Conference Dinner

Day 3: Thursday, 10th September 2015

08:00 - 13:30 Conference Programme

14:30 - 16:00 Optional Tours

(Please note that all timings are provisional)



The 25th EECERA conference will be organised by the Faculty of Educational Science of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, with the support of CREC.



AIMS OF EECERA

To provide a relevant, rigorous, academic forum in Europe for the promotion, development and dissemination of high quality multidisciplinary research into early childhood education. To facilitate collaboration and cooperation between European researchers in this field and the wider early childhood community across the world. To encourage a clear articulation and communication of the links between research, practice and policy. To offer interaction, development, and support to those interested in early childhood education. To raise the visibility and status of European research on early childhood education throughout the world.

EECERA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Maelis Karlsson Lohmander (EECERA Vice President) University of Gothenburg, Sweden; Johanna Einarsdottir, University of Iceland, Iceland (additional member to be confirmed)