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**Chinese Educational Research Association-UK** 



# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

# **CERA-UK Annual Conference 2015**

# Chinese Education Today: Practice and Research

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June 2015, London, UK

(Submission deadlines: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015)

# Dear Friends & Colleagues,

On behalf of CERA-UK, we are delighted to announce that our 2015 Conference will take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> - 26th 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 discussion and social exchanges.

The Chinese Educational Research Association-UK contributes to critical research and discussion relating to Chinese Education in its broadest sense. We provide opportunities for post-graduate students and professional academics to become involved and to share their interests. Ours is a rapidly growing field of study and general interest as Chinese educational issues begin to attract world-wide attention. Alongside this the CERA annual conferences have been growing too.

# • Conference Theme:

The conference theme this year is 'Chinese Education Today: Practice and Research'. The conference particularly encourages contributions to explore the links between educational research and educational practice.

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

- Chinese language education
- English language education in China
- Higher education and policy in China
- Comparative education
- Early childhood education in China
- Education technology and media in China
- Migrant children and education policy in China
- Education and (economic, social and cultural) development in China
- Inclusive and special needs education in China
- School curriculum and subject development in China
- Teacher education and development in China
- Chinese students in the UK

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 postgraduate 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 with more experienced scholars.

The CERA-UK Annual Conference also provides a vibrant and interactive online community for scholars, researchers, and postgraduate students to share their experiences and to exchange their ideas.

You can meet the CERA-UK Committee and other CERA-UK members on Facebook: <u>Cera-uk</u> <u>Annual</u>. 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 a **200-250 word** abstract by **21<sup>st</sup> April at:** <u>Conference Registration and</u> <u>Abstract Submission (for presenters)</u>.

The abstract should contain the following:

- Name of Author
- Institutional affiliation
- Title of presentation
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## • Conference Fees:

Conference attendance is FREE for all presenters.

Conference attendance is FREE for all non-presenting attendees registering by 20 May 2015 at: <u>Conference Registration (for attendees).</u>

Non-presenting attendees registering after 20 May 2015 will be entitled to £10 administration fees. Information on the payment procedure will be made available at a later stage.

## • Conference Hosts:

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the UCL, Institute of Education for its strong and long-standing support.

We also express gratitude to the Education Section, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the UK for its strong and long-standing support.

#### • Conference Venue:

## UCL, Institute of Education

20 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AL, United Kingdom. More information on travelling to IOE can be found at: <u>Travel Advice</u>.

For further enquiries, please visit our homepage at <u>www.cerauk.com</u> or contact us at <u>ceraannualconference@gmail.com</u>