

Dear colleagues,

Please circulate (and consider for yourselves and collaborators!):

For the first time ever on the European scene, the International Researchers Consortium of the *College Conference on Composition and Communication* will host a workshop in connection with the first **European Literacy Network Summit** in Porto, November 1-3, 2018. We will host a pre-Summit half-day workshop on October 31, afternoon. To this end, we invite brief proposals for up to 12 researcher-participant roles focused on research about writing in higher education in Europe. (see details below about what this might include). By research, we mean a project with a focused research question, an identified methodology (qualitative, quantitative, ethnographic, historical, discourse analysis, corpus, etc), and the collection of data in some form. **This research can be at any stage and does not need to be final.**

We know that researchers around the world are interested in finding sites for serious cross-national conversation that includes multiple research traditions. This workshop is designed to make space available for extended time to read, process, think through, and discuss in detail each other's work at the Summit.

We have learned, through ten previous workshops at the *College Conference on Composition and Communication*, that we all need this kind of extended dialogue about our research in addition to the networking we do at conferences. Given that we inhabit many roles of differing discursive power across complex, multiple linguistic, institutional, political, geographic, theoretical and pedagogical spaces, it is our experience that the dialogue informed by reading our projects irrespective of what stage they are at permits us to get rich feedback on our own projects-in-process, as well as work to understand each other's work through its unique institutional, cultural, and political contexts. The workshop also provides a chance to perform as a community, encouraging collective reflection on the nature and status of higher education writing research more broadly, and sponsoring collaboration as a network of writing scholars across these contexts.

We want to engage researcher-participants from many countries and research traditions in an equal exchange dialogue, learning from each other: the primary focus is on the writing research itself. **The research can be focused on teaching or studying writing in any language.** We are willing to help with translation of a text into English as needed, if the paper is accepted for the workshop.

Please submit a brief proposal that describes a research project (in process or recently completely) that you would be interested in sharing with other facilitators and participants. This proposal should briefly explain how you currently see your research fitting into a network of writing researchers. In other words, what connections do you expect to see with other kinds of research, and what do you think researchers from other contexts might learn from your study. When appropriate, describe what kind of audience, scholarly journal, or professional audience might be interested in your research.

The project should be "international" in the sense that it offers sufficient contextualisation for participants to relate to it in view of the fact we all work in very different higher education systems. Your role in the workshop would be to provide a draft text about the research **by the end of August 2018**, to read the other workshop facilitators' texts **before attending the ELN Summit**, and to participate in the half-day pre-Summit workshop by leading a discussion about your project and participating in discussions of a subset of others' projects.

We are convinced that we can learn a lot from each other and that the respective international scenes mutually enhance writing research. We therefore encourage participants in the workshop to also consider how they can collaborate on projects or contribute to each other's project by combining methodologies and methods across borders and approaches. We also know how critical it is for all scholars to be directly engaged with projects and research models from multiple research traditions.

Please submit your proposal by July 15 to [<https://goo.gl/forms/ArSVv4YHxVUIIJVv1>]. Apologies for the tight turnaround time, but the requested information should not take you more than 30-45 minutes to complete. We will confirm your participation in the workshop July 21. This proposal can be quite informal (it serves to help us determine appropriate projects), so please feel free to send something along. Do keep a copy for yourself, as the survey collector will not send a copy back to you.

Thank you! Please write with any questions at all to any of the International Researchers Consortium steering committee:

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