

Call for proposals
Peace Education Special Interest Group
Comparative and International Education Society
Conference
Toronto, Canada

Conference Theme: Revisioning Education for All

Education for All (EFA) was initially met with much optimism, but as global deadlines passed and benchmarks were not accomplished in many locales, policymakers, academicians, and civil society workers began to impugn this educational paradigm. Widening educational access has been lauded as a worthwhile goal; however debates about quality and equity seem to be often omitted from the equation. In this conference, we invite submissions that present social justice considerations of the promises and pitfalls of EFA.

We challenge the paradigm that further instrumentalizes education under the restrictive rubric of focusing on access. We continue to ask the pressing questions about educational content and quality. Educationalists who are concerned with process *and* product aver that any major re-visioning of EFA has to involve a social justice dimension. A re-visioning of EFA demands not just access 'for all' to education, but widened access in the reformulations of EFA so that parents, teachers, students, and other community members are integrally involved.

In Toronto we will address the exciting range of challenges posed by global discussions of educational quality and equity. Considering these challenges provides an outstanding opportunity to learn from the community of CIES members engaged in research, reform and innovation across the world.

The Peace Education SIG of the Comparative & International Education Society invites the submission of abstracts for individual papers and proposals for panels for the 2014 CIES conference to be held March 10-15, 2014 in Toronto, Canada. New this year, we are seeking proposals for posters sessions – groups of individual posters organized on a common theme, topic, question, method etc., and presented as part of a group session. Common at AERA, this is a highly effective way of presenting a joint book or research project in which there are multiple sub-projects or parallel chapters being produced. Group poster sessions may include a brief introduction by the session proposer.

The conference theme for 2014 is **Revisioning Education for All**, and the Peace Education SIG invites in particular contributions that address the concept of *educational equity* as it relates to the design and implementation of educational programs aimed at furthering peace, justice, and human rights. Among the questions we will consider in Toronto are:

- How can peace education interrogate the potential for EFA to overly narrow the scope 'education', and thereby foreclose possibilities for diverse alternatives?
- In the context of peace education, how do we understand educational access, quality and equity?
- What role does peace education play in re-visioning EFA?

The CIES Peace Education Special Interest Group (SIG) was initiated in 2005 to bring together members of the Comparative and International Education Society with common interests in the study of peace and conflict, human rights, and social justice in education. At the upcoming CIES conference in Toronto, the Peace Education SIG will host highlighted panels that correspond to the overall conference theme. Past panels have discussed issues of race, class, gender, and dis/ability issues within peace education; situated meanings of peace and violence in diverse

contexts; alternative, transformative methods of promoting equitable peace; peace and diversity with a focus on equity, access, and opportunity; building trans-cultural/intercultural borderlands that respect difference; dialogue in peace education practice and theory; human rights education; the dialectic between peace educator/learner within a framework of critical pedagogy; and the evaluation of peace education through the lens of equity and accountability.

The early submission deadline for the 2014 conference is October 4, 2013 (final submission deadline of October 25, 2013). All proposals MUST be submitted via the CIES 2014 website; please be sure to select PEACE EDUCATION Special Interest group when submitting your proposal. Authors of proposals selected for presentation through the Peace Education SIG at the conference will be required to be Peace Education SIG Members. The Peace Education SIG will host a business meeting at the conference where prospective members can learn more about the SIG and its activities. This year we are hoping to have at least 2 highlighted sessions in the conference program. Like previous years proposals that are not accepted for the Peace Education SIG will be reviewed for inclusion in the conference's general pool. Once again, this year we hope to have many Peace Education related panels in the general program.

If you are not proposing a paper or panel please consider volunteering to be a reviewer.

Individual, panel and poster proposals must follow the guidelines and requirements of proposal submission of the 2014 conference.

We look forward to a stimulating discussion in Toronto,

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