



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BEYOND THE CRISIS

**SOCIAL JUSTICE,
SOLIDARITY AND
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.**

EECERA
27TH CONFERENCE
BOLOGNA - ITALY
29TH AUGUST - 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Prof. Michel Vandenbroeck - Ghent University, Belgium
- Prof. Susanna Mantovani - University of Milano Bicocca, Italy
- Prof. Susan Grieshaber - Monash University, Australia
- Prof. Paulo Fochi - University of Unisinos, Brazil
- Joana de Sousa - AKF Foundation and Childhood Association, Portugal).

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Prof. Lucia Balduzzi - University of Bologna, Italy.

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CONFERENCE THEME

ECE beyond the crisis: social justice, solidarity and children's rights

The theme of the 27th conference 'ECE beyond the crisis: social justice, solidarity and children's rights' aspires to open a space for debate on the value of early childhood education services (from birth to 8 years) in contemporary times. In times of austerity, political realignments and renegotiation of national and international agreements, evidence-based research studies are increasingly needed to make the argument for investing and sustaining early childhood services compelling. The human capital and social investment paradigms that underpin such evidence are increasingly shaping the construction of childhood and education services which stand at the centre of rebuilding our society for a socially just, inclusive and stable future. The conference aims to create a forum where a thought-provoking discussion on these issues takes place, by challenging and problematising the competing paradigms that are currently influencing research, policies and practices in the ECE field.

STRANDS

1. VALUES AND VALUE EDUCATION
2. CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY
3. ECEC CONTEXTS, TRANSITION & PRACTICES
4. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY & PARTICIPATION
5. PLAY & LEARNING
6. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
7. INNOVATIVE/ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES
8. LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
9. PROFESSIONALISM & TEACHER'S ROLE
10. LEADERSHIP & QUALITY
11. CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT
12. PARADIGMS, THEORIES & METHODOLOGIES
13. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH IN ECEC.

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LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Fondazione Alma Mater

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstract submission: **3rd March 2017**

Formal confirmation of selected papers: **5th May 2017**

Deadline for early registration fees: **9th June 2017**

Last date for cancellation with refund minus handling charges for registration: **14th July 2017**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Preconference: **Tuesday 29th August 2017**

14.00 - 18.30 Registration

18.30 - 21.30 Welcome Reception

Day 1: **Wednesday 30th August**

08.00 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 09.30 Conference Opening

09.30 - 12.00 Keynotes

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 17.30 Conference Programme

Day 2: **Thursday 31st August**

08.00 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 12.30 Conference Programme

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 17.30 Conference Programme

19.00 - 24.00 Gala Dinner

Day 3: **Friday 1st September**

08.00 - 09.30 Registration

09.30 - 12.00 Keynotes

12.00 - 13.00 Conference Closing

AIMS OF EECERA ARE TO:

- Provide a relevant, rigorous, academic forum in Europe for the promotion, development and dissemination of high quality multidisciplinary research into early childhood education;
- Facilitate collaboration and cooperation between European researchers in this field and the wider early childhood community across the world;
- Encourage a clear articulation and communication of the links between research, practice and policy;
- Offer interaction, development, and support to those interested in early childhood education;
- Raise the visibility and status of European research on early childhood education throughout the world.

CALL FOR PROPOSAL

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 organise 3 papers and a moderator around a common theme as a full session of 90 minutes including discussion. For a 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.eecera2017.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
- The name/s, institution/s and email address/es of the presenter/s and co-author/s (for multi-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)
- Five keywords.

CONFERENCE ENQUIRIES

Further information about the conference will be available at www.eecera2017.org from 1st October 2016. Questions about proposals or the conference programme can be addressed to: Prof. Lucia Balduzzi and Dr. Arianna Lazzari, EECERA 2017 Conference Chairs via enquiries@eecera2017.org.

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

REGISTRATION

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

ACCOMMODATION

Bologna boasts a wide range of accommodation to suit all budgets. Please visit the EECERA 2017 website for more information on accommodation.

CONFERENCE VENUE

University of Bologna including Department of Education "Giovanni Maria Bertin", School of Economics, Aula Magna Santa Lucia and Complesso Belmeloro.

CONFERENCE FEES

- 450€ for bookings up to 9th June 2017;
- 390€ reduced fee for EECERA members up to 9th June 2017;
- 505€ for bookings after 9th June 2017;
- Student discount on application.

The fee covers access to all keynotes and symposia, abstract book, tea & coffee, two buffet lunches & reception evening. Please note accommodation, travel, social programmes and gala dinner are not included.

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