

Call for Abstracts

The 2nd ESTEC Conference Theme: **Navigating the Present, Charting the Future: Transforming Educational Research into Practice in CAMCA Countries**

The CAMCA Academic Consortium in partnership with American University of Central Asia, Central-Asia Caucasus Institute and Rumsfeld Foundation

Conference Date: June 11, 2024 (9:00-16:00*) In-person only

* subject to change

Location: The American University of Central Asia campus

Submission Deadline: May 10th, 2024

We are excited to announce the call for abstracts for our upcoming conference focused on the theme, "Navigating the Present, Charting the Future: Transforming Educational Research into Practice in CAMCA Countries." This conference aims to bring together scholars, educators, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss and share insights on the current educational landscape and future directions in Central Asia, Mongolia, Caucasus, and Afghanistan (CAMCA) region. We invite contributions that explore

innovative research, practices, and strategies for advancing education in these diverse regions.

As we gather to explore the multifaceted educational landscape of the CAMCA region, it is crucial to recognize both the challenges and opportunities present in transforming educational research into effective practice. In this dynamic region, characterized by its rich cultural and historical diversity, education systems face unique challenges. These include addressing rural-urban disparities in access to education, integrating technology in classrooms, and developing curricula that reflect both local and global perspectives.

Moreover, the CAMCA region grapples with bridging the gap between traditional educational practices and contemporary global standards. This includes ensuring educational equality for all, including marginalized communities, and fostering critical thinking and innovation among students.

On the flip side, the region brims with opportunities. There is a growing enthusiasm for digital learning platforms and educational technologies, which can leapfrog traditional barriers to education. The diverse cultural heritage of the CAMCA countries provides a rich base for developing unique educational content that can enhance global understanding and cooperation.

Additionally, there is an increasing recognition of the importance of education in fostering economic development and stability in the region. This has led to greater investment and interest in educational reforms and innovations.

Our second ESTEC Conference seeks abstracts that not only address these challenges but also highlight the potential for transformative practices and policies that can shape the future of education in the CAMCA region. We look forward to your contributions that can offer fresh perspectives, propose solutions, and foster collaborations for the advancement of education in this vibrant region.

Themes and Topics:

Submissions are invited, but not limited to, the following key areas:

- Innovative Teaching and Learning Practices in CAMCA
- Education Policy and Reform in the Face of Societal Changes
- Technological Advancements and Digital Education Trends
- Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Education Systems
- Teacher Professional Development and Educational Leadership
- Overcoming Challenges in Education in Post-Conflict and Developing Areas
- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy in Diverse Educational Settings
- Sustainability and Education for Sustainable Development

Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words, written in English.

Include a brief biography of the author(s) (up to 100 words).

Indicate the preferred presentation format (e.g., oral, poster, workshop).

Review Process:

Each abstract will undergo a double-blind peer review by the conference committee. Selection will be based on relevance to the theme, originality, and potential contribution to the field.

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 10th

Notification of Acceptance: May 15th

Conference Program sent to participants: May 25th

Conference Date: June 11, 2024

Conference Registration Cost: Free of charge

Contact Information:

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Submit your abstracts via: https://forms.gle/scCQDJbERMQAJeND8

We look forward to your submissions!