



**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS  
WERA FOCAL MEETING  
DEADLINE: 1 February 1 23:59 GMT  
September 8-11, 2015  
Budapest, Hungary**

The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites submissions for papers and symposia for the WERA Focal Meeting to be held in Budapest, Hungary on September 8 to 11, 2015. WERA is an association of major national, regional, and specialty education research associations dedicated to sharing scholarship, developing networks, and mutually supporting capacity building. The Focal Meeting is an integral part of the European Conference on Educational Research (ECER), 2015. The Focal Meeting consists of a strand of paper and symposium sessions on topics of world-wide scope that are embedded in the program of a WERA member association.

WERA symposia and paper sessions are intended to complement and extend those presented at the main conference under the ECER Call for Papers. In general, the WERA Focal Meeting seeks to feature research that includes more than one country or is comparative, cross-cultural, international, or transnational in conceptualization, scope, or design. Paper submissions need to meet these criteria; symposia submissions can include papers from single sites or countries as long as the presentations combined are from different countries and the aims of the symposium are anchored in worldwide or global issues. In 2015, eligible papers or symposium may include European countries but should not be exclusively focused on European countries to be eligible for the WERA Call. Duplicate submission through the ECER and WERA online submission systems is not allowed.

**Who Should Submit?**

Scholars and advanced graduate students worldwide whose research extends beyond a single-country site and includes a country beyond Europe are encouraged to submit papers to the WERA Focal Meeting. Scholars wishing to organize symposia that feature research paper presentations from multiple countries or parts of the world are also encouraged to submit.

**Scope of Focal Meeting**

The scope of the Focal Meeting is wide in its reach to include studies across the life span from early learning to workforce and adult education and that take place in formal and informal contexts of education and learning. The emphasis of the Focal Meeting is on papers and

symposia with a lens that is worldwide in perspective. Otherwise there is no restriction on the education research topics appropriate for consideration, although priority will be given to submissions that focus on research and findings addressed to significant trends, issues, and challenges worldwide.

### **Guidelines for Submission to WERA Focal Meeting**

Paper and symposia submissions must be submitted through the online portal on the WERA website at <https://wera.site-ym.com/?FocalBudapest>.

Submissions can be saved and work completed later, as long as it is finalized by the deadline. Submissions must be completed by 1 February 1 23:59 Central European Time.

#### *Paper Submissions:*

Paper summaries are a maximum of 1300 words on: a.) "Proposal information /Research /Questions and Theoretical Approach" (600); b.) "Methods; and c.) "Conclusion & Findings, Scientific Significance" (300 words) in addition to the paper title, information on the authors, and so forth. Up to ten references may be included in the summary, and must be set forth in the reference list (up to 400 words). The submitter of the paper is responsible for submission, even if that individual is not the paper presenter.

#### *Symposium Submission:*

A symposium provides opportunities, not afforded by a single paper, to examine a specific education research problem or topic through an international, comparative, or worldwide lens and to bring to bear diverse perspectives, intensive discussion, or a wide range of expertise.

Symposium abstracts are a maximum of 600 words. Submissions also include 400-word summaries for each presentation/paper in a symposium, and allow for up to ten references for each presentation (200 Words references per presentation). References cited in the summaries must be set forth in the reference list.

Symposium proposals are submitted by an organizer who may or may not be a chair, presenter, or discussant. A WERA symposium can include a maximum of four presentations in addition to the chair. Participants include all presenters and any discussants.

If you would like to submit to the WERA Focal Meeting

- please login at <https://www.conftool.com/ecer2015>
- Choose WERA Focal Meeting if you would like to contribute to the WERA meeting.
- Remember to click the "Complete Submission" button in step 2!  
Once your submission is saved properly, you will receive an automatically generated confirmation email.

## Peer Review of Submissions

All submissions are peer reviewed by the WERA Review Committee. Criteria include the worldwide significance of the research questions, the soundness of the methodology, the appropriateness of the methods to the research questions, the importance of the findings, and the overall logic and clarity of the conclusions and implications of the research.

## Guidelines for Accepted Submissions

Presenting authors of accepted papers AND all participants in accepted symposia are expected to attend and register for the ECER 2015—site of the WERA Focal Meeting.

Combined ECER and WERA Conference registration will open at the beginning of April and will be available at <https://www.conftool.com/ecer2015>

Discounted early bird booking rates apply until 31 May 2015 after which full conference rates will apply.

Narrative papers for submissions must be submitted by online form by August 3, 2015. Also, a 250-word abstract suitable in publication must be included in this full-length submission. Submitted papers will be eligible for consideration for publication in the *World Education Research Yearbook*.

## Important Dates

December 1, 2014	Submission starts
February 1, 2015	Submission ends
April 1, 2015	Review results announced
April 1, 2015	Registration starts
May 31, 2015	Early bird ends
July 1, 2015	Presentation times announced
July 15, 2015	Registration Deadline
August 3, 2015	Submission of presentation papers to WERA
Sept. 8-11, 2015	ECER/WERA Conference
October 5, 2015	Submission of revised final paper to WERA, to be eligible for inclusion in WERA Yearbook

### Co-Chairs:

Liesel Ebersöhn, WERA Secretary General  
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