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Call for Proposals

The Micro and Macro Issues of Educational Research in the Global Community

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Proposal Submission Deadline: November 17, 2014

General Information

The CAERDA Annual International Conference serves as an open forum for interdisciplinary discussion and scholarly exchange of ideas among educational researchers and practitioners from around the world. The participants, with or without an ethnic Chinese background, present their current research and draw implications for issues related to CAERDA's mission to promote excellence in education for all, particularly among Chinese and Chinese Americans.

The conference program primarily consists of presentations selected through a blind peer-review process. In addition, there are invited presentations, symposia, and panel discussions that feature the annual conference theme. Selected high quality presentations will be invited to submit their work to the *New Waves Journal*, the CAERDA's peer-reviewed online journal, or an annual feature publication in the CAERDA book series.

The CAERDA Conference is held immediately before the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) at the same location. This affiliation provides added convenience and enriched experience for conference attendees to participate in the programs of both conferences. The 2015 conference will take place in April 15-16, 2015 at one of the AERA headquarter hotels in Chicago, Illinois, USA. At the annual conference, CAERDA will also arrange for various special programs, including **Invited Sessions** and **Promising Scholars** Sessions (for early career researchers).

Conference Theme

The theme of the 2015 CAERDA Conference is "*The Micro and Macro Issues of Educational Research in the Global Community.*" As the world is turning into one global village within which we all share resources, it is more important than ever that we recognize individual beliefs and values from diverse groups across the world to promote a safe and harmonious learning environment. Educational researchers and practitioners from all over the world are obligated to create such a dialogue that will bring us together to work toward the common goal of a better future for our next generation. We are particularly interested in proposals for research that address the conference theme in the following disciplinary areas:

Sub-theme 1:   Curriculum development and classroom practices, within regional and global contexts (including PreK-12 education, general education and special education, higher education)

Sub-theme 2:   Family, school, and community partnerships, from multicultural perspectives in one particular region or from the global perspective across regions

Sub-theme 3:   Educational research methods, student performance, assessment, and program evaluation

Sub-theme 4:   Teacher education in general education and special education in the global community

Sub-theme 5:   Educational technology and online education in the global community

Sub-theme 6:   Educational policies, resources, and leadership in the global community

In keeping with the CAERDA conference tradition, we also welcome studies on other areas of research and practice that may not be directly related to the conference theme, but contribute to the understanding of curriculum, instruction, policy, and educational research, or the CAERDA's overall mission to promote excellence in education for all.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, proposal submission, review, and notification, please visit the CAERDA website (http://www.caerda.org) or the direct Conference link (http://www.caerda.org/2015_chicago_international_con.php).

Types of Proposals

Individual proposal. An individual proposal involves a single *paper* or *poster* with one or more authors. All accepted papers are categorized by themes into either paper or poster sessions by the Conference Co-Chairs and Associate Chairs. You may indicate your preference for a paper or poster presentation, we will consider your request, but there is no guarantee that we will be able to meet your request. Each individual proposal should include: (a) purpose(s) and significance, (b) theoretical framework or literature review, (c) methods or modes of inquiry, (d) data sources if empirical research, (e) results, and (f) conclusion.

Session proposal. A session proposal is for a *symposium* with multiple presentations to examine a specific topic from various perspectives or to engage in intensive discussions. Sessions are generally scheduled for 1½-hour periods and include four to six presentations or participants. The organizer of the session must identify the

session Chair and Discussant and provide the title, abstract, objectives of the session, a brief summary of the presentations, scholarly or scientific significance of the session, and the structure of the session.

Proposal Submission

Dates: Proposals are accepted beginning on **August 18, 2014** and ending on **November 17 (by 11:59pm, EST), 2014**. All proposals must be submitted electronically at http://www.caerda.org/2015_chicago_international_con.php through the Online Proposal Submission System. **Proposals submitted by fax, mail, or e-mail will NOT be accepted**.

Format: Submitters may prepare the proposal using a word processing program such as Microsoft Word and copy and paste each section in the online proposal submission space provided by the system or enter the information directly in that space. Submitters may also convert their word documents into PDF and then upload their files online. Both English and Chinese proposals are accepted. All paper submissions must contain **NO author identification.**

Length: All proposals should include a title and an abstract (**50-75 words**). The titles for all accepted proposals will be included in the conference program book. An individual proposal should be **300-500 words** and a session proposal should be **600-1,000** words (excluding references, title, and abstract). Include the word count of the proposal in parentheses at the end of the proposal. The session proposal should describe the session objective in measurable terms (**about 200 words**) and a brief summary of each presentation (**about 100 to 150 words** for each of four to six presentations).

Eligibility: Both CAERDA members and non-members with or without an ethnic Chinese background are welcome to submit proposals for review. An individual may not appear as first author on more than two proposals. The proposal must present original research that has not been publicly disseminated elsewhere. If the proposal content is adapted from a previously presented or published study, it must include new insights in scope and/or depth.

Multiple submissions: You may submit a proposal that has been submitted elsewhere but has not been accepted at the time of submission to CAERDA. Once the proposal has been accepted elsewhere, you must notify the Conference Co-Chairs to withdraw your submission immediately. You may NOT present the paper with the same content at more than one conference.

Procedures and Policies

Review Process: All proposals will be blind-reviewed by at least two reviewers. Evaluation criteria include the following: topic (originality, significance, and relevance to the conference theme and the CAERDA mission), theoretical framework (rationale, literature review, and theoretical grounding), method (design, data collection, analytical procedure, and interpretation), significance (conclusion, implications, and contributions), quality of writing (clarity, organization, and style), and audience appeal (popularity and scholarship). **Proposals not adhering to the required format or length will be rejected immediately without peer reviews.**

Notification: Only proposal and session submitters will receive notification of decision in *December 2014*. The proposal and session submitters are responsible for notifying all participants within any proposal or session. All presenting authors must register for the conference.

Full Paper: If your proposal is accepted in a paper session, you **must** submit your full paper electronically to the Co-Chairs by *March 18, 2015*. If your proposal is accepted as a poster presentation or as a symposium, you must follow the relevant presentation guidelines (available on the CAERDA website at a later date).

Withdrawal: If after your proposal is accepted and you are unable to attend the conference, please notify the Conference Co-Chairs by *March 28, 2015* to withdraw your presentation from the conference program. After March 28, 2015, no withdrawal will be accepted and it is the responsibility of the submitter to delegate another person to present.

For questions, comments, or suggestions for this conference, please contact:

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