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Chinese American Educational Research and Development Association

Zhanjiang International Conference
Call for Proposals

Quality Education and Innovative Instruction

Zhanjiang, Guangdong, China
December 22-25, 2017

Conference Co-Chairs: Wei Huang, Barry Bai

Proposal Submission Deadline: September 30, 2017

Jointly hosted by Lingnan Normal University

I.   General Information

The Chinese American Educational Research and Development Association (CAERDA), affiliated with the American Educational Research Association (AERA), is an international professional organization of educators and educational researchers. It is committed to the excellence in learning and instruction across the educational spectrum. CAERDA holds an annual international conference in the United States. The conference serves as an open forum for interdisciplinary discussion and scholarly exchange of ideas. Through this forum, educational researchers and practitioners can present their original research and draw implications for a broad educational community. The conference program primarily consists of empirical studies selected through a blind peer-review process. Additionally, there are invited presentations, symposia, and panel discussions that feature an annual conference theme. Selected high quality papers are invited to submit to CAERDA's peer-reviewed online journal, *the New Waves-Educational Research and Development*, or to CAERDA's featured publication in its book series.

In order to provide an additional venue for the vast majority of colleagues in China to exchange research ideas and findings besides its annual conference in the United States, CAERDA has already held two special international conferences outside the United States successfully. One was held in Xi'an in 2014 and the other in Taichung in 2015. Invited by Lingnan Normal University, CAERDA is going to have its third international conference in Zhanjiang City, Guangdong Province, China.

Zhanjiang City is located on the Leizhou Peninsula, the southern end of Mainland China. As a seaside garden city, Zhanjiang is famous for its beautiful scenery, subtropical climate, green vegetation and delicious seafood. Particularly in December, visitors still can enjoy a very pleasant weather and beautiful scenery, which makes Zhanjiang an ideal place to hold such an international conference.

II.   Conference Theme

Nowadays, student-centeredness, cooperative learning, and dialogical teaching and learning are some of the popular themes in the educational setting all over the world. Equally important are students' development of intelligence, personality, interpersonal skills, and ability to engage in social services, among other important issues, which should be explored both theoretically and practically. In order to address these issues, CAERDA has set "*Quality education and innovative instruction*" as the main theme for this international conference to be held and sponsored by Lingnan Normal University.

This timely conference aims to bring educators and researchers from around the world to critically examine the educational policies, practices, and assessments in China, the United States, and even the whole world. Of course, this will turn out to be a great opportunity for making new friends and furthering communication between different disciplines.

While we are interested in proposals that are directly related to the conference theme, we also

welcome proposals in other areas of research that contribute to the broad understanding of the following disciplinary areas:

Area 1 Pre-school, primary, secondary and higher education (e.g., literacy, mathematics, languages, science, and natural history)

Area 2 Adult education, community education, and other informal education (e.g., immigrants program, employment program, and literacy)

Area 3 Curriculum making and implementation or instruction (e.g., digital technology in education, innovative pedagogical practices, or curriculum designs)

Area 4 Educational research methods

Area 5 Moral education and its assessment

Area 6 Policy studies, educational economics and management, educational leadership

Area 7 Comparative cultural and educational studies

III. Types of Proposals

Paper proposal: A paper 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 committee. You may indicate your preference for a paper or poster presentation (and we will carefully consider your request), but there is no guarantee that we will be able to meet your request. Each individual proposal should include the following components: (a) Purpose of the Study; (b) Theoretical Framework; (c) Methods; (d) Data Sources; (e) Results; (f) Discussion/Conclusion; (g) Significance of the Study.

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

IV. Proposal Submission

Dates: Proposals are accepted beginning on **June 19, 2017** and ending on **September 30, 2017**.

Methods: All proposals must be submitted electronically at http://www.caerda.org/conference/index.html through the Online Proposal Submission System. Proposals submitted by fax, mail, or e-mail will NOT be accepted.

Formats: Authors may prepare their proposals using Microsoft Word and copy and paste each section in the online proposal submission space provided by the system or enter the relevant information directly in that space. Do not include figures or tables. Proposals prepared in English and Chinese are both acceptable.

Length: All proposals should include a title (no more than 15 words) and an abstract (no more than 75 words). The titles for all accepted proposals will be included in the conference program. An individual proposal should be 300-500 words and a session proposal should be 600-1000 words (excluding references, title, and abstract). The session proposal should describe the session objective (about 200 words) and a brief summary of each individual presentation (about 100 to 150 words for each of the four to six presentations) within the session. Please note that **WE WILL NOT CONSIDER** any proposal that exceeds the word limit.

Eligibility: Both CAERDA members and non-members with or without an ethnic Chinese background may 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 published elsewhere. If the proposal content is adapted from a previously presented or published study, it must include significant new insights to be considered.

Multiple submissions: You may submit a proposal that has been submitted elsewhere but has not been accepted at the time of submission to the CAERDA conference. 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.

V.   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), 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).

Notification: Proposal submitters will receive notification of decision by **October 30, 2017.** Only the first/correspondence author (for co-authored papers) and the organizer (for symposiums) will be notified of the acceptance (or non-acceptance) of the proposal. The first author/correspondence author or session organizer is responsible for notifying all participants involved.

Withdrawal: If you are unable to attend the conference, please notify the Conference Co-Chairs before **November 10, 2017** to withdraw your presentation from the conference program. After November 10, 2017, no withdrawal will be accepted, and it is the responsibility of the presenter(s) to delegate another person to present.

For questions about this International Conference, please contact Conference contact persons:

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