

# First Call for Contributions

European Society for Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA)

- Active Democratic Citizenship and Adult Learning Network -

and

University of Minho

Unit for Adult Education

announce the 2007 ADC Network Seminar

Changing Relationships between the State, Civil Society and the Citizen:

Implications for adult education and adult learning

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University of Minho - Campus de Gualtar

Braga, Portugal

The Unit for Adult Education and the ESREA Active Democratic Citizenship and Adult Learning Network invite researchers and adult education professionals to consider the following themes in terms of empirical evidence, theoretical analysis and educational practice:

- tensions and shifts in the relationship between the State, civil society and the citizen, and the implications of these for adult education and adult learning;
- the (re)invention and (re)creation of practices in new contexts of adult education and learning;
- the emergence of civil society organizations (both NGOs and enterprises) as well as new State interventions in the field of adult education and adult learning;
- changes in social movements (both 'old' and 'new' social movements) which affect adult education and adult learning.

## The Organizers

### University of Minho and the Unit for Adult Education

The University of Minho was founded in 1973 and began its academic activity in 1975/76. It is renowned for the quality of its teaching and its students, the public recognition given to its alumni, and for its interventions in and strong links with the local community and the surrounding region. It has a student population of 16.000, of which 1.900 are postgraduates, 1.200 teaching staff, of whom 850 hold a PhD, and 600 administrative and technical staff. Throughout the years the University has achieved a high reputation as an institution of learning and leadership, combining strategic vision with a capacity to innovate, and rigorous scientific, academic, administrative and financial management.

The University of Minho is organised in Schools and Institutes, and includes Cultural Units such as the Unit for Adult Education. This was created in 1982, as part of the Project of Adult Education which was initiated in 1976 with the support of the Swedish International Development Authority and the University of Linköping.

The objectives of the Unit for Adult Education are: to create and develop courses for adult education teachers, organisers, trainers and supervisors as well as leaders of local development agencies, popular organizations and voluntary associations; to study the contexts and practices of adult education, carrying out fieldwork, disseminating results and intervening through action-research projects; to support and supervise, scientifically and pedagogically, research and socio-educative intervention projects promoted by schools, associations, co-operatives, enterprises, public services, autonomous bodies, etc.; to stimulate and support the development of participatory methodologies in which adult learners actively participate in the conception, organisation, management and evaluation of the work; to establish networks of scientific, pedagogical and financial co-operation with national, foreign and international partners.

This seminar is the outcome of cooperation between the Unit for Adult Education and the European Society for Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA).

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### ESREA Active Democratic Citizenship and Adult Learning Network

The Network has been active since 1990, and has organized international research seminars in Wroclaw, Poland (1994), Strobl, Austria (1997), Poznan, Poland (1999), Bochum, Germany (2001), Leuven, Belgium (2003) and Tallin, Estonia (2005).

### ***Convenor***

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### **2007 ADC Network Seminar**

The 2007 ADC Network Seminar is open to everyone who is producing empirical, theoretical or practical work which is relevant to the theme *Changing Relationships between the State, Civil Society and the Citizen: Implications for adult education and adult learning*. The meeting is intended to be an open and creative opportunity for both informal discussion in **workshops** and the more formal presentation of papers in **seminars**.

### **The Scientific Committee**

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### **Call for proposals/synopses**

The Scientific Committee invites proposals/synopses which address one or more of the seminar themes identified above. Proposals/synopses, which should be submitted in English, should be one A4 page in length (Font 12 Times New Roman). They should indicate which theme(s) they address and whether presentation will take the form of an informal workshop or a more formal seminar. NB Presentations can also be made in Portuguese, in which case informal translation will be provided.

Deadline for receipt of proposals/synopses: **27 February 2007**.

Proposals should be sent to: [adc2007seminar@gmail.com](mailto:adc2007seminar@gmail.com)

The Scientific Committee will be responsible for the assessment and the selection of proposals/synopses. Notification of acceptance will be given by **31 March 2007**.

### **Participation in workshops and seminars**

#### ***Workshops***

Workshops are intended to present opportunities for discussion and debate focusing on issues and concerns of common interest. Apart from the proposal, no formal paper/document is required (although presenters are advised to work to a prepared text).

#### ***Seminar presentations***

Papers for more formal presentation in seminars must be submitted by **30 April 2007** so that they can be made available participants. Papers should be sent to: [adc2007seminar@gmail.com](mailto:adc2007seminar@gmail.com)

### **Additional information**

#### ***Seminar fee***

ESREA members: € 100  
Non-ESREA members: € 150  
PhD students: € 50

The seminar fee includes attendance at all sessions, materials and proceedings, and refreshments.

Bursaries for Ph.D. students will be available on application. For more information, please contact Michal Bron Jr

### **Seminar venue**

The seminar will take place at the Campus of Gualtar of the University of Minho in Braga. The campus provides good facilities for internet connection, data presentation and photocopying.

### **Accommodation in Braga**

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation. The following hotels have agreed to make specially reduced rates available for this purpose:

Hotel Lamações (5 minutes walk from the Campus of Gualtar)

Single room: €33

Double room: €40

[http:// www.hotel-lamacaes.com](http://www.hotel-lamacaes.com)

Hotel do Parque/Hotel do Elevador/Hotel do Templo (in Bom Jesus Hill, water elevator – 5 minutes - and 20 minutes walk from the Campus of Gualtar, 5 minutes by taxi)

Single room: € 61

Double room: € 73

<http://www.hoteisbomjesus.pt>

Albergaria Sr.a-a-Branca (in Braga town centre, 25 minutes walk from the Campus of Gualtar, 10 minutes by bus)

Single room: €35

Double room: €45

<http://www.albergariasabranca.pt>

Albergaria Bracara Augusta (in Braga town centre, 30 minutes walk from the Campus of Gualtar, 10 minutes by bus)

Single room: €35

Double room: €45

<http://www.bracraaugusta.com>

Hotel D. Sofia (in Braga town centre, 40 minutes walk from the Campus of Gualtar, 10 minutes by bus)

Single room: €43,5

Double room: €58

[http:// www.aeiou.pt/registos/h/Hotel\\_Residencial\\_D\\_Sofia.html](http://www.aeiou.pt/registos/h/Hotel_Residencial_D_Sofia.html)

*NB When booking accommodation at any of the above hotels, please make specific reference to ESREA and the Unit for Adult Education in order to benefit from special rates.*

### **Portugal**

Information about Portugal: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal>

### **Braga**

Information about Braga: <http://www.braga.com.pt>; <http://www.cm-braga.com.pt/turismo/tursimo.asp>

### Travelling to Braga

The best way to travel to Braga from abroad is to fly to Oporto Airport. A taxi to Braga is then the fastest and simplest option, costing about € 60. It is also possible to catch the Light Train to Campanhã and then another train from Campanhã to Braga. Within Braga taxi is the best way of getting to hotels etc.

More information: <http://www.cp.pt>; <http://www.metroporto.pt>

If flying to Lisbon, a train to Braga can be caught from either Lisboa St. a Apolónia or Estação do Oriente. There are several rail connections a day between Lisbon and Braga. The journey takes about 4 hours.

More information: <http://www.cp.pt>

For more information on the 2007 ADC Network Seminar, please contact:

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