

# ESREA

European Society for Research on the Education of Adults

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## *Call for papers*

### ***ESREA: The 6<sup>th</sup> European Research Conference***

Adult Learning in Europe – understanding diverse meanings and contexts

23-26 September 2010, Linköping University, Sweden

Adult education or lifelong learning or adult learning? Debates about choice of words announce differences in what we conceive of as our research field. Not only do the concepts vary, but also the contexts which we think are proper study objects: it can be learning at work, civic education, formal adult education, higher education or folkbildning (popular/liberal adult education) or informal learning among adults. Behind these labels are practices, which have been shaped into local versions. We need to explore this diversity in order to better understand each other's research. By making differences understood we might be clearer about what we have in common. A concrete manifestation of the theme will be to give some space for conversation comparing the concepts and contexts in the papers presented in each session.

### **Keynotes**

Professor Karen Evans, University of London

Professor, Dr Wiltrud Giesecke, Humboldt-University in Berlin

Professor Tomasz Szkudlarek, Gdansk University.

### **Abstracts**

You are invited to submit an abstract addressing the conference theme. We welcome abstracts from all fields of research on adult learning. Contributions from colleagues all around the world are welcome. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words. **The deadline for submission of abstracts is January 15, 2010.**

The Scientific Committee of ESREA 2010 is responsible for the selection of the submitted abstracts. **Latest notification of acceptance is March 1, 2010.**

Please submit abstracts in two separate files: one including the paper title, the name, address, e-mail of each author; and the second one including the paper title and abstract. Please send your abstract in RTF-format.

Abstracts should be submitted to Karin Simu at: [karin.simu@liu.se](mailto:karin.simu@liu.se)

## **Papers**

Completed papers should be submitted by August 16, 2010 and sent to: [karin.simu@liu.se](mailto:karin.simu@liu.se)  
Please send your paper in RTF-format.

## **Information for contributors of Abstracts/Papers**

- A paper is proposed and submitted in the form of an abstract by one person. Up to three other people can be named as co-authors in the abstract proposal.
- For each participant, a maximum of two such proposals may be submitted in which the person is named as an author or co-author.
- The abstract proposal must indicate which of the named authors will be presenting the paper. All those authors attending must register for the ESREA 2010 Conference.
- The author or one of the named co-authors is responsible for communicating with the ESREA Conference Organizers about the paper.
- The conference organizers will allocate a chairperson and a discussant for each paper.
- Accepted abstracts will be downloadable in PDF-format on the Conference website [www.liu.se/esrea2010](http://www.liu.se/esrea2010) Full conference papers will be downloadable on the website exclusively by the conference participants with a login.

## **Criteria for Review of Abstracts**

Abstracts for papers are welcome from all fields of research on adult learning. The criteria used in reviewing each abstract will be as follows:

- Should be directly related to specified aspects of adult learning;
- Should make reference to a theoretical framework, involve systematic enquiry of an analytic or empirical nature;
- Background, method, results and implications should be set out clearly in a manner which is accessible to an international audience.

## **Language**

The abstract, the paper and its presentation should be in English. Simultaneous translation will not be available in plenary sessions. However, in line with the ESREA language policy, efforts will be made to provide some translation in the parallel sessions.

Please bear in mind when presenting a paper that you are speaking to an international audience, the majority of whom may not be familiar with your own country let alone its adult educational system. Please avoid the use of acronyms and do not use expressions which relate to your adult educational system without providing a contextualization.

## **Publication**

Submitted papers will be put on a CD which will be distributed with the conference pack distributed when arriving at the conference venue.

The conference organizers will review and select a number of papers for inclusion in an edited collection.

### **ESREA 2010 PhD student award**

One of the papers written by a PhD student will be awarded with the ESREA PhD student prize consisting of 250 Euros. The selection will be made by the scientific committee of the conference and cannot be overruled.

### **Important dates 2010**

*January 15* Deadline for submission of abstracts

*March 1* Acceptance of abstracts will be confirmed

*April 1* Deadline for early bird registration (If payment have not been received by this date, the higher fee will be applicable)

*June 1* Final deadline for registration and payment of the conference fee

*August 16* Final papers must be submitted

*September 22* Pre Conference for PhD-students

*September 23-26* Date of the conference

### **Registration**

Please register at our website: [www.liu.se/esrea2010](http://www.liu.se/esrea2010)

### **Conference fees**

ESREA-members registered and paid by April 1	225 EURO
ESREA-members after April 1	300 EURO
Non-members registered and paid by April 1	300 EURO
Non members after April 1	350 EURO
PhD Students registered and paid by April 1	100 EURO
PhD Students after April 1	125 EURO
Conference Dinner September 25	35 EURO

PhD students who have full time positions as lecturers should pay the full conference fee.

### **Scientific committee**

Professor Lars-Owe Dahlgren, Linköping University

Professor Per-Erik Ellström, Linköping University

Associate Professor Andreas Fejes, Secretary of ESREA

Professor Ewa Kurantowicz, University of Lower Silesia, AAE

Associate Professor Ann-Marie Laginder, Linköping University

Professor Staffan Larsson, Linköping University

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Dr Barbara Merrill, University of Warwick

Professor Henning Salling Olesen, Roskilde University  
Professor Danny Wildemeersch, University of Leuven

### **Organizing committee**

Associate Professor Ann-Marie Laginder, Linköping University (Chair)  
Associate Professor Kenneth Abrahamsson  
Professor Madeleine Abrandt Dahlgren, Linköping University  
Associate Professor Per Andersson, Linköping University  
Professor Lars-Owe Dahlgren, Linköping University  
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Professor Staffan Larsson, Linköping University

### **Further information**

The website [www.liu.se/esrea2010](http://www.liu.se/esrea2010) will be updated continuously, but if you cannot find the answers to your questions on our website, please contact one of the following:

Questions regarding practical issues, such as fees and accommodation can be answered by Ulla Nilsson, [ulla.nilsson@liu.se](mailto:ulla.nilsson@liu.se)

Other questions can be directed to Ann-Marie Laginder, [ann-marie-laginder@liu.se](mailto:ann-marie-laginder@liu.se)

## ***Pre Conference for PhD-students September 22***

### **Developing Graduate Research Capabilities**

**22 September 2010, Linköping University, Sweden**

A pre-conference for graduate-students, focused on the theme “Developing Graduate Research Capabilities” will be organized on September 22 starting at 9 in the morning. The pre-conference is based on workshops lead by leading professors from different parts of the world within the area of adult learning. The aim is to create a space for graduate-students to problematize and discuss important issues related to the practice of doing a PhD/EdD. Subthemes will be:

- Supervision
- The art of writing
- How to publish

Participants will be asked to read some articles and prepare questions in relation to the theme prior to the conference.

As this is a workshop based pre-conference, there will be no room for paper presentations. However, we would like to encourage graduate-students to submit abstracts to the main conference no later than January 15, 2010 as outlined previously in this call for papers.

The pre-conference is free of charge.

A more detailed program for the pre-conference will be available on the website [www.liu.se/esrea2010](http://www.liu.se/esrea2010) at the beginning of 2010.

### ***Bursaries and support to participating graduate- students***

As a way to support graduate-student's participation in the conference, there will be 16 bursaries available in the form of free accommodation during the entire conference (from September 21 to September 26). To be able to apply, one needs to be a graduate student (e.g. PhD-student, EdD-student, master student); a member of ESREA (either individual or covered by an institutional membership) and one need to submit a paper to the main conference.

The bursary will cover accommodation costs at a youth hostel at the university campus and transportation costs from the hostel to the conference venue each day. Each room has four beds (thus you will share a room with three other participants). There will be separate rooms for females and males.

The hostel is located at a walking distance to the pre-conference venue, and there are good bus connections to the main conference venue (15 minutes bus ride).

Applications should be submitted no later than June 1, 2010. However, a first-come first-served procedure will apply.

Applications or questions regarding the application procedure should be directed to the secretary of ESREA Andreas Fejes at: [andreas.fejes@liu.se](mailto:andreas.fejes@liu.se)

### ***ESREA membership***

Membership of ESREA is open to all individuals and institutions engaged or interested in research on the education of adults and adult learning. Members of ESREA benefit from reduced registration fees for ESREA networks and conferences and they will also receive the ESREA newsletter several times each year with information on forthcoming ESREA activities, conferences and new books within the field of adult education and much more.

Membership fees for a calendar year are:

Individual member            50 EURO

PhD student members        25 EURO

(PhD students who have full time positions as lecturers should pay the full membership fee)

Institutional members       150 EURO

To become a members of ESREA fill out the form available at [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org) and send back to the secretariat. When the application has been received, the secretary will send an invoice for the membership fee which should be paid within three weeks.