11th Asian Diaspora Pre-Conference
June 7, 2018

in Conjunction with
59th Adult Education Research Conference (AERC)

The University of Victoria
Victoria, BC, Canada
June 8-10, 2018

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Deadline: February 1, 2018

The Eleventh Asian Diaspora Adult Education Pre-conference, in conjunction with the 59th Annual Adult Education Research Conference (AERC), will be held at the University of Victoria, Victoria, BC., Canada, June 7, 2018. This year’s preconference theme is: Lifelong Learning and Adult Education in the Changing Global Context: Perspectives from the East, the West to the Rest. The purpose of the Asian Diaspora Adult Education Pre-conference is to provide a forum for scholars/researchers, policymakers, adult educators and adult education graduate students among East, West, and the Rest, to exchange academic perspectives, dialogue for fuller understandings, and promote learning vigorously from each other.

In the global context, knowledge production becomes an active and applicable process that involves interconnections, collaboration, and engagement with the world. Reviewing theories, models, and practices of adult education and lifelong learning from different cultural traditions and societies enables us to seek broader concepts, richer theories, and alternative practices, and to make meanings in specific contexts and relative perspectives. This preconference hopes to become a meaningful vehicle for critical dialogues and exchanges between the East, the West, and the Rest. Proposals on lifelong learning/education and adult learning/education in the changing global context and other related topics are welcome to submit.
Proposal Submission Instructions

**Paper Proposal (45 minutes)**

Individual and panel presentation proposals relevant to the theme are welcome. We also encourage graduate students whose studies may be in process (i.e., masters study, doctoral research, etc.) to submit proposal and participate in this pre-conference. Other types of proposals may also be considered if deemed to be of value to the intended audience.

Please include the followings in your paper proposal:
- Proposal title (no author(s)’ name) and details as below on content page
- Abstract (100 words),
- Key Words (3-5 words),
- Purpose of Study,
- Research Questions/Position/Opinions supported by Literature,
- Methodology,
- Findings (if available), and
- Significance/Conclusion/Implications

**Panel Discussions (45 minutes)**

We invite faculty members and graduate students to submit their proposals for the panel discussions to share their research, reflections, observations, and experiences on and relevant to the theme.

In your submission, please include the following information:
- Author(s)’ name, position and affiliation, and proposal title on the cover page
- The title of your panel discussion
- Abstract (200 – 300 words)
Electronic Project Showcase
(10-15 minutes)

If you are not able to attend the conference physically, you have the option to present your work electronically. We invite students, faculty members, and researchers who have conducted research, worked with students from Asian countries or have Asian cultural heritage to submit a proposal and showcase their projects electronically.

We are especially interested in one of the followings:
• How to design and deliver learning activities to support adult learners from Asian heritage cultures.
• Your academic experiences in Asian countries and your understanding of why/what/how Asian students learn differently based on your observations and first-hand experience.

Please feel free to present the pictures and the physical sites that are relevant to your topic in your electronic presentation.

In your submission, please include the following information:
• Author(s)’ name, position and affiliation, and proposal title on the cover page
• The title of your panel discussion
• Abstract (100 - 200 words)
• Indicate a format of your showcase: video, Skype/Zoom or other formats

Proposal review uses a blind review process. All proposals must be received electronically by February 1, 2018.

Submit your proposal (cover page and content page) to AERC website at Asian Preconference location: http://newprairiepress.org/aerc/. Notification of decision will be sent on or before February 18, 2018. Accepted proposal author(s) will be provided information and instructions for full text paper submission if desired, or abstract for conference presentation.

Contact infoaerc@ksu.edu if you have questions for submission.
Contact Qi Sun at: qsun8@utk.edu if you have questions regarding the preconference.

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