

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
WERA FOCAL MEETING
30 Nov – 2 Dec 2017
The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong**

**Deadline for Submission:
March 31, 2017; 23:59 Hong Kong Time (GMT +8)**

The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites submissions for papers and symposia for the WERA Focal Meeting to be held in Hong Kong on 30 November to 2 December, 2017. WERA is an association of major national, regional, and specialty education research associations dedicated to sharing scholarship, developing networks, and mutually supporting capacity building. The WERA 2017 Focal Meeting is an integral part of the Hong Kong Educational Research Association (HKERA) International Conference 2017 and consists of a program of paper and symposia sessions on topics of world-wide scope that are embedded in the conference of a WERA member association.

WERA symposia and paper sessions are intended to complement and extend those presented at the HKERA conference under the HKERA Call for Submissions. In general, the WERA Focal Meeting seeks to feature research that includes more than one country or is comparative, cross-cultural, international, or transnational in conceptualization, scope, or design.

Paper submissions need to meet these criteria; symposia submissions can include papers from single sites or countries as long as the presentations combined are from different countries and the aims of the symposium are anchored in worldwide or global issues. Duplicate submission through the HKERA and WERA online submission systems is not allowed.

Who Should Submit?

Scholars and advanced graduate students worldwide whose research extends beyond a single-country site are encouraged to submit papers to the WERA Focal Meeting. Scholars wishing to organize symposia that feature research paper presentations from multiple countries or parts of the world are also encouraged to submit.

Scope of the Focal Meeting

The scope of the Focal Meeting is wide in its reach to include studies across the life span from early learning to workforce and adult education and that take place in formal and informal contexts of education and learning.

The emphasis of the Focal Meeting is on papers and symposia *with a lens that is worldwide in perspective*. Otherwise there is no restriction on the education research topics appropriate for consideration, although priority will be given to submissions that focus on research and findings addressed to significant trends, issues, and challenges worldwide.

Guidelines for Submission to WERA Focal Meeting

Paper and symposia submissions must be submitted through the online portal on the WERA-HKERA 2017 conference website at https://www.eduhk.hk/wera_hkera2017/index.php.

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Paper Submissions:

Paper summaries are a maximum of 750 words in addition to the paper title, information on the authors, and so forth. Up to ten references may be included in the summary, and must be set forth in the reference list. Also, a 250-word abstract suitable in publication must be included. The first author of the paper is responsible for submission, even if that individual is not the paper presenter.

Please follow the link to submit a paper submission.

Paper Submission: <https://anonmach.ied.edu.hk/machform/view.php?id=2054>.

Symposium Submission:

A symposium provides opportunities, not afforded by a single paper, to examine a specific education research problem or topic through an international, comparative, or worldwide lens and to bring to bear diverse perspectives, intensive discussion, or a wide range of expertise.

Symposium abstracts are a maximum of 500 words. Submissions also include 150-word summaries for each presentation/paper in a symposium, and allow for up to ten references for each presentation. References cited in the summaries must be set forth in the reference list.

Symposium proposals are submitted by an organizer who may or may not be a chair, presenter, or discussant. A WERA symposium can include a maximum of five participants in addition to the chair. Participants include all presenters and any discussants.

Please follow the link to submit a symposium submission.

Symposium Submission: <https://anonmach.ied.edu.hk/machform/view.php?id=2059>.

If you would like to submit to the WERA Focal Meeting:

Submissions accepted online at https://www.eduhk.hk/wera_hkera2017/index.php. Click 'WERA Focal Meeting Submission'. Once you enter the submission portal from the main conference page, you will have separate options for paper and symposium submissions.

Peer Review of Submissions

All submissions are peer reviewed by the WERA Review Committee. Criteria include the worldwide significance of the research questions, the soundness of the methodology, the appropriateness of the methods to the research questions, the importance of the findings, and the overall logic and clarity of the conclusions and implications of the research.

Guidelines for Accepted Submissions

Notification of acceptance decisions will be provided by June 1, 2017. Presenting authors of accepted papers AND all participants in accepted symposia are expected to attend and register for the HKERA Conference 2017—site of the WERA 2017 Focal Meeting.

Registration

Registration is available online on the WERA-HKERA 2017 conference website at https://www.eduhk.hk/wera_hkera2017/index.php.

Combined WERA and HKERA Conference registration will open for Early Bird registrants on June 1, 2017 and end on July 31, 2017. Discounted rates will apply. Regular registration at full conference rates will start on August 1, 2017 and end on September 30, 2017 https://www.eduhk.hk/wera_hkera2017/index.php.

Final Paper

Final papers must be submitted by Monday, November 6, 2017. Acceptance letters will include instructions for submitting final papers. Final papers will be eligible for consideration for publication in the *World Education Research Yearbook*.

Important Dates

January 27, 2017	Submission starts
March 31, 2017	Submission ends
June 1, 2017	Decisions announced
June 1 – July 31, 2017	Early bird registration
August 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017	Registration
November 6, 2017	Submission of final papers to WERA
30 Nov – 2 Dec, 2017	WERA-HKERA conference

Co-Chairs

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For submission questions, please email the general WERA inbox at wera@aera.net