

First announcement and Invitation for papers



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The SAERA executive would like to invite you to the 3rd SAERA conference hosted by the Faculty of Education, University of the Free State.

Conference dates

Tuesday 27 October – Friday 30 October 2015

Pre-conference workshops for research development: Monday 26 October 2015

Venue

**The New Education Building at the Faculty of Education, Bloemfontein campus
University of the Free State**

Conference theme:

Strengthening Educational Research for Sustainable Futures

Securing education for sustainable futures has to be understood within the context of complex ecologies that involve historical, structural, political, environmental, and ethical dimensions. Teaching and learning occur increasingly in reconfiguring and challenging social settings. This year's theme is centred on the importance of understanding the variety of processes that constitute effective and generative learning and teaching in light of broader educational dynamics in South Africa. The conference is an invitation for papers that engage with the depth and intricacies of educational processes to promote sustainable and relevant learning. The conference comes at an opportune time to interrogate discourses around educational research for sustainable futures and to reflect on emerging research trends. The conference aims to expand SAERA's objective of building and strengthening educational research connected to securing sustainable educational futures.

We invite papers, posters or panels that address one or more of the following sub-themes:

- Educational research for sustainable futures
- Educational praxis, the public good and sustainable futures
- Research into complex educational / learning ecologies
- Research into curriculum, teaching and learning
- Research into educational law, leadership, management and policy
- Change, complexity and challenges for sustainable education research
- Problematising methodologies for researching sustainable futures

The conference aims to provide a space to reflect on the nature, purpose and role of educational research at present, in anticipation of unpredictable and complex futures. The conference will engage with all contexts of research – Higher Education, Further Education and Training, Informal Education, Adult and Literacy Education, and Schooling. Papers could be conceptual or empirical, or a combination of the two. We also encourage papers on the teaching of subjects / learning areas / courses in all disciplines, including History, Science, Language, Mathematics, Life Orientation, etc. and on Values, Human Rights and Citizenship Education

The programme will include:

- poster presentations;
- presentation of papers (20 mins) followed by 10 min discussions; and
- panel discussions/ symposia on a particular theme (90 – 120 mins).

Panel discussions will comprise 3 or more presenters who all focus on the same theme. In particular, Special Interest Groups (SIGS) are encouraged to submit a set of coherent papers that addresses important issues/ concepts in their field, and to present these as a panel/ symposium with a respondent.

**Abstract Submission Deadline:
Monday 1 June 2015**

Notification of outcomes of submission: **30 June 2015**

Submission of abstracts must be done electronically (by email) in MS Word format on the abstract submission form provided on the website. Abstracts to be emailed to the conference organiser at: saera2015@ufs.ac.za. There will not be peer-reviewed conference proceedings, but papers should be submitted to the Special Conference Edition of the Journal of Education by 15 January 2016. The Special Edition will be published in the latter part of 2016.

Deadlines for registration:

	FEE
Early bird Registration fee (by 30 July 2015): R3650 + R350 SAERA membership fee =	R4 000
Normal Registration fee after 30 July 2015:	R4 300
Registration fees for post-graduate students + R200 SAERA membership fee =	R3 200
Daily registration fee:	R1 250 per day
Online registrations ONLY. Registration URL will be available first week of March 2015	

NOTE: Registration fees include teas and lunches, but do not include the conference dinner, nor transport from the airport to the University campus.

Deadline for Early Bird Registration: 30 July 2015

Final closing date for all registrations: 15 October 2015

SAERA Banking Details:

Standard Bank Account

Branch Code: 040727

Account Number: 036 857 874

Reference: Membership number + Initials and Surname

Proof of payment should be submitted to Jo-Anne Adams at joanne.adams@saera.co.za.

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Details of registration fees, accommodation and transport will be posted on the website in due course.

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