



Education as a hope in uncertain times

Thessaloniki 22-26 August 2023

FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Dear Colleagues,

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the University of Macedonia and EARLI are proud to announce the 20th Biennial Conference for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI 2023), which will be jointly hosted by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the University of Macedonia from **August 22nd until August 26th 2023**. The theme of the conference is **Education as a Hope in Uncertain Times**.

We are living in times when seemingly apparent certainties appear to be challenged by phenomena such as COVID-19 pandemic, technological advancements, rapid transformations of the labour market, 'redefinition' of human communication, migration and population mobility, socioeconomic downturns, political instability, and democratic values under dispute. Education per se is constantly changing, modifying or redefining learning and teaching environments from very early age through the life span. Educational researchers are challenged to decode the increased complexity of educational processes at times of global change and uncertainty and to introduce evidence-based practices and reforms to educational policy makers. Evidence-based knowledge can bring some certainty to the uncertainty that educators, students, and families currently face and can bring *Hope* that schools (including all institutions providing education for all age groups) will become forces for positive changes to the society.

The 20th Biennial EARLI Conference and the accompanying 27th Conference of the Junior Researchers of EARLI invites researchers in learning and instruction from all over the world to come together to discuss current theory and research evidence. All information about the upcoming EARLI 2023 conference can be found on the conference website at EARLI.org/EARLI2023 !

We look forward to welcome you to Thessaloniki in 2023!

Best Wishes,

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Conference President

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Καλώς ήρθατε στη Θεσσαλονίκη!

Welcome to Thessaloniki!

Thessaloniki, Greece's second tier city and capital of the region of Central Macedonia is located on the Thermaic Gulf at the northwestern corner of the Aegean Sea. It is a lively and generous urban center that is both historic and avant-garde.

Named after the sister of Alexander the Great, daughter of Phillip II, back at the beginning of the Hellenistic times, Thessaloniki has always been the epicenter of great development and events, being a principal gateway from the Mediterranean to the Balkans and Central Europe. Throughout its history Thessaloniki has been a melting pot of diverse cultures, religions and traditions and the city's multi-cultural heritage and profile were shaped by the work and deeds of emperors, saints, apostles, philosophers and thinkers, but also by its local residents, its refugees and immigrants.

Thessaloniki, sometimes covered by the thick mist, sometimes stormed by the heady wind "Vardaris", yet always defined by its flairs and flavors, is now adays an economic, educational, and cultural center, a focal point for the Balkans and a geographic landmark between the eastern & western civilization, bridging North and South, East and West. Suffused with stories of joy and sorrow of the past, today the city enjoys a vibrant urban life, stimulated by the largest student community in Greece, the offerings of numerous museums and other cultural organisations, and enhanced by the exquisite physical location that through time has enabled openness and inspiration.

EARLI 2023 has two main local host organisations. The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is the largest university in Greece (over 80.000 students) and is internationally recognized as a dynamic center of learning and research. The University has hosted a great number of international conferences and scientific meetings in all thematic areas very successfully. The University of Macedonia is the second university in the city of Thessaloniki specialized in economic and social sciences (over 12.000 students) and organizes various academic initiatives and events throughout the year. Both Universities have contributed Thessaloniki to become a significant academic hub in Southeast Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, and Black Sea countries.

Thessaloniki's history, academic status and contemporary identity form the context for a hospitable and exciting EARLI 2023 destination: city-centered conference venues, a walk on the waterfront, the city's atmosphere and famous gastronomy, and many more...

The EARLI 2023 organisers are working hard to provide delegates with a variety of social events. Save the date for the Opening Reception, which will take place on Tuesday August 22nd at the Main Ceremony Hall of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, where you can meet up with your international colleagues whilst enjoying the local setting. The conference dinner will take place on Friday August 25th at the **Nautical Club of Thessaloniki**.



More details will be provided as they become available. Be sure to follow us on our social media channels to stay up-to-date on the latest developments about the submission process and the scientific programme and on information about a well-designed and diverse programme of social events that will give the opportunity to participants to meet up with your international colleagues whilst enjoying the local setting. Share your excitement by using **#EARLI2023** to join the conversation about the conference! EARLI members will also be informed via email.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

KEYNOTES

The International Programming Committee has selected a total of 10 interesting keynote speakers, based on the input of the local conference organisers and the EARLI Special Interest Groups (SIG). Their names as well as the title of their talk will be announced shortly across all communication channels.

SUBMISSION FORMATS

Both empirical and theoretical proposals for symposia, papers and poster presentations are welcomed as are roundtables, ICT demonstrations and workshops. Proposals need to be submitted in English via the conference website EARLI.org/EARLI2023. Before submitting your proposal, we recommend reading the submission guidelines, which will be made available on the conference website.

According to the EARLI policies, you may act as a presenting author for up to two contributions. In addition, you can act once as the chair of a symposium and once as discussant, for a total of four appearances. We also warmly welcome you to volunteer to act as a chair for a conference session (not including symposia): you can sign up to act as a chair through the submission form. You may participate as a non-presenting co-author as many times as you like. It is important to read the guidelines below carefully so that you select the appropriate format for your presentation. **Selecting an inappropriate format may significantly reduce the chances of acceptance of your proposal!** Each of the formats outlined below are equally valuable but serve different purposes.

PLEASE NOTE: The conference programme will avoid timetable conflicts for presenting authors, chairs and discussants, **but not for co-authors!**

The submission system will open on the **1st of September 2022**.



SYMPOSIUM



Symposia provide an opportunity to present research on one topic, often from multiple perspectives, compiling a coherent set of papers for discussion. Symposia sessions are directed by a chair, involving four presenters and one discussant, from at least three different countries. We recommend that each individual submission is checked for its own quality and its relevance and coherence to the topic of the symposium prior to formal submission to EARLI 2023.



A symposium is scheduled for 90 minutes, allowing 15 minutes presentation time per speaker, 10 minutes for the discussant, and 20 minutes for open discussion.

SINGLE PAPER



Paper sessions consist of four thematically clustered paper presentations, followed by a discussion with the audience. It is important that empirical papers have data and results or they will not be accepted. Theoretical papers, which provide background research, specific evidence, analytical thinking and/or recommendations on specific themes and topics, are also welcome.



Paper sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Four presenters are given 15 minutes presentation time followed by 5 minutes for questions. At the end of all presentations there is a 10-minute open discussion.

POSTER PRESENTATION

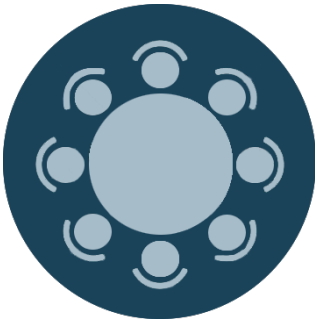


Interactive poster sessions involve five or six posters, visually presenting research studies. A short presentation of about 5 minutes for each poster is given to an audience gathered as a group. After the authors' brief presentation, an in-depth discussion between them and the audience follows. The poster sessions offer researchers the chance to present their work in a visual format and offer more opportunities for interaction and discussion.



Poster sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes, following the format above. Materials for fixing posters on the walls or poster boards will be provided.

ROUNDTABLE



Roundtable sessions offer opportunities for a more discursive exploration of research issues. This may well involve discussion of work in progress. The presenters elaborate on their emerging data and theory, and invite the participants to contribute to a discussion on potential challenges. Three to five presenters will explain and discuss their research one after another.



Roundtable sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes and consist of 3 to 5 thematically clustered roundtables. Each presenter provides a 5-minute presentation, followed by time for questions, equally divided among the number of roundtables per session.

ICT DEMONSTRATION



ICT Demonstrations allow presenters to display, explain and familiarise users with a potentially useful teaching or research tool or method. The presentation may include references to completed research, but the point of the session is to demonstrate the tool, not present the research for criticism. The audience may offer their viewpoints and share their experiences with similar tools or different tools for the same purpose.



ICT demonstrations are scheduled individually for 90 minutes.

WORKSHOP



Workshops provide an opportunity to familiarise participants with some aspect of research or teaching practice, so that questioning and discussion are suitably informed. Learning-by-doing occupies most of the session, and any presentations are brief. Providing adequate time for reflective discussion is important.



Workshops are scheduled individually for 90 minutes.

IMPORTANT DATES

1 September 2022
Submissions open

27 October 2022
Submissions deadline

17 January 2023
Review deadline

1 February 2023
Registrations open

15 February 2023
Review results announced

20 April 2023
Early Bird Deadline

11 May 2023
Presenter registration deadline

June 2023
Programme online

20th Biennial EARLI Conference
August 22nd – August 26th 2023
Thessaloniki, Greece

REVIEW

EARLI conferences are well-known for the high-quality research presented during its numerous events. As such, experienced reviewers are needed to safeguard this quality. If you consider yourself an expert in a specific domain within the broad field of learning and instruction and have a good understanding of EARLI and the research presented at EARLI conferences, you can sign up as a reviewer via your user dashboard from August 2022 onwards.

The **review criteria** can be found at bit.ly/EARLI2023-REVIEW

CHAIRING

For each session at EARLI 2023, chairs are asked to do two key things. Firstly, the chair acts as the **Master of Ceremonies** for the session, ensuring everyone keeps to the allotted time. Secondly, the chair is an **enabler of interaction and discussion**, one of the most important aspects of a research conference.

Do you wish to act as a chair for EARLI 2023? You can either sign up when submitting your proposal, or directly through your EARLI account. All appointed chairs will be notified of their chairing duties upon publication of the conference programme.

Find out more about what this role entails at bit.ly/EARLI2023-CHAIR

JURE 2023

The 20th Biennial EARLI is preceded by a Pre-Conference, specifically aimed at junior and early-career researchers. Together with their fellows, junior researchers will exchange ideas and experiences and develop a fresh new view on ways of exploring what it takes to enable successful learning and instruction in different contexts.

We are happy to invite all junior researchers to present their research at the 27th Conference of the Junior Researchers of EARLI. We would like to encourage you to submit your research to the JURE conference in order to:

- Share your research among other researchers
- Discuss and get useful feedback from international experts in the field of learning and instruction
- Becoming a part of the network of young researchers in your field.



At JURE 2023 we welcome the following submission types:

PAPER SESSION

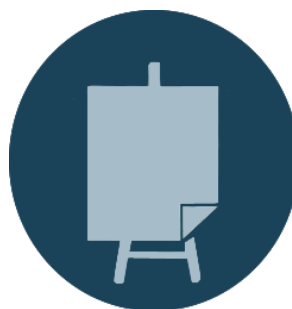


Paper sessions involve 3 conceptually linked papers which are presented and discussed.



Paper sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Three presenters are given 20 minutes presentation time followed by 5 minutes for questions. At the end of all presentations there is a 15-minute open discussion.

POSTER SESSION

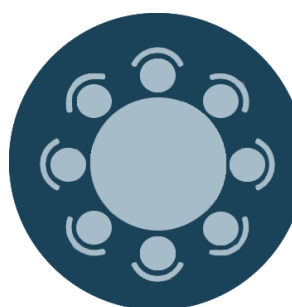


Interactive poster sessions offer researchers the chance to present their work in a visual format and offer more opportunities for interaction and discussion.



Poster sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Each poster is introduced with a brief oral presentation (max. 3 minutes), after which there will be time to freely walk from poster to poster. Materials for fixing posters on the walls or poster boards will be provided.

ROUNDTABLE SESSION



Roundtable sessions offer the opportunity to discuss outcomes as well as the design of research projects or research in progress. Each roundtable session will consist of up to 3 conceptually linked projects.



Roundtables are scheduled for 90 minutes. Each presenter has five minutes to introduce his/her project and raise one or two open questions. Twenty-five minutes are intended for discussion.

FUNDING FOR PRESENTERS

The EARLI Executive Committee (EC) would like to reach out to researchers working in low-GDP countries or researchers that qualify as scholars-at-risk. As such, additional funds are made available to facilitate participation from presenters working in these countries. On top of a **waived conference fee** for the EARLI and/or JURE 2023 conference, the EARLI Executive Committee will provide all awardees with funds for travel and/or accommodation expenses.

The applicant must:

- Have an EARLI membership for 2023;
- Have an **accepted proposal** for EARLI 2023;
- **Reside in a low-GDP country¹ OR qualify as a scholar-at-risk²**

Preference will be given to accepted presentations with the highest review scores.

More information on how you can apply for this funding will be provided after the review process, in February 2023.

We believe that this funding will be helpful and help to sustain and further expand our research community and warmly welcome you to submit your proposal!

¹ To determine the status of a low-GDP country, EARLI uses the World Bank Data:

https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD?most_recent_year_desc=true

² Scholars at risk are defined as researchers, scholars and scientists at all stages of their careers who are experiencing threats to their life, liberty or research career, and those who are forced to flee or have been displaced because of such threats:

<https://marie-skłodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/about-msca/guidelines-for-inclusion-of-researchers-at-risk>

<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/>

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