

FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Dear Colleagues,

The University of Graz (Austria) and EARLI are proud to announce the 21st Biennial Conference for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI 2025), which will be hosted at the University of Graz from **August 25th until August 29th 2025**. The theme of the conference "**Realising Potentials through Education: Shaping the Minds and Brains for the Future**" shall inspire interdisciplinary discussions on the multifaceted avenues through which education can contribute to the flourishing of each individual and the society.

Education is envisioned as a transformative force to unlock and realise the potential of every individual, irrespective of personal background or circumstances. Its goal is to empower individuals to discover their strengths and develop talents that positively impact their lives and their communities. This pursuit necessitates equitable educational practices, grounded in current evidence on learning and instruction from various disciplines and across multiple levels of investigation. The EARLI 2025 conference aims to facilitate an inclusive dialogue among researchers, educators, and policymakers, transcending traditional boundaries and paving the way for novel approaches to positively shape our future.

The 21st Biennial EARLI Conference and the accompanying 29th Conference of the Junior Researchers of EARLI (23 – 24 August 2025) 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 2025 conference can be found on the conference website at EARLI.org/events/EARLI2025!

We look forward to welcome you to Graz in 2025!

Best Wishes,

Prof. Dr. Roland H. Grabner
Conference President



Assoc.-Prof. Dr. Stephan E. Vogel
Conference President



Willkommen in Graz! Welcome to Graz!

Graz, the second-largest city in Austria, offers a captivating blend of rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning architecture. Nestled in the southeastern part of the country, Graz serves as the capital of the Styria region. Renowned for its well-preserved medieval old town, the city boasts UNESCO World Heritage status, showcasing a harmonious mix of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architectural styles. It is home to prestigious universities, fostering a dynamic atmosphere with a thriving student population. Graz embraces a unique juxtaposition of tradition and modernity, offering a diverse array of museums, galleries, culinary delights and scenic landscapes, making it an enchanting destination for visitors and a beloved hub for locals.

The University of Graz is one of the largest institutions in Austria. With close to 30.000 students, of which 62 % are female and 17 % are international, the university offers a decisive contribution to the vibrant life of the Styrian capital. The university's motto – “we work for tomorrow” - guides both students and its 4700 members of staff to look to the future, take on challenges and develop solutions for the world of tomorrow.

The EARLI 2025 organisers are working hard to provide delegates with a variety of social events, allowing you to get a taste of the best the city has to offer. Save the date for the Opening Reception, which will take place on Monday 25th of August, where you can meet up with your international colleagues whilst enjoying the local setting. Preparations are also underway for the EARLI 2025 conference dinner, the unmissable social event of the conference week! 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, the scientific programme and practical information on planning your trip to Graz. Share your excitement by using **#EARLI2025** to join the conversation about the conference! Regular updates will also be shared via email.

Please note that the EARLI 2025 conference will start on a Monday (25th of August) and run on until Friday evening (29th of August). We encourage all prospective participants to take into account that conference sessions can be planned until the evening on Friday.



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

KEYNOTES

The International Programme Committee has selected a total of 9 interesting keynote speakers, based on the input of the local conference organisers, the winner of the Outstanding Publication Award 2023 and the suggestions offered by 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. In an update to previous EARLI conferences, ICT demonstrations and workshops will be replaced by a more inclusive submission format, the Demo Session, facilitating demonstrations of approaches or tools specifically developed for education or research purposes.

Before submitting your proposal, we recommend reading the submission guidelines, which will be made available in due time on the conference website: EARLI.org/events/EARLI2025.

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. You may participate as a non-presenting co-author as many times as you like.

We also warmly encourage 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.

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

Perhaps most importantly, make sure to 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.

The submission system will open on the **3rd of September 2024 and conclude on the 5th of November 2024 at midnight CET.**



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 2025.



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



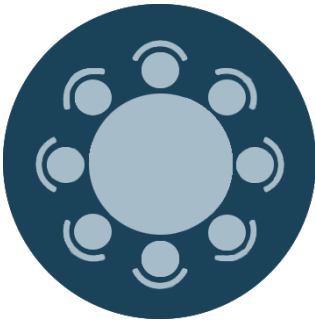
Interactive poster sessions involve a number of posters, visually presenting research studies. A short presentation of about 5 minutes for each poster is given to an audience gathered as a group. After the authors' brief presentations, an in-depth discussion between them and the audience follows, in an exhibition format. The poster session offers researchers the chance to present their work in a visual format and allows for 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.

DEMO SESSIONS



Demo sessions allow presenters to display, explain, and familiarise participants with approaches or tools specifically developed for education or research purposes. The presentation may include references to completed research, but the point of the session is to demonstrate a tool or approach, not to present the research for criticism. The audience may offer their viewpoints and share their experiences with similar tools or practices.



Demo sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes and will consist of 3 thematically clustered demo session submissions. Each presenter will be offered 30 minutes for their demonstration.

IMPORTANT DATES

3 September 2024
Open for Submissions

5 November 2024
Submissions deadline

16 January 2025
Review deadline

1 February 2025
Open for Registrations

18 February 2025
Review results announced

1 April 2025
Early Bird Deadline

29 April 2025
Presenter registration deadline

June 2025
Programme online

21st Biennial EARLI Conference
August 25th – August 29th 2025
Graz, Austria



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 would like to contribute to the scientific quality of the EARLI 2025 conference and have a good understanding of EARLI and the research presented at EARLI conferences, we encourage you to sign up as a reviewer via your EARLI account (“my reviews”).

CHAIRING

For each session at EARLI 2025, chairs are asked to do two key things. Firstly, the chair acts as the **Master of Ceremonies** for the session, ensuring that everyone keeps to the allotted presentation time and that the session runs smoothly. Secondly, the chair is an **enabler of interaction and discussion between presenters and audience**, one of the most important aspects of a research conference.

Interested in chairing a session at EARLI 2025? You can 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.



JURE 2025

The 21st 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 to develop new and exciting views on how to enable successful learning and instruction in different contexts.

We are happy to invite all junior researchers to present their research at the 29th 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 with other researchers
- Discuss your work and receive useful feedback from international experts in the field of learning and instruction
- Become a part of an engaging network of early career researchers

At JURE 2025 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

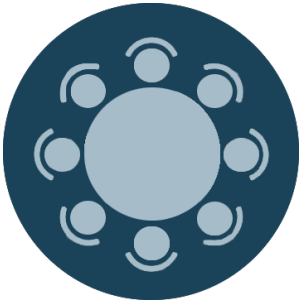


Interactive poster sessions offer researchers the chance to present their work in a visual format and offer more opportunities for interaction and discussion.



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.

TRAVEL AWARD

The EARLI Board of Directors would like to continue its support of researchers working in low-GDP countries. 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 2025 conference, the EARLI Board of Directors will provide awardees with funds to cover travel and/or accommodation expenses (up to € 1000 per award winner).

In order to qualify for the grant, the applicant must:

- Have an **EARLI membership** for 2025
- Have an **accepted proposal** for EARLI 2025
- **Reside in a low-GDP country**

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

More information on how to apply for this grant will be provided after the review process, in February 2025.

We hope and believe that this funding will be helpful to sustain and further expand our research community. If you are working in a low-GDP country, we therefore warmly welcome you to submit your proposal!



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