

**LOCAL IN GLOBAL.
ADULT LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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II European Seminar: LOCAL IN GLOBAL. ADULT LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The second Seminar of this network is organized by the European Society for Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA) and the University of Lower Silesia (Poland). During the first meeting (Faro 2006) the participants focused on the category of human development, analyzed in a variety of contexts: from economical to educational, from global to local, from the formal education of adult learning to the non-formal and incidental or biographical learning of the citizens contemporary world. The second seminar tends to focus on „locality in globality”. This is the invitation to look from the different perspective at so well known categories which are inseparable in a modern world.

One of the basic results of living in a global world is the alternative approach to the time (history) and space (territory). The „locality” of a contemporary person is more often tied to her/his identity along with various forms of social integration in which she/he participates. Socially created locality is a result of learning processes (in which are involved both individuals and/or groups) including the processes of understanding the local space (interpreting the meanings). The locality is a result of active participation and meaning creation in every day activities (of the regions, cities, villages as well as internet, social movements, NGOs activities etc).

Looking from this perspective the social development is dependent not only on different kinds of social capital and global and local policy/politics but also on the sense of identity. The overall picture of locality in terms of chains of real events being followed by the symbolic meanings is a rich source of the 'local knowledge'. Combining different kinds of knowledge - not only the descriptive one but also the critical one - we would like to discuss the diversity of local marginalization and exclusion, social inequalities, access to resources and the power in the contemporary communities.

Conference sub-themes

- The consequences of globalization in the local worlds of everyday life ('Local in Global')
- The local space/territory identity and adult learning
- The differentiation of the spaces and forms of social participation and the community education
- Researching local communities of learning and development
- Methods of adult learning for development and community education
- The role of adult educators and researchers in the progress of critical knowledge in the contemporary local worlds
- Learning spaces against exclusion and social inequalities

Call for Papers

Abstracts should be submitted by 10th February 2008 to Ewa Kurantowicz (ewa.kurantowicz@wp.pl) in electronic form. Your paper proposal should have no more than 500 words. Please send in a separate sheet your professional / personal data (name, institutional affiliation, phone, fax and email). The proposals will be blind reviewed by the scientific committee and acceptance will be confirmed by 3th March 2008. Final papers (3000 – 5000 words) should be submitted by email by 3th May 2008 and will be placed on a conference website.

Conference language: English

Duration of Paper Presentations Sessions:

Oral presentations should be up to 25 minutes. There will be 25 minutes for debate, including the discussants intervention. Discussants will be encouraged to produce a small comment on the paper and to promote the dialogue, forwarding the first questions.

Equipment for Presentations:

All rooms will be equipped with overhead projectors and video projectors to allow Power Point presentations. Other type of equipment should be asked for in the registration form.

Conference Fee:

- Participants (ESREA members): € 150
- Participants (Non-members): € 170
- PhD Students: € 50 (bursaries for PhD students will be available)

The conference registration fee includes:

- Participation in conference sessions
- A printed copy of Conference Proceedings (and other working documents)
- Refreshments and lunch during the breaks
- The Conference dinner

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