The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites submissions for papers, posters, roundtables and symposia/sessions for the WERA Focal Meeting to be held from 22-25 April 2022 in San Diego CA, USA. Founded in 2009, WERA will be celebrating its 12th anniversary at the Focal Meeting in San Diego. WERA is an association of major national, regional, and specialty education research associations dedicated to sharing scholarship, developing networks, and mutually supporting capacity building. WERA Focal Meetings are embedded in the conference of a WERA Member Association. The WERA 2022 Focal Meeting is an integral part of the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and consists of a program of papers, posters, roundtables and symposia/sessions on topics of worldwide emphases and significance. WERA is especially excited that this Focal Meeting coincides with the AERA annual meeting with the theme: “Cultivating Equitable Education Systems for the 21st Century”. WERA was founded in April 2009 at the time of the last AERA Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.

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, poster and roundtable submissions need to meet these criteria; symposia/session 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 of the same paper, poster, roundtable and symposium/session through the AERA and WERA online submission system is not allowed. Papers, posters, roundtables and symposia/sessions submissions are encouraged to synthesise knowledge worldwide over the last decade and anticipate future research trends and directions. Scholarly papers, posters, roundtables and symposia/sessions that adhere to this call will be featured at the 2022 meeting.

Who Should Submit?
Scholars and advanced graduate students worldwide whose research extends beyond a single-country site are encouraged to submit to the WERA Focal Meeting. Submissions may be submitted to be presented at paper, poster or roundtable sessions. Scholars wishing to organise symposia/sessions 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 as well as elderly education and that takes place in formal and informal contexts of education and learning. The emphasis of the Focal Meeting is on paper, poster, roundtable and symposia sessions 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, poster, roundtable and symposia/sessions submissions must be submitted through the online portal on the AERA website at www.aera.net. For the paper, poster, roundtable and symposia/sessions submission requirements please see the AERA Annual Meeting online portal.

WERA submissions are only accepted online at www.aera.net. Click ‘Login’ at the upper right of the screen. After you log in, click ‘My AERA’ at the top of the page. On the ‘My AERA’ page, scroll down to the 2022 WERA Focal Meeting Online Portal and click ‘Submit to the 2022 WERA Focal Meeting’. Ensure to navigate to the Submit a New Paper or Symposium to the World Education Research Association (WERA) 2022 Focal Meeting to submit a paper, poster, roundtable or symposia/sessions submissions to the WERA 2022 Focal Meeting.

The final deadline to submit is 12 August 2021; 23:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PDT)

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 18 October 2021. Presenting authors of accepted papers, posters, roundtables AND all participants in accepted symposia/sessions are expected to attend and register for the AERA 2022 meeting — site of the WERA 2022 Focal Meeting.

Registration

Combined AERA and WERA conference registration is available online at www.aera.net. Registration at the WERA Focal Meeting allows attendance at the AERA conference without registering twice. Accepted papers, posters, roundtables AND all participants in accepted symposia/sessions are expected to register for the Focal Meeting by 12 February 2022.

Final Paper

Final full papers must be submitted by all participants by 21 March 2022. Acceptance letters will include instructions for submitting final papers. Final papers will be eligible for consideration for publication in Global Perspectives on Education Research, a book series of scholarly articles from WERA-related meetings and events published by Routledge on behalf of WERA.

Important Dates for the Call

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