

# 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS



**IN ASSOCIATION WITH**



**EASA 2018 CONFERENCE**

**14 to 17 January 2018  
Elangeni Hotel, Durban, South Africa**

The annual conference of the Education Association of South Africa (EASA), set for the 14 to 17 January 2018, brings the association to the golden mile of Durban's beach front set against the backdrop of sunny skies, world class beaches and great hospitality of the multicultural Durban, rich in heritage and history.

The School of Education at the University of KwaZulu-Natal is host to the January 2018 annual conference. This iteration of the conferences promises to offer invigorating presentations, cutting edge conversations and deep engagements in issues across Education in South Africa and beyond. The conference theme is forward looking with a view to providing some innovative examples, actions and intellectualisms into what we have learnt and how might education in South Africa unfold in the next decade.

**CONFERENCE THEME:**  
***Charting Inventive Educational Pathways:***  
**Theoretical and applied approaches for negotiating the current educational discourses in South Africa**

The reconceptualisation of education in an epoch of demands for curriculum change, education access and success with spartan resources and impatient expectations by society at large, is an evolving conundrum that requires fresh ideas, innovative models and imaginative modes of execution. How can our education systems indeed activate the next generation of creative, critical and imaginative learners and scholars?

The #feesmustfall campaign, being the most recent experience of resistance to higher education, and the follow through with a commission of enquiry on higher education, suggests that it is an opportune moment to deeply reflect, beyond rhetoric, on what education is worthwhile, to whom, for what purposes and who pays. More importantly, how do we, as scholars of Education, influence policy makers on these grounding questions? Other discourses and debates that are contributing to the conundrum in educational provisioning centre around colonial education, educational transformation, widening access, articulation with the world of work and on developing scholarship through production and dissemination of knowledge. Having an educated society and its links to development and global competitiveness presents a further challenge to the nation in terms of comparative and ranking discourses within an unequal strata.

How do we arise from these debates and discourses on transformation, indigenising, decolonising education, etc. in South Africa. This conference takes all of the these discourses and debates as a basis for negotiating our everyday educational lives and experiences in all their complexities related to Early childhood development, school education and higher education. Drawing from different disciplinary foci we want to address the immediate and near future aspirations for our citizens. Papers that present insights into the workings of teaching, learning, leadership, research and policy studies in terms of educational experiences are encouraged to re-purpose education with a view to addressing the educational needs of our citizens and of our country. Papers on methodology, case studies, larger studies, longitudinal studies and theory are encouraged for this platform with a view to illuminating the education pathways that could be charted in different educational settings.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Posters, round tables, individual paper presentations, symposia and workshops are the formats of presentation at the EASA 2018 conference. Papers within the following four broad themes are invited for presentation at the conference:

- Early childhood education,
- School education,
- Post-school education, and
- Curriculum and policy studies.

**Guidelines and instructions:**

Proposals for presentation of papers at the EASA 2018 conference will be in the form of a 200-300 word abstract with a clear title of presentation, author/s of the paper, an indication of the broad theme within which the paper should be considered and contact details of submitting presenter. Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to Bronwyn or Petra Lawson at

[conferencepl@gmail.com](mailto:conferencepl@gmail.com) on the prescribed form. (**Only abstracts submitted on the prescribed form will be accepted.**)

#### **Acknowledgement of receipt of all abstracts:**

Within three working days of the abstract having been successfully submitted, an email will be sent to the presenting author(s) to acknowledge receipt. The author will also be provided with an abstract number that should be stated in all further correspondence.

Abstract proposals will be considered on a continual basis with a very quick turnaround time.

A detailed programme will be announced once it has been finalised.  
Presentations will be confined to 20 minutes plus a 10-minute question/discussion session.

**Please take note:** Each delegate may only present a maximum of 2 papers

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Due date for submission of abstracts:	31 August 2017
Due date for registration:	2 October 2017
Due date for payment:	10 November 2017
Final date to submit proof of payment:	11 December 2017

**Delegates need to submit proof of payment on or before the due date, to ensure attendance/presentation at the conference.**

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES**

The following conference registration fee structure is applicable:

Category	Conference registration fee
Full participation 4-day programme	R4750-00
Post-graduate full-time students 4-day programme	R3900-00
Daily rates	R2000-00

The registration fee **includes** registration, conference material, refreshments and lunch during the day(s) of attendance, organized functions, but **excludes** all travelling costs, accommodation, and any other refreshments not included on the programme.

No refunds but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.

Complete the delegate registration form and forward it to Bronwyn or Petra Lawson. An official invoice will subsequently be e-mailed to you to confirm your successful registration.

Please fax/e-mail a copy of the deposit slip or proof of electronic transfer, to Bronwyn or Petra Lawson at: Fax no.: +27 (0)86 541 1173 or E-mail: [conferencepl@gmail.com](mailto:conferencepl@gmail.com)

## ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

### **Please Take Note:**

All costs (travel, accommodation, subsistence) related to your participation in the conference must be covered by the participant, regardless of the proposal acceptance. EASA is not liable and holds no responsibility for any of these costs.

### **Accommodation possibilities:**

There is a range of hotel accommodation available in and around the conference venue. The organizing committee is busy negotiating special rates for delegates.

Please always quote that you are attending the EASA 2018 Conference.

Elangeni Hotel:

Balmoral Hotel:

Contact Leko Mkhize at [res@balmoralhotel.co.za](mailto:res@balmoralhotel.co.za) or at +27 (0)31 368 8220  
Non sea-facing room at R895.00 per night including breakfast

## ENQUIRIES

### **General and Registration:**

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