THE EIGHTH ASIAN DIASPORA PRE-CONFERENCE
In Conjunction with 2015 AERC

Extension: Call for Proposal
Due Feb 28, 2015

Engaging Learning of Adult Education
Research and Practice between East and the Rest

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Manhattan, KS
9:00am – 5:00pm on May 19, 2015

About the Pre-Conference

The Eighth Asian Diaspora Adult Education Pre-conference, in conjunction with 2015 Annual Adult Education Research Conference (AERC), will be held at the Kansas State University campus on May 19, 2015. The purpose of this pre-conference is to provide an opportunity in which scholars from both Asian ancestry (East) and the Rest may learn from each other, share Eastern and Non-Western perspectives on issues, concerns, and problems relevant to the adult education research and practice in the global context. This pre-conference intends to offer a forum for faculty, scholars, practitioners, and graduate students who are interested in researching, contributing to, and learning about the East to present their scholarship and research.

Theme of the Pre-Conference

The theme for the Eighth Preconference in 2015 is: Engaging Learning of Adult Education Research and Practice between East and the Rest.

Apparently, globalization has created a “world policy or world culture” (Tröhler, 2009) or has transformed the world’s culture into an increasingly standardized phenomenon. However, studies show that not all countries tend to respond to globalization or meet the needs of the competitive world economy in the same way or with the same process (Cheung & Chan, 2010). Different cultures and traditions perceive the world differently. Thus, learning from different cultures becomes essential in human history. For example, both East and West have commonalities and uniqueness in terms of their social cultural traditions, political, economic, and educational characteristics that contribute to their own adult education research and practice, which ideally should be shared globally. Yet, “educational research, as well as educational planning, in ‘developing world’ settings tended to be dictated by European (Western) perceptions of what was good for the Other” (Fox, 2007, p. 118). Unfortunately, the important aspect of culture, which refers to all aspects of life, including the mental, social, linguistic, and physical forms of culture, has often been overlooked (Masemann, 2007).
In the global context, there is a clarion call for enhancing learning between East and West between western and non-western. It helps us to look at both sides, meaning that “we must hear both sides, we must be able to listen to the experience of intelligent life expressed in discourses” (Milligan et al., 2011, p. 52) or we may not otherwise recognize when we are carelessly over-applying Western norms and values. Within this context, infusing learning between East and Rest will help create new opportunities for more authentic exchange and effective development for adult education. Thus, learning equally becomes critical for meaningful and mindful dialogues and exchanges.

If you are currently conducting research or have conducted research around the theme:

**Engaging Learning of Adult Education Research and Practice between East and the Rest**

you are cordially invited to submit your proposal and attend the Pre-Conference.

**Proposal and Presentation Format:**

We are soliciting scholarly papers that draw from relevant literature and reflect on adult learning and continuing education, higher educational, human resources, and work place development/learning, and related to these topics to the 8th Asian pre-conference. Examples of such papers include position papers, opinions, or literature review. All research methodologies are welcome (e.g., quantitative, qualitative/interpretive, mixed).

**General Information about Pre Conference**

The date for the pre-conference is May 19, 2015 at KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY in Manhattan, KS. The room comes with A/V equipment, a computer and Internet access. All pre-conference attendees must register for the preconference. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided and Dinner is included in the AERC conference registration.

**Proposal Submission Instructions**

Proposals must be received by Feb 28, 2015. Notification of decision will be sent out on or before March 15, 2015.

Proposal Review applies a blind review process, therefore, you must follow these instructions: Your cover sheet must include the name, institutional affiliation, phone number(s), e-mail addresses of all authors, the address of the first author, the paper title, and a signed warrant statement as follows if you want your paper published in the proceedings:

“I warrant that if my proposal is accepted, I will submit an APA written 6-10 page (single-spaced) paper for inclusion in the Pre-conference Proceedings. I understand that if my completed paper is not submitted by June 20, 2015, my paper will not be included as part of the Asian Diaspora Adult Education Pre-Conference Proceedings”
Your one-page proposal should include:

The paper title
Purpose of the study
Research questions/position/opinions supported by literature
Methodology and Findings (if available then)
Significance/Conclusion/Discussion/Implications

Submit your proposal to: AsianPreConference@gmail.com

Final Paper/Abstract Submission

If you want your full text paper to be included in the preconference proceedings, you must submit (6 to 10 pages) your final electronic paper to Bo Chang bchang@bsu.edu and Mitsunori Misawa mmisawa@memphis.edu by June 20, 2015 to be posted at AERC website.

Please note: The Asian Pre-Conference Special Issue Committee will consider quality papers from this pre-conference for publication in a special issue in a highly ranked journal in the field of international and comparative adult education. More information will forthcoming.

Contact Qsun@uwyo.edu for further information and questions

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