



**Maynooth  
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**INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL WINTER CONFERENCE AT THE CENTRE FOR  
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PEDAGOGY, MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY, IRELAND  
20-24 JANUARY 2020**

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND APPLICATIONS  
“PUBLIC EDUCATION: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE”**

From 20-24 January 2020 the Centre for Public Education and Pedagogy at Maynooth University Ireland will hold its inaugural International Doctoral Winter Conference on Public Education. The conference is intended for doctoral students (PhD or EdD) in education and related disciplines whose work focuses on the past, present and future of public education, broadly conceived.

This will be a relatively small-scale event with a maximum of 30 participants so that there will be ample opportunity for presentations and slow, evolving discussions. The conference will be led by Prof Carl-Anders Säfström, Professor of Educational Research and Director of the Centre for Public Education and Pedagogy, and Professor Gert Biesta, Professor of Public Education, with input from colleagues from the Centre. The conference will be organised around presentations from doctoral students. In addition, there will be three invited keynote lectures on the past, present and future of the idea, the ideal, and the practice of public education.

Public education, understood as education funded by public means, democratically accountable to the public, and accessible for everyone, has been a key institution of modern democracies. It is not surprising, therefore, that developments that are putting a pressure on democratic societies – such as marketisation and privatisation, the rise of bureaucratic forms of accountability, and the impact of the global measurement industry – are also putting a pressure on education and its public mission from pre-school and primary education, all the way up to secondary, vocational and higher education.

The Centre for Public Education and Pedagogy was established in 2017 with the ambition to explore contemporary dynamics in and around education with a focus on the question what the public mission of education can mean today, which developments are helping or hindering in achieving this ambition, and what the impact of local socio-historical contexts is. The International doctoral winter conference is meant to bring together doctoral students whose projects focus on aspects of these questions, in order to provide a forum for exchange and discussion.

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND APPLICATIONS

We are inviting doctoral students to submit a proposal for participation in the conference. We are envisaging two formats,

[1] full paper presentation

[2] work-in-progress session but are open to alternative proposals.

The conference will be organised around sessions of 90 minutes, with two presentations per session and time for discussion. Full papers need to be available 2 weeks before the start of the conference so that they can be distributed amongst the participants. Work in progress presentations can be given on the day (e.g., with a handout or power point presentation). There are 20 slots for presentation. In addition, we have a number of places for doctoral students who wish to attend without presenting. Please submit your proposal using the form below to [winterconference2020@mu.ie](mailto:winterconference2020@mu.ie).

### LOCATION AND COSTS



The conference will take place on the campus of Maynooth University. The conference will start on Monday 20 January 2020 at 18.00 and will finish on Friday 24 January at 11.00. The language of the conference will be English. The fee for the conference is €495 – this includes a bedroom on campus, and all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) from dinner on Monday 20 January until Lunch on Friday 24 January, plus refreshments during the meetings. Participants will be provided with a certificate of attendance/participation.

### DEADLINES

If you **wish to present** at the conference, please submit a proposal no later than **16 September 2019**. You will be notified of acceptance by 1 October 2019. Deadline for early-bird registration (€450) is 10 October 2019. Deadline for full registration (€495) is 15 November 2019.

If you just **wish to attend** the conference without presenting, please apply using the form below, which needs to be submitted no later than **16 September**. Applications for attendance without presentation will be handled on a first come first served basis. You will be notified of acceptance by 1 October and will receive instructions for payment with the notification.

## PROGRAMME

### **Monday 20 January 2020**

18.00-21.00 conference introductions and dinner

### **Tuesday 21 January 2020**

9.00-16.45 sessions

19.15 - 21.00 dinner

### **Wednesday 22 January 2020**

9.00-16.30 sessions

16.30-18.30 open lecture

19.15 - 21.00 dinner

### **Thursday 23 January 2020**

9.00-16.45 sessions

19.15 – 21.00 dinner

### **Friday 24 January 2020**

9.00-11.00 concluding session

followed by lunch





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**APPLICATION FOR PRESENTATION**

please submit a proposal no later than **16 September 2019**

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Details:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Format:** **Full Paper** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work in Progress** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternative format** \_\_\_\_\_ **(please specify)**

**Abstract: 300 words**

**Start date of your doctorate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Working title of your doctorate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a Full-time student** \_\_\_\_\_ **Part-time student** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Comments (ie: Allergies/Dietary requirements):**



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