



ESREA Transformative and Emancipatory Adult Education (TEAE) Network 1st Conference

School of Humanities, Hellenic Open University, Greece
5-7 July, 2023

Second Call for Papers

Reimagining transformative and emancipatory adult education for a world to come

In times of crises – such as the climate crises, structural racism, social inequities, or a pandemic – there is a need to transform our taken for granted ways of knowing and being in the world, this promises an opportunity for emancipation. How can we re-imagine transformative and emancipatory adult learning to co-create a world to come? The idea of adult education (lat. *educere*) as a way forward, *leading out* from the crises we currently experience is at the heart of our TEAE network. When we experience something truly transformative, deep, fundamental change, whether it is collectively or individually, we are losing our sense of (self-)direction and our way in the world. How can we regain a sense of (self-)direction? How can we lead ourselves -individually and/or collectively - out? What are possible pathways forward?

One way forward is concerned with radical questioning. In the midst of this global crisis, searching for ways forward it is "*terrifying* because it means giving up the familiar banisters and guidelines that we normally accept in orienting our lives; *dangerous* because, when such questioning is truly radical, it seems to leave us with nothing; *liberating* because it frees us from illusions and enables us to confront our subjectivity and inwardness without illusions" (Bernstein, 2016, p. 121). What motivates our efforts to learn in a transformative and emancipatory way? It is our quest for self-knowledge and our hope to imagine and co-create a new, more sustainable, inclusive and just world. Facing crisis confronts us not only with the challenge but also with the possibility to learn, grow, change and at times even transform our deep structures. Starting from those questions, the conference will invite theoretical and empirical contributions that will shed new light on this topic.

Bernstein, R. J. (2016). *Ironie Life*. Polity Press.



Where and when

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We welcome you to submit your proposal!

Prof. Saskia Eschenbacher, Akkon University

Prof. George Koulaouzides, Hellenic Open University

Prof. Alessandra Romano, University of Siena

Prof. Dina Soeiro, Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra

The conveners of the ESREA Research Network on **Transformative and Emancipatory Adult Education**

Proposal and paper guidelines

We welcome proposals for theoretical papers, empirical research, experiential workshops and roundtable discussions. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is ~~March 15th 2023~~ **5th April 2023**. Full papers (max 3,000 words) to be submitted by **June, 15th 2023**.

Proposals should not exceed 500 words (without references), including title, name of the author(s), institutional affiliation, and contact details. Please submit your proposal as a word document (using APA 7 as a citation style) to the following email: teaenetwork@gmail.com

The conference language will be English and the following criteria will be used to review proposals: (a) the relevance to transformative and emancipatory adult learning theory or practice; (b) the relevance to the conference theme; (c) the clarity of the theoretical framework; and (d) the clarity of the method and implications for experiential proposals.



The proposals will be peer-reviewed and notification of acceptance will be sent by ~~mid-April~~ May 1st 2023.

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Conference fees

Registration by ~~May~~ **June 15, 2023**

ESREA member: **100 €**

Non-member: **120 €**

Postgraduate students : **50 €**

Publication: An edited e-volume with papers from the TEAE Conference will be published.

Hellenic Open University

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TEAE Research Network

The mission of the “*Transformative and Emancipatory Adult Education*” ESREA Network is to promote a space for enhancing international dialogue and research on transformative and emancipatory adult learning. Our aim is to co-create a vital community in Europe that is devoted to cultivating research, scholarships, and projects about how learning can promote personal, societal, and global transformations. See the webpage: <https://esrea.org/networks/transformative-and-emancipatory-adult-education/>

For further information on ESREA, follow this link: <https://esrea.org/>