

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Friday 27th March to Sunday 29th March 2020**  
**New College, Oxford**

Submissions are invited for the fifty-fifth conference of the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain, to be held in 2020. All submissions should have a philosophical bearing on education and may vary from an examination of a philosophical issue in its connection with education, to a philosophical analysis of some aspect of current educational theory, research, policy or practice. The educational bearing of the paper should be rendered explicit in the text of the submission and, normally, in the title. Please note that reviewers will be asked particularly to take account of this requirement.

Three sessions at the conference will be reserved for invited plenary papers. The rest of the conference will be devoted to submissions responding to this Call.

All submissions must be unpublished material; i.e. the material must not have been published previously, or must not be material that has already been submitted for publication to a journal or other publication outlet (See Frequently Asked Questions).

The Society is keen to receive high quality submissions addressing themes under-represented in recent conferences. These may include:

1. Informal and non-formal education;
2. Vocational education;
3. Race and ethnicity issues in education;
4. Specific school curriculum areas.

The PESGB Annual Conference does not have a specific theme; submissions are welcome from all research areas in the philosophy of education.

Intending contributors are asked to read the Frequently Asked Questions in conjunction with this Call for Papers.

**The deadline for all submissions for the 2020 conference is midnight (UK time) on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.**

Called papers will be heard in parallel sessions and may take one of three forms: Papers, Symposia, Workshops. Posters are presented in a separate session. Please note that submissions will only be considered if they are fully anonymised, for instructions of how to do this please click [here](#). Please also note that the usual practice at the conference is for presenters to summarise their papers rather than read them in full, as conference participants will have had an opportunity to read them in advance.

**Papers** (45 minutes):

Papers submitted should be between 3,000 words (minimum) and 6,000 words (maximum). This word count requirement *includes* all footnotes/endnotes, but does *not* include the reference list and abstract. The abstract of the paper, not exceeding 200 words, should also be submitted.

Before sending the submission, please carry out a word count check to ensure that the proposed paper complies with the requirements specified in the previous paragraph. Submissions that fail to comply with these requirements will not be accepted.

**Symposia** (90 minutes):

A symposium at the PESGB conference comprises three or four short papers focused on a single theme. Submissions should consist of:

- (i) An abstract of the symposium outlining the form and focus of the symposium and the key issues to be addressed (200 words maximum);
- (ii) The three or four papers, none of which must exceed 1,000 words in total.

Before sending the submission for the symposium, please carry out a word count check to ensure that the symposium proposal complies with the word count requirements specified in (i) and (ii) above. Submissions that fail to comply with these requirements will not be accepted. Please note the system allows for the upload of one file only so please collate the symposium papers into one document for submission.

**Workshops** (30 minutes):

Workshops are interactive sessions and are intended as a springboard for open discussion and/or activity based on an issue in philosophy of education on which the author is working. They are not mini-papers. Workshop submissions should not exceed 1,000 words, *including* footnotes/endnotes, but *excluding* the reference list. The submission should be in two parts:

- (i) The first part, not exceeding 800 words, should explain the purpose and substance of the workshop;
- (ii) The second part, containing at least 200 words, should explain how the workshop is to be structured and how it is to engage the participants, including reference to strategies and resources to be used - e.g. tasks for participants, web resources, video clips, etc. Please note that reviewers will be asked particularly to take account of this requirement.

An abstract of the workshop, not exceeding 200 words, should also be submitted; this is in addition to the word count in (i) and (ii) above.

Before sending the submission for the workshop please carry out a word count check to ensure that the workshop proposal complies with the word count requirements specified in (i) and (ii) above. Submissions that fail to comply with these requirements will not be accepted.

## **Posters** (presented in a poster session on Friday afternoon):

Posters should present work in progress and can be either a moving poster (without sound) displayed on a screen, or can be printed on paper (A2 - 420 x 594mm). Accompanying A4 handouts with references and contact details are recommended. Posters will remain on display for the duration of the conference. If accepted, presenters should bring their posters with them to the conference (and a laptop or viewing device if required). Submissions should be the abstract of the poster only.

## **Deadline**

All submissions should be uploaded by midnight (UK time) on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 to the Speakers' Abstract and Paper Management Site [here](#). The Conference Committee has agreed that NO submissions will be accepted after that date.

## **Submission Limits**

Only **ONE** submission of a paper *or* workshop *or* symposium proposal per person will be accepted. However, in addition to a submission for a paper *or* a workshop (but **NOT** a symposium), an individual may be included as a contributor to **ONE** symposium proposal. All participants are welcome to submit **ONE** poster in addition to the above formats.

## **Review Process**

All submissions will be triple-blind reviewed by the Conference Programme Review Panel. Decisions will be communicated to applicants in the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020. All submissions will receive brief feedback comments from reviewers. Decisions are final and the Society will not enter into any further correspondence about the decision or feedback.

## **Information for Submission**

Submissions should be made by registering as a potential speaker online [here](#) and uploading the submission as an MS Word file. Each submission should comprise two attachments:

- (i) the abstract page, fully anonymised;
- (ii) the complete paper, workshop or symposium proposal, or poster abstract, fully anonymised and fully compliant with the word count requirements, in readiness for blind peer review.

The PESGB Review Panel do not proofread papers, so please check spelling and grammar carefully before submission. If you have not received an acknowledgement within one week of making your submission, please contact PESGB at [pesgb@sasevents.co.uk](mailto:pesgb@sasevents.co.uk). For registered participants, a complete set of accepted papers, workshops and symposia will be made available on the Society's website prior to the conference. Abstracts for all submissions will be available on the website prior to the conference and presented in the conference booklet. Full papers will be made available at the conference on a memory stick.

## **Pre-Conference Student Seminar**

The conference will be preceded by a student seminar on Friday afternoon, 27th March 2020. Details of the seminar will appear on the PESGB website.

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