International Comparative (Adult) Education
Research:
Multidisciplinary and Cross-National Research Approaches

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English

The international academic conference addresses issues regarding the state and prospects of inter-
national comparative (adult) education research. The focus will be on theoretical and methodological 
approaches, based on international comparative research works. As international comparative edu-
cational research is a multi-, even an inter-disciplinary field of research, the conference will harvest 
the potential of multi-disciplinary approaches. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the basic 
scientific preconditions for theoretically grounded and methodically sound international comparati-
ve research in the field of (adult) education.

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# Programme

## Monday, September 12

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<td>09:45</td>
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| 10:45 | Welcome Address
Prof. Josef Schrader, German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)
Prof. Josef Schmid, University of Tuebingen
Moderation
Prof. Tom Sork, University of British Columbia |
| 11:00 | Session I: New paradigms in comparing education policy
Keynote Speaker: Prof. em. John Field, University of Stirling
Discussant: Dr. Antoni Verger, Autonomous University of Barcelona |
| 12:00 | Session II: Large scale assessments and international comparative research: Chances and challenges for education research
Keynote Speaker: William Thorn, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)
Discussant: Prof. Rudolf Tippelt, University of Munich |
| 13:00 | Lunch                                                                |
| 14:00 | Session III: Comparative research on participation in adult education: Explaining unequal chances
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ellen Boeren, University of Edinburgh
Discussant: Prof. Elina Kilpi-Jakonen, University of Turku |
| 15:00 | Session IV: Cross-country analysis of the effects of upper secondary education and training systems and characteristics on skills level distribution
Keynote Speaker: Prof. Andy Green, University College London
Discussant: Prof. Ellu Saar, Tallinn University |
| 16:00 | Coffee Break                                                         |
| 16:30 | Session V: Labour market returns to education and the skills implications of current economic developments: Evidence from international comparisons
Keynote Speaker: Prof. Harry Anthony Patrinos, World Bank
Discussant: Dr. Friederike Behringer, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training |
| 17:30 | End of first day                                                     |
| 19:30 | Dinner                                                               |
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Tuesday, September 13

09:15   Session VI: Indicators of quality: Comparing educational systems from a life-span perspective
Keynote Speaker: Prof. Kai Schnabel Cortina, University of Michigan
Discussant: Prof. Hubert Ertl, University of Oxford

10:15   Session VII: The contribution of comparative welfare state research on (adult) education research
Keynote Speaker: Prof. Marius R. Busemeyer, University of Konstanz
Discussant: Prof. Manos Matsaganis, Politecnico di Milano

11:15   Coffee Break

11:45    Session VIII: Comparative Adult Education: Theoretical assumptions and empirical evidence from cross-country comparisons
Keynote Speaker: Prof. John Holford, University of Nottingham
Discussant: Prof. Michael Schemmann, University of Cologne

12:45    Lunch

13:45    Round Table Discussion:
International and comparative adult education research: Taking stock and looking ahead
Speakers:
Prof. Bernhard Schmid-Hertha, University of Tuebingen
Prof. Bernd Käpplinger, University of Giessen
Prof. Katarina Popović, University of Belgrade
Prof. Regina Egetenmeyer, University of Wuerzburg
Moderation: Prof. Ekkehard Nuisl, University of Kaiserlautern/University of Florence

14:45    Conclusions and Outlook:
Prof. Josef Schrader, German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)

15:00    End of Conference

Timing for sessions:
20 minutes presentation - 10 minutes discussant - 30 minutes plenary discussion