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

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English

The international scientific conference addresses issues regarding the state and prospects of international comparative (adult) education research. The focus will be on theoretical and methodological approaches, based on international comparative research works. As international comparative educational 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 comparative research in the field of (adult) education.

Online registration available: http://www.die-bonn.de/weiterbildung/veranstaltungskalender/Details.aspx?id=630
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Monday, September 12

10:00  Registration

10:45  Welcome Address

11:00  Theoretical and methodological issues of cross-national comparative education research
       Keynote Speaker: Prof. Karin S. Amos, University of Tuebingen
       Discussant: Prof. Hubert Ertl, University of Oxford

12:00  Session I: 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 II: 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 III: 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 IV: 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

19:00  Dinner
Tuesday, September 13

09:15  Session V: New (methodological or theoretical) paradigms in comparing education policy  
Keynote Speaker: Prof. em. John Field, University of Stirling  
Discussant: Prof. Antoni Verger, Autonomous University of Barcelona

10:15  Session VI: 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 VII: 
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 Nuissl, 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  
Moderation: Prof. Tom Sork, University of British Columbia