



Social Science Education Consortium Conference

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Moving Beyond a Single Story

Centre for Human Rights and Citizenship Education

Dublin City University

Dublin, Ireland

June 21-26, 2022

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We invite proposals from social science education researchers, pedagogues, practitioners and others to participate in the 2022 SSEC Conference in Dublin, Ireland. Proposals may focus on the conference theme and/or feature new directions for social science education in research, policy, and/or practice.

Conference Theme

Stories and the retelling of them serve a unique function in our cultures. Throughout time and space people have shared stories of their people, their histories, their experiences, their imaginations, their dreams, and their lives with each other. Stories serve to illuminate, humor, instruct, share, question, and remember. Stories can also challenge and resist or silence and erase. Contending with the complicated nature of stories through the voices of oppressor and oppressed we explore hegemonic narratives, the counter-narratives they demand and situate those within what it means to tell our truths. As we convene in Dublin, Ireland, we seek to welcome presentations and scholarship highlighting the myriad stories we tell and inquire into what it is about them that keeps us enthralled. Rooted in the deeply historic tradition of Irish storytelling, this theme seeks to honor the people who have called Ireland home for millennia with presentations centered on the idea of stories.

The conference committee interprets this theme expansively with all voices invited to an ever-expanding table. As Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie¹'s viral TedTalk notes, a single story is dangerous and limits critical understandings about people and their lives. The essence of this idea is that an expansive space where all voices are invited and honored as they identify themselves is the heart of the conference theme. We seek to develop greater understanding by going beyond a single story and finding what depths are possible when single stories are put into conversation with one another, when they listen to one another and consider where they overlap and converge, as well as where they diverge. We seek to

¹The committee appreciates the framework Adichie offers in this TedTalk and finds it important to cite the ideas that inspire us, though we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the recent controversy involving her statements of trans women and respond with the reiteration of SSEC's commitment to welcome all people as they are to our conference and consortium.

learn about what multiple perspectives and engaging with them looks like in schools, for teachers, and across the social science subject areas. Stories are critically important to how we raise new generations, but how do stories function in economics, political science, geography, anthropology, sociology, psychology, and history? Whose stories and voices have been systematically excluded? What can we learn from international stories? What do story themes like peace, conflict, justice, harmony, and others offer to social science education? What results when we encounter stories that move us to think in ways we have never considered before? What pedagogies of storytelling can open curricular space for learners in all settings? How can social science education conceptualize *moving beyond a single story* in new ways and what perhaps could result? Research and theory connecting to all levels of social science education, Pre-K through University, and the illumination of a multitude of voices or how we come to understand or teach them are welcome.

Presentation Formats

- 90-minute themed panels (Ideally no more than 3 presenters, no discussant, and allowing 15 minutes for discussion)
- 60-minute individual paper presentations (2-3 papers with discussant, and group discussion)
- 90-minute workshop (A practical, activities-based session designed to have participants engage with the content)

Proposal Submission

To promote broad participation in the conference, your name must appear on **one** submission only. Proposals must be no more than three single-spaced pages in length and must include the following sections (incomplete proposals will not be accepted). All proposals must be submitted as a Word document:

1. Names, affiliations, addresses, and e-mail addresses of all presenters
2. Brief title, capturing the primary focus, concern, or topic of the session
3. Abstract for inclusion in the conference program (**150 word maximum**). *Panel proposals* should include a 150 word summary abstract for inclusion in the conference program and 150 word abstracts from each of the presenters.
4. Proposal text explicating the topic, theoretical grounding, *and its relevance to the theme and interests of the conference* (**600 words max, excluding references**)
5. Indication of session type (e.g. paper presentation, themed panel, workshop)
6. Indication of provisions for involving audience participation and format

Proposal Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions is **January 31, 2022**. *Note:* To facilitate the timely announcement of the conference program, there will be no deadline extension. Proposals should be submitted to ExecDirector@ssec-inc.org. Our program committee and volunteer reviewers will review submissions. You will be notified of the outcome of your proposal no later than **March 1, 2022**.

Full Papers Submission Date

Completed full-length papers submitted for the paper presentation sessions must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the conference date to allow discussants time to read and prepare comments.

Book Publication

We will again work with Information Age Publishing to produce a conference-themed book, drawing from high-quality and theme-responsive papers. The book editors will work with authors who wish to submit their papers for consideration as book chapters.

Volunteer Opportunity

If you are interested in reviewing proposals, please email ExecDirector@ssec-inc.org and put "SSEC volunteer reviewer" in the email subject. Include your position (e.g. graduate student, faculty) and areas of research interest in the body of the email.

Questions

More details on registration rates and travel information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact ExecDirector@ssec-inc.org.

Sincerely, your program co-chairs:

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