

**July, 7-9  
2021**

**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - Galicia - Spain**  
**WERA 2020+1 Focal Meeting**  
 Networking Education: Diverse Realities, Common Horizons

**CALL FOR SUBMISSION OPENS : JULY 1, 2020; 23:59 SPANISH TIME**  
**CALL FOR SUBMISSION ENDS: JANUARY 15, 2021; 23:59 SPANISH TIME**

Paper, poster and symposia submissions must be submitted through the online portal on the WERA conference website at: [www.wera-compostela.com](http://www.wera-compostela.com)

Pre-conference workshops will take place on: **July 6, 2021**

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*All accepted submissions for the WERA 2020 Focal Meeting are considered as valid for the WERA 2020+1 Focal Meeting*

The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites submissions for papers, symposia, and posters for the WERA Focal Meeting to be held from 7-9 July 2021 at the Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Founded in 2009, WERA will be celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Focal Meeting in Spain.

WERA is an association of major national, regional, and specialty education research associations dedicated to sharing scholarship, developing networks, and mutually supporting capacity building. WERA Focal Meetings are embedded in the conference of a WERA Member Association. The WERA 2020+1 Focal Meeting is an integral part of the annual conference of the Sociedad Española de Pedagogía (SEP) and consists of a program of paper, symposia, and poster sessions on topics of worldwide emphases and significance.

In general, the WERA Focal Meeting seeks to feature research that includes more than one country or is comparative, cross-cultural, international, or transnational in conceptualization, scope, or design. Paper and poster submissions need to meet these criteria; symposia submissions can include papers from single sites or countries as long as the presentations combined are from different countries and the aims of the symposium are anchored in worldwide or global issues. Duplicate submission of the same symposium, paper or poster through the SEP and WERA online submission systems is not allowed.

Papers, posters and symposia submissions are encouraged to synthesize knowledge worldwide over the last decade and anticipate future research trends and directions. Scholarly papers and symposia who adhere to this call will be featured at the WERA 2020+1 Focal meeting.

### Who Should Submit?

Scholars and advanced graduate students worldwide whose research extends beyond a single-country site are encouraged to submit to the WERA Focal Meeting. Submissions may be submitted to be presented at paper sessions or poster sessions. Scholars wishing to organize symposia are also encouraged to submit. All abstracts submitted for review must please be written in English.

## Scope of the Focal Meeting

The scope of the Focal Meeting is wide in its reach to include studies across the life span from early learning to workforce and adult as well as elderly education and that take place in formal and informal contexts of education and learning.

The emphasis of the Focal Meeting is on papers, posters, and symposia *with a lens that is worldwide in perspective*. Otherwise, there is no restriction on the education research topics appropriate for consideration, although priority will be given to submissions that focus on research and findings addressed to significant trends, issues, and challenges worldwide.

## Guidelines for Submission to WERA Focal Meeting

Paper, poster, and symposia submissions must be submitted in English through the online portal on the WERA-SEP conference website at [www.wera-compostela.com](http://www.wera-compostela.com). Once you enter the submission portal from the main conference page, you will have separate options for paper, poster, and symposium submissions ([www.conftool.com/wera2020/index.php?page=submissions](http://www.conftool.com/wera2020/index.php?page=submissions)).

The final extended deadline to submit is **15 January 2021; 23:59 Central European Time**.

### *Paper Submissions:*

Paper summaries are a maximum of 750 words on: a.) "Proposal Information/Research/Questions and Theoretical Approach" (350 words); b.) "Methods" (150 words); and c.) "Conclusion & Findings, Scientific Significance" (250 words) in addition to the paper title, information on the authors, and so forth. Up to ten references may be included in the summary, and must be set forth in the reference list. A 250-word abstract suitable for publication must also be submitted. For multiple-authored papers, the first author of the paper is responsible for submission, even if that individual is not the paper presenter.

### *Poster Submissions:*

Poster sessions are visual displays of research findings, which provide the presenter with an opportunity for discussion of the research and findings. Submissions for poster sessions parallel the requirements for paper submissions, including a summary of up to 750 words that additionally addresses any unique elements particularly appropriate for a poster. Poster summaries are a maximum of 750 words on: a.) "Proposal Information/Research/Questions and Theoretical Approach" (350 words); b.) "Methods" (150 words); and c.) "Conclusion & Findings, Scientific Significance" (250 words) in addition to the poster title, information on the authors, and so forth. Up to ten references may be included in the summary, and must be set forth in the reference list. Also, a 250-word abstract suitable for publication must be included. Work with initial findings or in early stages of development and studies that are best conveyed with data analytic methods or pictorial or hands-on displays might be especially appropriate for a poster.

### *Symposium Submissions:*

A symposium provides opportunities, not afforded by a single paper, to examine a specific education research problem or topic through an international, comparative, or worldwide lens and to bring to bear diverse perspectives, intensive discussion, or a wide range of expertise. Symposium abstracts are a maximum of 250 words. Submissions also include 150-word summaries for each presentation/paper in a symposium, and allow for up to ten references for each presentation. References cited in the summaries must be set forth in the reference list. Symposium proposals are submitted by an organizer who may or may not be a chair, presenter, or discussant. A WERA symposium includes a chair and discussant and between three and five participants. Participants include all presenters and any discussants.

## Peer Review of Submissions

All submissions are peer-reviewed by the WERA Review Committee. Criteria include the worldwide significance of the research questions, the soundness of the methodology, the appropriateness of the methods to the research questions, the importance of the findings, and the overall logic and clarity of the conclusions and implications of the research.

## Guidelines for Accepted Submissions

Notification of acceptance decisions will be provided by **1 March 2021**. Presenting authors of accepted papers, posters AND all participants in accepted symposia are expected to attend and register at the WERA 2020+1 Focal Meeting.

## Registration

Registration is available online on the WERA-SEP conference website at [www.wera-compostela.com](http://www.wera-compostela.com). Registration will open for Early Bird registrants on 1 July 2020 and end on 31 March 2021, 23:59 Spanish Time. Discounted rates will apply. Regular registration at full conference rates will start on 1 April 2021 and end on 20 June 2021 ([www.wera-compostela.com](http://www.wera-compostela.com)). Registration at the WERA Focal Meeting allows attendance at the SEP conference without registering twice.

## Final Paper

Final full papers must be submitted by **all participants** by **30 April 2021**. Acceptance letters will include instructions for submitting final papers. Final papers will be eligible for consideration for publication in *Global Perspectives on Education Research (GPER)*, a book series of scholarly articles from WERA-related meetings and events published by Routledge on behalf of WERA.

## Important Dates for the Extended Call (WERA 2020+1 Focal Meeting)

1 July 2020	Submission starts
15 January 2021	Submission ends
1 March 2021	Decisions announced
1 July 2020 – 31 March 2021	Early bird registration
1 April 2021 – 20 June 2021	Registration
30 April 2021	Submission of final papers to WERA
7-9 July 2021	WERA-SEP conference

## Co-Chairs

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