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Political and economic systems under challenge – assessing the role and potential of citizenship education

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Sabine Manzel, Professor for Didactics of Social Science Education at the University of Duisburg-Essen

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Call for Papers

The conference provides a forum to explore and discuss your latest research with an international audience. You are invited to present a *research paper*, also regarding *innovative classroom practice, vocational training or curriculum development work*, in the fields of *civic, social and economic education*. The working language of the conference is English. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, followed by a 5-minute Q&A and group discussion. Research papers may be submitted to the Association's refereed **international Journal *Citizenship, Social and Economics Education* (SAGE)**, see <http://www.worlds.co.uk/CSEE> that is devoting a special edition to the conference theme.

SUBMITTING PAPERS:

Abstract submissions should be between **200-300 words**, linked with the conference theme, however widely interpreted, and **include aims, methodology, (preliminary) results and conclusion**. Abstracts should be sent by email attachment, in Microsoft Word or Rich Text Format, to the **Conference Secretary at iacsee@uni-goettingen.de**. All submissions should include **brief biographical and affiliation details**.

CLOSING DATE for submissions: **extended to 28th OF FEBRUARY 2015**

IACSEE's 11th International Conference "Political and economic systems under challenge – assessing the role and potential of citizenship education" (2nd – 4th of July 2015 at Goettingen University, Germany) will be hosted by **Monika Oberle, Professor for Didactics of Civic Education, University of Goettingen (www.uni-goettingen.de/en/265134.html).**

The conference will address the role and potential of citizenship, social and economic education, both theoretically and empirically in the challenging times that we are currently witnessing: Political systems recently have been fundamentally challenged, e.g. in Asia as in Hong Kong, China and Thailand; in the middle-east, in the Arab spring and the Ukrainian revolution, but also in Western countries such as the UK, Spain and Italy with their movements for more devolution and independence referenda. Global climate change needs to be addressed by international political solutions adopting new modes of governance. The far-reaching problems of the global financial system highlighted by the financial crisis starting 2008 have only been addressed superficially so far. People are disillusioned and ask for change. But many citizens feel that they adequately understand neither the problem nor the alternative solutions presented to them. In Europe the crisis of the financial and economic system, the debt crisis, anticipated Euro crises and – especially in the South – the horrendous rates of youth unemployment, give rise to "Politikverdrossenheit" and populist parties, but also to nationalist movements from the extreme right.

At the same time citizens are increasingly being asked by their national governments to become 'active'. If citizens ought to be decisive actors confronted with such challenges, they need citizenship education to develop relevant competencies. Or so we think. Which roles really can and should be adopted by citizenship, social and economics education will be the leading question of this international three-day conference.

Further Conference and Association information is available at <http://iacsee.uni-goettingen.de> and www.iacsee.org. To register for the conference and plan your trip (including accommodation), please visit <http://iacsee.uni-goettingen.de>.