



CERA-UK

Chinese Educational Research Association-UK

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CERA-UK Annual Conference 2016

***A 'Golden Era' for
China & UK Educational Relations***

24th -25th June 2016, London, UK

(Deadline for Submissions: 21st March 2016)

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

On behalf of CERA-UK, we are delighted to announce that our 2016 Conference will take place on the 24th and 25th June at UCL Institute of Education. We hope you will participate in this year's conference by submitting an abstract for presentation or as a conference delegate, listening to speakers and taking part in discussions and social exchanges.

CERA contributes to the critical research and discussion of Chinese Education in its broadest sense. We provide opportunities for professionals, practitioners, students, academic researchers and scholars to share their interests and become actively involved in our association. Ours is a rapidly growing field of study and general interest as Chinese educational issues begin to attract world-wide attention. CERA's annual conferences continue to grow in size and importance in the academic community.

● **Conference Theme:**

The conference theme this year is *A 'Golden Era' for China & UK Educational Relations*. In view of the successful meeting and discussions between President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister David Cameron, the conference aims to foster and develop effective and positive relations between China and the UK across educational sectors for cultural and economic mutual benefit. However, developing this broad aim requires much work from higher levels of government right through to school-to-school exchanges. We welcome research and projects that focus on China & UK educational exchange, communication, and relations.

Based on the previous three conferences, CERA members have developed the following special interest groups within Chinese educational research:

- Chinese language education
- English language education
- Higher education
- Early childhood education
- Education technology and media
- Education and (economic, social and cultural) development
- Inclusive and special needs education
- School curriculum and subject development
- Teacher education and development
- Chinese students in the UK
- Educational leadership and management
- Art and music education
- Educational policy

These and others will form the sub-themes for our conference. We welcome proposals from

CERA members and conference attendees for ideas about new themes to enrich the range of discussion at the conference.

● **Events and Opportunities:**

The CERA-UK Annual Conference provides a unique space for scholars, researchers and students to share and discuss their ongoing or recent work with peers. The conference offers opportunities to benefit from feedback in a supportive and stimulating environment. At the conference we will provide a platform for you to promote your own research and publications.

The CERA-UK Annual Conference provides opportunities for participants to gain experience through chairing sessions and to learn more about various topics in relevant fields through networking with peers and more experienced scholars alike.

The CERA-UK Annual Conference also provides a vibrant and interactive online community for scholars, researchers and students to share their experiences and to exchange their ideas. Following the lead theme from last year's conference, we are promoting CERA as a link for research and practice between members and participants.

You can meet the CERA-UK Committee and other CERA-UK members on Facebook: [Cera-uk Annual](#). We also provide a variety of other workshops and seminars.

If you would like to organise for a group of students and academics from your host university to participate, please let us know. If you would like to help to organise the conference, volunteers are most welcome.

● **Abstract Submission and Presentation:**

Please submit your **200-250 word** abstract by **21st March at:** [Conference Registration and Abstract Submission \(for presenters\)](#).

The abstract should contain the following:

- Purpose of presentation (aim of the research, and/or research questions)
- Nature of your research
- Research methodology, approach and/or sample
- Key arguments, findings, and/or conclusions to be presented.

All submissions will be peer-reviewed by colleagues of the CERA-UK Conference Committee. We will respond to submissions by 8th April.

● **Conference Fees:**

Conference attendance is FREE for all presenters.

Conference attendance is FREE for all non-presenting attendees registering by 20th May 2016 at: [Conference Registration \(for attendees\)](#).

Non-presenting attendees registering after 20th May 2016 will pay a £10 administration fee. Information on the payment procedure will be made available at a later stage.

● **Conference Hosts:**

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to UCL Institute of Education and to the Education Section, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the UK for their strong and long-standing support.

● **Conference Venue:**

UCL Institute of Education 20 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AL, United Kingdom.

More information on travelling to UCL IOE can be found at: [Travel Advice](#).

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