

CALL FOR PAPERS

Extended Education in Times of Crisis: Development • Learning • Thriving

**2022 Virtual Conference of the WERA
Extended Education Network**

November 03 - 04 2022

Organized by Dr. Gil G. Noam and Team



The aim of the 2022 Virtual WERA Extended Education Conference is to discuss extended education throughout the pandemic and the added parallel crises of global warming, economic instability, and the war in Ukraine. The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the fragility of school systems across the globe with massive school and afterschool closures and the unprepared onset of virtual learning. Fortunately, throughout this time, the importance of social emotional development, student engagement, resiliency, and well-being came to the fore. To address learning loss, trauma, and well-being now, we must develop innovations in school and community-based extended education practice, research and evaluation. This conference provides a platform for educational researchers and extended education professionals to collaborate in developing urgently needed strategies and approaches to development, learning, and thriving.

Application Information

This Conference is by invitation in order to assure an integrated thematic focus for a relatively short window of programming, given the different time zones across the world. In order to be considered for becoming part of the program, please send a one page email or attachment with a proposed topic and short description of your idea as well as name(s) and affiliation of participant(s). We welcome all methods—qualitative, quantitative, longitudinal, theoretical, etc. and extend a special invitation to young scholars as well as organizers of cross-national comparisons and collaborations.

Conference Topics

- Social emotional learning/21st Century Skills
- Student engagement in learning and program activities
- School-community partnerships to increase wellness and resilience
- Student mental health, well-being, resiliency
- Evaluation and research: Multiple methods to study learning, development, and thriving in extended education
- COVID-19 and beyond
- Professional development, burn-out, and educator wellness

Presentation Formats

Symposia

Symposia will consist of three to four related papers and a discussant. A symposium is submitted by an organizer who may or may not be a chair, presenter, or discussant.

Paper Session

For regular paper presentations, 20 minutes will be scheduled. These papers will be bundled to allow for discussions between presenters, discussant and audience.

Discussion Session

A discussion session should consist of 3-4 participants addressing a specific topic that connects to the overall program. While no original data has to be presented, the topic should be interesting, informative, cross-national and truly engaging. The discussion leader should ensure that the session is highly interactive, not consisting of presentations.

Contact Information and Due Date

Please send your ideas and plans to ExtendedEducationConference22@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please send an email to Gil_Noam@Harvard.edu

Deadline for statement of interest and ideas: **August 30, 2022**

Conference cost: \$120 per standard attendee, \$50 per student. Hardship fund available.