

CALL FOR PAPERS

ISCAR 2025 Southern Europe and Middle East conference

Theme: Towards Equity, Peace and Sustainability in time of Crisis

UIC Barcelona. Faculty of Education Sciences.
Sant Cugat Campus (Barcelona), 5-7 november 2025

We invite scholars to participate in the **ISCAR2025 Regional Southern Europe and Middle East Conference**, centered on the theme “**Towards Equity, Peace and Sustainability in time of Crisis**” This conference aims to foster dialogue and collaboration around how Cultural-Historical Activity Theory (CHAT) and related approaches can address the pressing challenges of our time in fostering equitable, inclusive, and sustainable communities.

Conference Theme

The theme underscores the importance of **equity, peace, and sustainability** as foundational pillars for creating just societies. We welcome contributions that explore how CHAT, expansive learning, and sociocultural theories illuminate and advance research and practices that address inequality, enhance participation, and promote sustainable futures across diverse cultural, institutional, and social contexts.

This theme also encourages critical reflections on the **historical roots, contemporary applications, and future perspectives** of CHAT and related approaches. The conference will provide a platform for scholars from diverse disciplines to discuss and co-create knowledge, emphasizing **pluridisciplinarity** and **epistemological flexibility**.

Deadline
for abstract
submission
16th June 2025

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Key Themes and Sub-Themes

We invite submissions that explore the following themes and sub-themes. Please note that these topics are not exhaustive, and proposals that align with sociocultural approaches and other practice-based approaches are also warmly welcomed.

Equity and Peace

- Education and access for underserved communities.
- Participatory practices in social and institutional contexts.
- Addressing inequalities in digital and physical learning environments.
- Inclusive practices in workplaces, organizations and schools.
- Education for peace and equity literacy.

Sustainability and Social Responsibility

- Cultural-historical perspectives on environmental and social sustainability.
- Mediating practices for addressing global challenges.
- Contributions to sustainable development goals (SDGs).
- CHAT-informed interventions in community and social movements.

Theoretical and Methodological Advances in CHAT

- Emerging concepts, challenges, and developments within CHAT.
- Constructive dialogue with other theoretical frameworks.
- Theoretical foundations and epistemological flexibility in CHAT research.
- Historicity, levels of analysis, and units of analysis in CHAT.

Changing Practices, Relations, and Communities

- Individual and collective transformative agency.
- Collective concept formation and collaborative creativity in education, workplaces, and communities.
- Transformations in professional contexts, families, leisure, and everyday life.
- Exploring development and learning in interaction between human and technology systems.

Submission Formats

We encourage submissions in the following formats:

Single Paper:

Oral presentations followed by audience discussion.

Symposium:

A cohesive set of research papers organized around a theme, involving 3–4 contributors and a discussant.

Poster:

Poster presentations of research accompanied by brief oral discussions, specially adapted for early-stage research.

Workshop/ Demonstration/ Data Session:

Practical, hands-on sessions or data-sharing for collaborative analysis and feedback.

Submission Guidelines

- **Title:** 20 words or fewer.
- **Abstract:** 150 words or fewer.
- **Extended Abstract:** 1000 words or fewer, including references, tables, and figures (placed at the end of the document).
- **Submissions** must not include any identifying author information.

Each participant may submit up to two proposals as the main contributor.

Submission Process

All submissions must be made via the conference submission system. The submission portal will open on **April 1, 2025**, and close on **June 16, 2025** (23:59 CET). Late submissions will not be accepted.

[Submission link](#)

Review Process

Submissions will undergo a double-blind review by two reviewers based on:

- Relevance to the conference themes and CHAT.
- Coherence of theoretical and conceptual frameworks.
- Quality of research methods and design.
- Significance of the contribution to theory, practice, and policy.
- Scholarly originality and overall quality.

Information

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PRE-PROGRAMME

5th November

17:00 - 18:30 | Welcome session

6th November

09:00 - 12:30 | Morning Sessions

12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 - 17:00 | Afternoon Sessions

7th November

09:00 - 12:30 | Morning Sessions

12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 - 16:00 | Afternoon Sessions

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