

HERA 2023 Conference

“Higher Education in a Changing Global Landscape: Challenges and Prospects”

Call for Abstracts

Date: Tuesday, 13 June-Wednesday, 14 June 2023

Venue: Phoenix International Center MIRAI CREA, Hiroshima University (<https://miraicrea.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/>), Japan

Participation: In Person (or hybrid depending on the COVID-19 pandemic situation)

Organizer: Research Institute for Higher Education (RIHE), Hiroshima University, Japan

Co-Organizer: Higher Education Research Association (HERA)

There is little doubt that the development of higher education in Asia and other continents has been increasingly affected by a wider variety of new challenges in recent years. While there are a lot of uncertainties in the future, higher education worldwide is being and will be confronted with new issues particularly brought about by the neo-nationalism, the continual impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the changing geopolitics, as well as other new factors. This international conference aims to investigate general challenges higher education in Asia and other continents is facing and will be facing and what future holds for higher education in Asia and other continents in the new contexts. Researchers mainly from Asian countries will be invited to analyze and discuss higher education issues at the global, regional, national, and institutional levels. More importantly, although it is impossible to make an accurate prediction of the future of higher education in Asia and other continents at the various levels, it is expected that some trends of the future of higher education will be dealt with and examined.

The conference is mainly seeking the submission of abstracts related to the following topics:

- Challenges for higher education: What are general and specific challenges for the development and future of higher education in individual countries and systems in the region, and individual institutions in Asia and other continents?
- Impacts of new challenges: How and to what degree are new challenges impacting the missions, activities, behaviors, autonomy and governance, learning and knowledge production, and international engagement of higher education in individual countries, and/or specific institutions in Asia in particular?
- Responses and reforms of higher education: How are individual continents, countries, institutions, and/or individual academics responding to these challenges?
- Future and prospect of higher education: How and to what degree do and will new challenges

possibly shape the future and prospect of higher education in individual countries, and specific institutions in the region in particular?

These are broad topics and research questions, and prospective presenters are welcome to focus on only one or some of these topics and questions.

We invite you to participate in the 2023 HERA conference and submit your abstracts in 350 to 450 words without any references via <https://rihe.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/2023/01/cfa-hera2023/> no later than Tuesday, 28 February 2023. Your submitted proposal will be reviewed, and the decision of acceptance or rejection is expected to be made by Monday, 10 April 2023.