

3rd International Conference Comparative Education in Teacher Training

Organized by the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society
Sofia, Bulgaria, 18 – 22 April 2005

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comparative education community.*



Pictures of the 2nd International Conference on Comparative Education in Teacher Training
Sofia, Bulgaria, October 2003

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Goal and objectives

The overall goal of the conference is to focus academic discussions on the impact and role of Comparative Education in teacher training. The conference objectives are: (1) to develop linkages with colleagues who teach Comparative Education in various teacher education programs at universities, colleges, and institutes around the world; (2) to define problems, face challenges and outline prospects for the development of Comparative Education; (3) to examine different approaches to the role of Comparative Education as a science, research methodology, and academic discipline.

Conference format

The Conference is purposefully planned to be a small but high-quality international event. The maximum number of participants is up to 35. This small conference format aims to give participants a friendly, homey and cozy environment providing excellent opportunities for contacts, presentations and discussions.

The organizer

The Bulgarian Comparative Education Society (BCES) is the organizer of the conference. Founded in Sofia in 1991, the BCES has been a constituent member-society of the World Council of Comparative Education Societies since 1992. The BCES keeps close contacts with the WCCES Secretariat and many member-societies.

Conference chairs

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Popov (Sofia University, Bulgaria)
Prof. Dr. Georgi Bishkov (Sofia University, Bulgaria)

Keynote speakers

Prof. Dr. Karen Biraimah (University of Central Florida, USA, Past-President of CIES)
Other keynote speakers' names will be added.

Sections

1. Problems, challenges and trends in Comparative Education as a teacher training discipline
2. Curricula, innovations and new strategies in teacher training
3. History of Comparative Education as a teacher training discipline

Language and equipment

The Conference language is English. All presentations and discussions are in English. Internet connection, overhead projector (for transparencies) and digital projector (for PowerPoint presentations) are available.

CALL FOR PAPERS

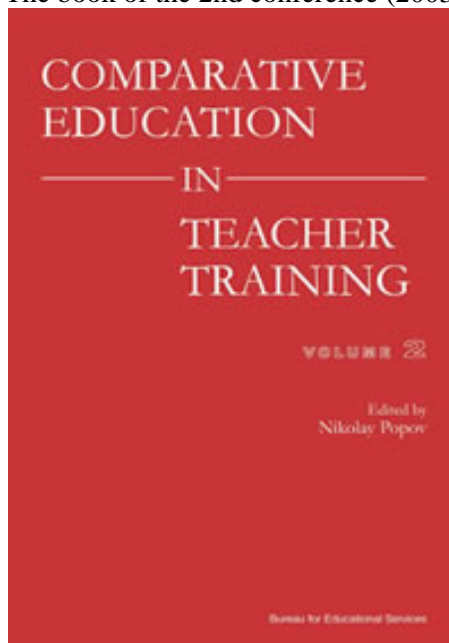
Participants are invited to submit papers.

According to the tradition established in the 1st and 2nd conferences, **all papers will be published in a book** before the beginning of the conference.

Each participant will receive a free copy of the book.

Papers should be written in English in a Word for Windows format, containing up to 2500 words, and sent by e-mail as Word attachments by 1 December 2004 to: npopov@fnpp.uni-sofia.bg

The book of the 2nd conference (2003)



REGISTRATION

Registration form

The registration form can be downloaded from the conference website: <http://edcollege.ucf.edu/cett/>
Please send the registration form to: npopov@fnpp.uni-sofia.bg

Registration fees

Type of registration fee	Amount	Deadline
Early registration fee	EUR 290	1 December 2004
Early registration fee for accompanying person	EUR 240	1 December 2004
Late registration fee	EUR 320	15 February 2005
Late registration fee for accompanying person	EUR 270	15 February 2005
Special fee for participants in the previous conferences	EUR 220	1 December 2004

Method of payment

The conference registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of the registration fee.

The bank transfer is the method of payment. Please contact the conference chair for the conference bank account's details.

Cancellation

Cancellation may be done **before 1 March 2005**. In this case the canceling persons will be refunded their registration fees minus the bank commission for the transfer. There will be no refund for cancellations after 1 March 2005.

What the registration fees cover

Each one of these registration fees covers:

- participation in conference sessions and coffee/tea breaks;
- publication of paper (if any) in the conference book;
- conference materials and a free copy of the conference book;
- welcome cocktail (on 18 April 2005);
- 4 lunches and 4 dinners (on 19, 20, 21, 22 April 2005);
- sightseeing tour to Sofia City Center including a visit to the Crypt (Exhibition of old icons) with a guide's lecture in English (on 20 April 2005);
- visit to the National History Museum, a guide's lecture in English is included (on 21 April 2005);
- tour to Rila Monastery (on 22 April 2005).

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms in 3-star hotels will be offered to participants. The hotel prices are:

Occupancy	Prices a night
Single room	EUR 35 - 40
Double room	EUR 40 - 45
Big apartment (2 bedrooms and a living room)	EUR 70 - 80
Small apartment (a bedroom and a living room)	EUR 50 - 60
Breakfast	EUR 3 - 4

Participants will pay for their accommodation directly to the hotels after arriving at Sofia.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Monday, 18 April 2005

Arriving and taking rooms	
17.00 - 18.00	Meeting of participants
18.00	Welcome cocktail

Tuesday, 19 April 2005

09.30 - 10.00	Opening
10.00 - 11.00	Keynote address
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 - 13.00	Conference session
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.30	Conference session
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee/tea break
16.00 - 17.30	Conference session
17.30 - 19.00	Free time
19.00	Dinner

Wednesday, 20 April 2005

09.30 - 11.00	Keynote address
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 - 13.00	Conference session

13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.30	Conference session
16.00 - 19.00	Sightseeing tour to Sofia City Center
19.00	Dinner

Thursday, 21 April 2005

09.30 - 11.00	Keynote address
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 - 13.00	Conference session
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 18.00	Visit to the National History Museum
19.00	Dinner

Friday, 22 April 2005

09.00 - 14.00	Tour to Rila Monastery
14.00 - 19.00	Free time
19.00	Farewell dinner

Saturday, 23 April 2005: Departure

DEADLINES

Deadline for submitting papers	Deadline for early registration	Deadline for late registration
1 December 2004	1 December 2004	15 February 2005

CONFERENCE CHAIR

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The National Theatre



St. Alexander Nevski Church



The National History Museum



Rila Monastery

