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# Social Justice in Times of Crisis and Hope: Young People, Well-being and the Politics of Education

The Centre for Education, Training and Work in the Asian Century  
(RMIT University, Australia)

The Centre for Social Justice and Wellbeing in Education  
(Lancaster University, UK)

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century has so far been characterised by conflict, displacement, growing economic insecurity and austerity. Increasing social polarisation has meant that contemporary societies are becoming more unequal with smaller segments of the population having access to the most wealth. Recent years have seen large numbers of young people involved in social movements aimed at creating socially just societies. The ongoing conflicts around the world and the recent refugee crisis in Europe has only intensified calls for justice, equity, compassion and understanding. We live in times of despair and conflict, but also times of hope and action.

This three-day conference (including a half-day networking event) asks delegates to explore the role of social justice in times of crisis and hope. We ask for papers that examine the role of young people in contemporary social movements, with the kinds of demands that are being made by the world's young people, and with the spaces within which they are making such demands. In addition we encourage papers that engage with the notion of well-being, with what this means in the contemporary moment and for whom. Finally we wish to interrogate the politics of education, to think about the limits and possibilities, the challenges and opportunities for social justice through education.

***There are two types of presentations available to delegates:***

Open stream: 20 minutes per paper (including questions), 3 sessions per day, 4 papers per session. *No parallel sessions.*

Discussion stream: 3 papers per session, 6 papers per day, smaller space – more time. Panel or themed presentations welcome. *Ideal for postgraduate students/Early Career Researchers*

Abstracts should be 250-300 words.

Please include an email address, institutional affiliation and a short biographical note (100 words)

Send your submission to: [crisisandhope2016@gmail.com](mailto:crisisandhope2016@gmail.com)

***Please indicate your preferred presentation stream in your submission.***

Abstracts must be received by Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Acceptance at the Conference will be notified by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Conference fee: £100**

**The conference convenors will develop a proposal for an edited collection of selected papers.**

**Themes:**

- What is social justice?
- Social justice in the age of Digital Media
- The roles of informal and formal education (early childhood, primary, secondary, higher), teacher education/identities
- Global problems, global perspectives
- Global Financial Crisis, sovereign debt, austerity
- Conflict, war, terror
- New and enduring forms of marginalisation, exclusion, disadvantage
- Migrants, refugees, asylum seekers,
- Indigenous populations
- Disabilities
- Class, economies
- Genders, sexualities
- Geography and context
- Recognising, working with/for/across difference(s)