



Education for Rural Transformation (ERT)

International Symposium, Stockholm (8th - 10th November, 2010)

General Information

Welcome to Stockholm and the Education for Rural Transformation (ERT) International Symposium! We, at the Institute of International Education (IIE), look forward to hosting you and hope the following general information will assist you in your travel preparations.

Venue

All presentations, meetings and panel sessions will be held at the Scandic Sergel Plaza during the 3-day Symposium.

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Transfer to and from the Airport

Symposium participants traveling to Stockholm will be met at the airport by an IIE representative and/or taxi driver. Please look out for a sign with your name when you exit from the customs area. You will be transferred to the hotel by taxi. In the event that you do not find your greeting party, please contact Mr. Vladimir Vesovic. Upon your departure, your transfer to the airport from the hotel will also be arranged.

Hotel Information

For those Symposium participants who are staying at the Scandic Sergel Plaza, you will be staying in central Stockholm with stores, banks, pharmacies, restaurants, tourist sights and transportation conveniently located at your doorstep. As guests of the hotel, you will have free use of wireless Internet and access to the Sergel Spa & Fitness gym, located in the same building as the hotel. All meals at the hotel (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are included during your stay, with the exception of alcoholic drinks and mini-bars. The cost of telephone calls both within Sweden and internationally will not be covered by IIE.

Public Transportation

The city of Stockholm is well-connected by an efficient, easy-to-understand transportation network. With SL (Stockholm Public Transport), you will have local buses, the metro, commuter trains, trams and other light railways at your disposal. For information on tickets and assistance on planning your journeys, visit the SL website at: <http://sl.se/en/Visitor/Plan-your-journey/>

Weather

It will be the beginning of winter in Stockholm during your stay, with average temperatures ranging from 1°C/34°F to 5°C/41°F. It is a good idea to prepare for different temperatures by packing layers of outfits, as it can be warm indoors and very cold outdoors (especially in the evenings). A warm winter coat, scarves and gloves are highly recommended.

Electricity

In Sweden, the electricity is 220 volts AC. The Europlug (Type C&F) is used, with two round prongs. You may wish to bring an international plug adapter for your laptops, cameras, mobile phones and other small electrical devices. Adapters are also available for purchase in electronic stores in Stockholm. Projectors, DVD/CD players and TV/video are available for your presentations at the Symposium venue. Please let us know in advance if you need any special equipment.

Stockholm Tourism Board

Awarded the European Green Capital of 2010 and described by many visitors as “beautiful”, the capital of Sweden has much to offer during your stay. In addition to its natural and architectural beauty, Stockholm also boasts great shopping, cozy cafés and world-class restaurants, as well as a vibrant music and cultural scene. Please note that the weekend of November 6th is a national holiday celebrating All Saints Day and some stores may have reduced opening hours. For more information on Stockholm, you can visit the official travel and tourism website at: <http://www.visitsweden.com/sweden/Regions--Cities/Stockholm/>

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**We hope you will enjoy
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*Lessons Learned - National, International and Comparative Perspectives
Preliminary Program*

Day 1	Monday, 8th November
08.00 - 09.00	Registration
09.00 - 09.45	<p>Opening Remarks Prof. Vinayagum Chinapah, Professor and Head, Institute of International Education, Stockholm University, Sweden</p> <p>Keynote Papers, Suggested Chairperson Dr. Abhimanyu Singh, Director, UNESCO - China</p> <p>Comparative Study on the Roles of Agricultural University for Rural Development Prof. Wang Li, UNESCO-INRULED, China</p> <p>Education for Rural Transformation: Realities and Challenges in India Dr. Pushpanadham Karanam and Prof. Sudarshan C. Panigrahi, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India</p>
09.45 - 10.00	Coffee Break
10.00 - 12.00	<p>Welcoming Remarks Prof. Kåre Bremer, Vice Chancellor, Stockholm University Ms. Katarina Bjelke, Director General, Division for Research Policy, Swedish Ministry of Education and Research H.E. Mr. Chen Mingming, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China in Sweden H.E. Mr. Ashok Sajjanhar, Ambassador of the Republic of India to Sweden and Latvia</p> <p>Keynote Papers, Suggested Chairperson Mrs. Lavinia Gasperini, Senior Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Italy</p> <p>Systems Theory Perspective on Education for Rural Transformation: In the Dialectic Between Global Contexts and Local Conditions Prof. H. S. Bhola, Indiana University, USA</p> <p>What Matters for Outcomes in Elementary Education in India Prof. JBG Tilak, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, India</p> <p>The "E-Learning Harbour" as a Model of Life Long Learning for Rural Transformation: The Current Practices and Experiences in China Dr. Meng Hong Wei, China National Institute for Educational Research, China</p>
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch Break
13.30 - 15.30	<p>Concurrent Panel Sessions</p> <p>Panel I, Suggested Chairperson Dr. Pushpanadham Karanam, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India</p> <p>Educational Innovations and Transformation in Tribal Areas of Andhra Pradesh Prof. K. Sujatha, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, India</p> <p>Promoting Rural Education through Inter-school Collaboration: A Scaffolding Model for ICL Ms. Xiaoying Feng, Beijing Normal University, China</p> <p>Technology for Transformation: ICT Initiatives for Rural Transformation in India Dr. Anjali Khirwadkar, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India</p> <p>An Organizational Innovation to Promote Balanced Development between Urban and Rural Education in China: A Case Study on "School Incorporation" in Lucheng District, Wenzhou City Dr. Jun Teng, Beijing Normal University, China</p>



Day 1	Continued
13.30 - 15.30	<p>Panel II, Suggested Chairperson Prof. Zheng Xinrong, Beijing Normal University, China</p> <p>Education Streaming in the Rural Junior High Schools Prof. Liu Baocun, Beijing Normal University, China</p> <p>Tribal Education as a Tool for Rural Transformation: A Case Study of Paniyas in Wayanad Shri (Mr.) Raju Narayana Swamy, Indian Administrative Service, India</p> <p>Integration of Urban and Rural Educational Development Experience: Chengdu, China Mr. Lv Xinwei and Mr. Shi Bin, Chengdu Bureau of Education, China</p> <p>Education for Rural Transformation- Civil Society Initiatives in India: A Case Study Prof. K. Viswa Bhushan, Maharaja Post-graduate College, India</p>
15.30 - 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 - 17.30	<p>Panel I continued, Suggested Chairperson Dr. Ingemar Gustafsson, Institute of International Education, Stockholm University</p> <p>Education for Rural Transformation: Policies and Programs for Rural India Mrs. Meera Balakrishnan, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India</p> <p>Teachers Support System in Rural Transformation: The Experience from China Prof. Zheng Xinrong, Beijing Normal University, China</p> <p>Panel II continued, Suggested Chairperson Prof. Wang Li, UNESCO-INRULED, China</p> <p>From Brain-drain to Brian-gain: the Changing Role of Higher Education in China's Rural Transformation Dr. Wang Qiang, Nanjing Normal University, China</p> <p>Education and Rural Transformation: A Case Study of Rural Students in Higher Education in Punjab Prof. Ranjit Singh Ghuman, Punjabi University, India</p>
18.00 - 21.00	Welcome Dinner and Reception
Day 2	Tuesday, 9th November
09.00 - 10.30	<p>Panel III, Suggested Chairperson Prof. Sangeeta Bagga Gupta, Educational Sciences Committee of the Swedish Research Council, Sweden</p> <p>Non-Formal Education and Lifelong Learning in Rural Areas - Experiences and Lessons from the Arab States Prof. Qutub Khan, Formerly UNESCO, Lebanon</p> <p>Are Our Children Learning? Annual Assessment Report. Tanzania 2010 Prof. Suleman Sumra, Uwezo, Tanzania</p> <p>The Persistence of the Rural/Urban Divide in Central and Eastern European Education: An Overview Dr. Monica Mincu, Catholic University, Milan, Italy</p>
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.00	<p>Panel III continued, Suggested Chairperson Prof. JBG Tilak, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi, India</p> <p>People and Rural Transformation Prof. Greg Shaw, Charles Darwin University, Northern Territory, Australia</p> <p>The Development and State of the Art of Adult Learning and Education with ERT Mr. Jibachh Mishra, Director, Non Formal Education Centre, Khatmandu, Nepal</p> <p>Education for Rural People: the role of education, training and capacity development in poverty reduction and food security Mrs. Lavinia Gasperini, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Italy and Dr. Ingemar Gustafsson, Institute of International Education, Stockholm University</p>
12.00-13.00	Lunch Break
13.30 - 17.30	<p>Group Visit to the Stockholm City Hall Guided by the Former Deputy Major of Stockholm Mr. Hadar Cars</p> <p>Sightseeing: Old Town, The Royal Palace, Kulturhuset (The Culture House)</p>



Day 3		Wednesday, 10th November	
09.00 - 10.00	Closing Session , Chairperson Prof. Vinayagum Chinapah, Institute of International Education, Stockholm University Nepalese Documentary Film , Non-Formal Education Centre, Nepal, Winner of the 2010 UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy ERT Symposium Summary and Recommendations		
10.00 - 15.00	Visit to a Swedish Rural School, Hölö Primary and Lower Secondary School (Hölöskolan), Hölö, Sweden (<i>lunch box included</i>)		

Thank You !