

The 18th Asian Conference on Education (ACE2026)

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Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo, and Japan

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Welcome to The 18th Asian Conference on Education (ACE2026), held in partnership with the IAFOR Research Centre at the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) at The University of Osaka, Japan.

ACE2026 encourages academics and scholars to meet and exchange ideas and views in an international forum stimulating respectful dialogue. This event will afford an exceptional opportunity for renewing old acquaintances, making new contacts, networking, and facilitating partnerships across national and disciplinary borders.

IAFOR's unique global platform facilitates discussion around specific subject areas, with the goal of generating new knowledge and understanding, forging and expanding new international, intercultural and interdisciplinary research networks and partnerships. We have no doubt that ACE2026 will offer a remarkable opportunity for the sharing of research and best practice and for the meeting of people and ideas.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tokyo!

– The ACE2026 Programme Committee

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Conference Vision

To promote international exchange

The conference supporters and organisers endeavour to connect scholars from around the world to share important research and ideas in a spirit of mutual respect.

To facilitate intercultural awareness

We aim to promote intercultural events and discussions to place Japanese culture in dialogue with our international visitors.

To encourage interdisciplinary discussion

The presentation streams in the ACE2026 programme reach beyond the border of their academic disciplines, drawing on intersections from across disciplinary boundaries.

To generate and share new knowledge

Conference organisers and supporters hope to connect scholars to engage in vital topics in education by sharing original research and perspectives.



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About The International Academic Forum (IAFOR)

Founded in 2009, The International Academic Forum (IAFOR) is a mission-driven politically independent non-partisan and non-profit organisation dedicated to encouraging interdisciplinary discussion, facilitating intercultural awareness and promoting international exchange, principally through educational interaction and academic research. Based in Japan, its main administrative office is in Nagoya, and its research centre is in the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP), a graduate school of The University of Osaka.

Through its international, intercultural, and interdisciplinary conferences, research, and publications, IAFOR is a network hub for interdisciplinary discussion across Asia and beyond, connecting individuals and institutions across the globe, and the thought leaders of today with those of tomorrow.

IAFOR runs research projects and events in Asia, Europe, and North America in partnership with universities, think tanks, and learned societies. IAFOR has also worked on a number of multi-sector cooperative programs and events, including collaborations with the United Nations and the Government of Japan.

IAFOR Global Partners

Conference Overview

Conference Programme Schedule

Day 1: Plenary Session & Welcome Reception, Conference Dinner
Day 2: Plenary Session & Conference Dinner
Day 3: Onsite Parallel Sessions
Day 4: Onsite Parallel Sessions
Day 5: Online Parallel Sessions

Presentation Formats

Present Onsite

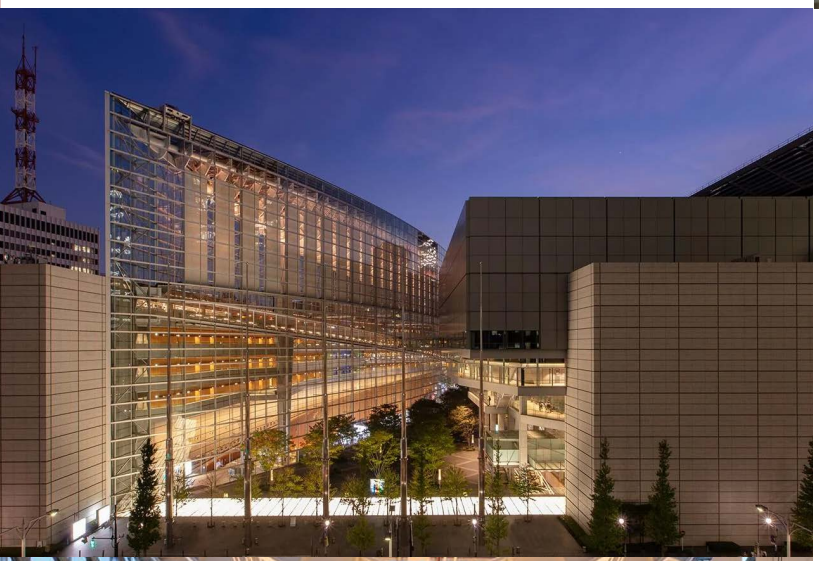
- Oral Presentation (25 minutes)
- Poster Presentation (60 minutes)
- Workshop Presentation (50 minutes)
- Panel Presentation (75 minutes)

Present Online

- Live-Stream Presentation (25 minutes)
- Pre-Recorded Virtual Presentation
- Virtual Poster Presentation









Venue

Tokyo International Forum

The Tokyo International Forum (東京国際フォーラム) is a multi-purpose exhibition hall with a rich history, built on the former site of Tokyo City Hall. The venue hosts some of the biggest events in Japan every year. The Tokyo International Form offers outstanding accessibility, with direct connections to Tokyo Station and Yurakucho Station, and is within close reach of major business districts.

Become an IAFOR Member

IAFOR membership provides an exceptional opportunity to be a part of a leading global academic organisation, network, and platform that is committed to nurturing the very best in interdisciplinary research in the global public interest.

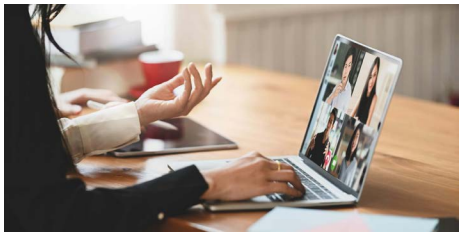
Our conferences and expanding network bring together faculty and industry professionals from around the world. allowing them to meet and engage their ideas in international, intercultural, interdisciplinary settings. Each conference also offers excellent networking opportunities to interact with global leaders from diverse fields, and a growing global community.

Become an IAFOR Member today to receive:



Unlimited Online Access to ALL IAFOR Conferences

Access to participate in ALL live-streamed plenary, featured, and special sessions LIVE for no additional cost.



Exclusive Member-Only Online Events

Take part in exclusive events for members, including workshops, roundtables, panel discussions, and interviews, developed through IAFOR, the IAFOR Research Centre, and our global partners.



Newsletter

A detailed schedule of upcoming content available for members is sent every month. Members can register and join for FREE from the newsletter.



Discounts on Conference Registration

Membership allows a 15% discount on any in-person conference registration package. Graduate students get a 30% discount.



Discounts on Professional Development Workshops, Courses, and Certification

Membership allows a 15% discount on all workshops, courses, and certifications. Graduate students get a 30% discount.



Collaborate

Share your research interests, areas of experience and expertise, and contact information with other members in our private LinkedIn group.

The IAFOR Way: International, Intercultural, Interdisciplinary



The IAFOR Conference Experience



Registration Desk

When you arrive at an IAFOR conference, you'll be welcomed by our friendly regular staff. They'll check you into the event, provide your printed conference guide and name badge, and ensure you feel at home from the start.



Information Sessions

Information is provided about the organisation, the design of the conference, and a range of frequently asked questions, from how to get the most out of your conference experience to publishing opportunities, and ways to get more involved.



Welcome Reception

Held on one of the conference opening days, the Welcome Reception is a great opportunity to mingle with fellow delegates and start some conversations, and try a glass or two of something local!



Keynote Presentations

Keynote presentations are designed to reach across the confines of the university to engage with other professions. Keynote speakers speak from their discipline, but speak to both their peers and those in other disciplines.



Plenary Sessions

Plenary content is primarily organised over the opening days of the conference, and you will hear leading thinkers discussing zeitgeist issues and big ideas during these sessions, in the form of keynote addresses, panel discussions, or roundtables.



Parallel Sessions

The parallel sessions are where original research is presented and then discussed by fellow panellists and the audience, and an important opportunity to disseminate, share, and receive feedback. They are a chance for you to hear the latest research in your and related fields.

An IAFOR conference is organised over several days onsite (usually between four and six), and includes hundreds of hours of programming to excite the mind. Added to this is live and recorded access to the online livestream sessions, as well as access to the pre-recorded virtual content and plenary sessions. Many personal and professional partnerships and collaborations have been forged and consolidated through IAFOR conferences over the years, and across the boundaries of nation, culture, and discipline, resulting in a myriad friendships, partnerships, projects, and career opportunities.

An IAFOR conference typically brings together hundreds of people from scores of countries. Like you, they are open and engaged, and like you, they are looking to write their own IAFOR stories. We encourage your active and open participation throughout the event!

Nurturing global collaborations; that's the IAFOR Way.



Networking Opportunities

Our conferences are designed to offer countless networking opportunities to make and consolidate personal and professional connections, reconnect with colleagues, and meet new friends in a spirit of convivial collegiality.



Forum Sessions

We want to engage and harness both the individual voices and collective intelligence of our conference participants as they respond to questions around zeitgeist issues, which helps us as an organisation be responsive and shape future programmes.



Poster Presentations

A poster presentation is a convivial way to present one's research. It provides a less formal but more interactive presentation experience, as it involves more discussion and dialogue between presenters and their audience, allowing conversations to develop in a more relaxed way.



Capacity-Building Sessions

Workshops allow great interactive engagement between delegates, and relaxed opportunities to engage and share, and attendees enjoy the easy 'takeaways'.



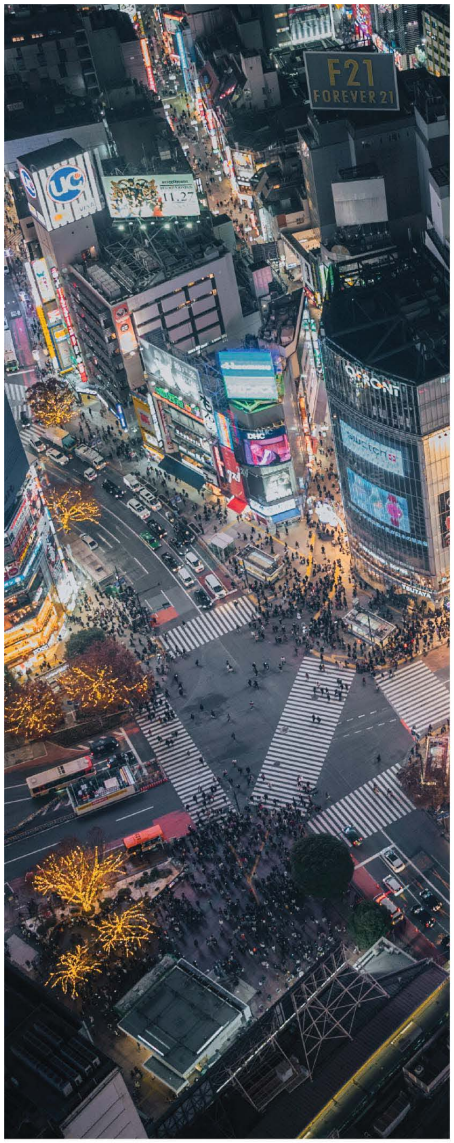
Cultural Events

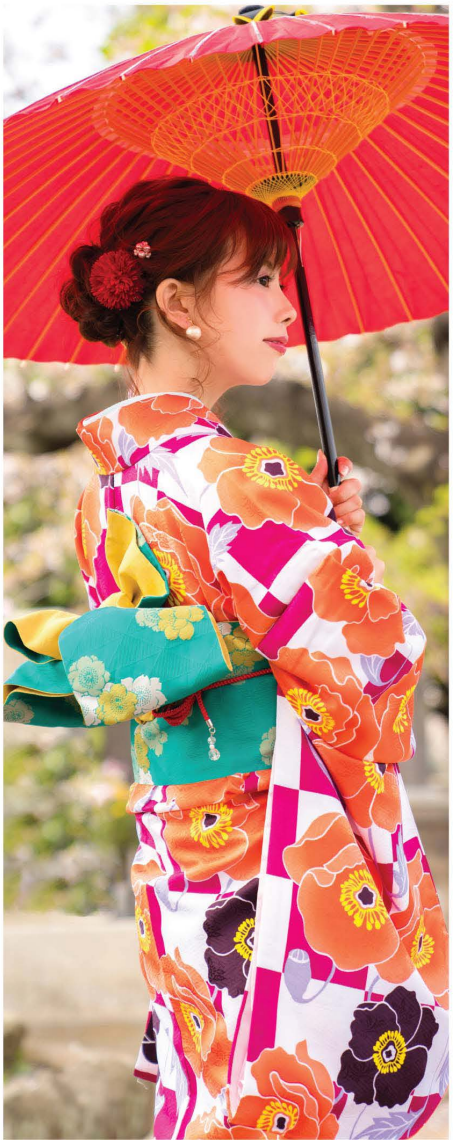
As two of our three watchwords are 'international' and 'intercultural', we take advantage of the physical location of each conference to try and offer delegates a taste of the host city or country, with cultural events scheduled within the programme.



The Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner is a separately ticketed event, and is an opportunity to engage with fellow delegates over some delicious food in some memorable locations. The conference dinners are always lively spaces for great times.







Experience Tokyo, Japan

Discover the vibrant energy of Tokyo, Japan, a city where tradition meets cutting-edge innovation. As a global academic hub, Tokyo offers unparalleled opportunities for intellectual exchange and collaboration. Beyond the conference halls, explore historic temples, world-class cuisine, and futuristic technology districts. Stroll through tranquil gardens, experience the pulse of Shibuya, or immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Asakusa. Tokyo's blend of history, modernity, and global influence makes it a unique and inspiring destination for academics looking to present their research in an unforgettable setting.

ACE2025 Key Statistics

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789 DELEGATES FROM 66 COUNTRIES

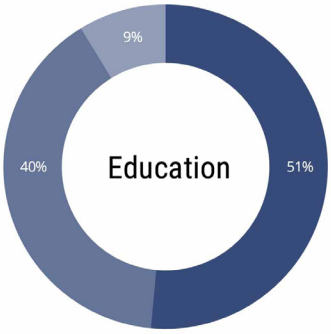
428 Onsite Presentations

192 Online Presentations

448 Institutions and Organisations



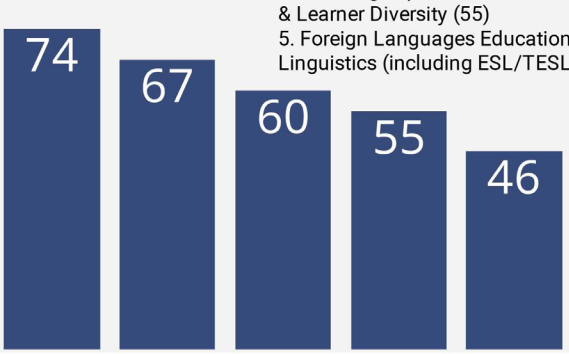
57% University Faculty
16% Doctoral Student
11% Public Sector/Practitioner
6% Other
6% Postgraduate Student
2% Postdoctoral Fellow/Instructor
1% Independent Scholar
1% Private Sector



51% Doctoral Degree
40% Masters Degree
9% Bachelors Degree

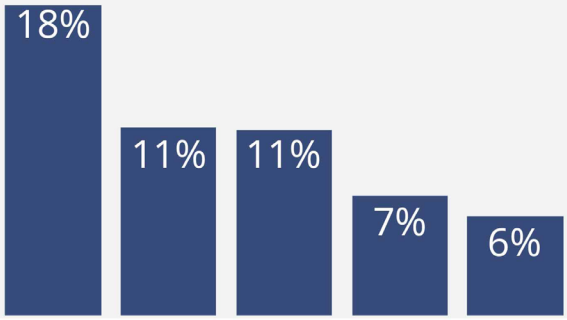
Top Streams

1. Design, Implementation & Assessment of Innovative Technologies in Education (74)
2. Teaching Experiences, Pedagogy, Practice & Praxis (67)
3. Higher Education (60)
4. Learning Experiences, Student Learning & Learner Diversity (55)
5. Foreign Languages Education & Applied Linguistics (including ESL/TESL/TEFL) (46)



Top Countries by Delegate Attendance

1. Philippines (18%)
2. Taiwan (11%)
3. Singapore (11%)
4. Japan (7%)
5. United States (6%)



620 Total Presentations

270 Hours of Content

Multiple Authored vs. Single Authored Submissions



international | intercultural | interdisciplinary



IAFOR events are among the most diverse on Earth

Bridging divides of nation, culture, and discipline; informing and shaping ideas, research, practice, and policy in a comparative and contrastive space, IAFOR encourages the sharing and nurturing of diverse ideas.

Over the past year, more than 5,000 delegates from more than 120 countries have participated in an IAFOR event.

5,000+
Delegates

120+
Countries

Inspiring global collaborations, this diversity of peoples, nations, voices, cultures, and ideas is at the heart of what we do.

It is our greatest strength. Join us.

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ACE2025 Conference Survey Results

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Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping the future of IAFOR conferences. Guided by the Japanese principle of 'kaizen' — a commitment to continuous, incremental improvement — we strive to enhance the delegate experience. The data presented in this report was collected from 178 respondents out of 789 delegates within 30 days of the conclusion of the event.



Recommendation

84%

of delegates would recommend the IAFOR event to a friend or a colleague



Returnees

70%

of delegates have attended an IAFOR conference before

Pre-Conference Communication & Support Rating

Overall Pre-Conference Support
5.0 ★★★★★

Registration Process
5.0 ★★★★★

Submission & Review System
5.0 ★★★★★



Conference Satisfaction

86%

of delegates are satisfied or content with the event

> *"One of the strongest aspects of the conference was its ability to bring some of the finest minds under one roof, creating a vibrant space for exchange of ideas, perspectives, and research innovations."*

Conference Experience Rating

Overall Conference Experience
5.0 ★★★★★

Overall Networking Experience
4.0 ★★★★☆

Hospitality & Ambience
4.0 ★★★★☆

Welcome Reception
5.0 ★★★★★

Delegates' Motivation for Attending

**Percentage based on 540 marked options from 178 responses*

Present Research	Networking	Global Research	Plenary Speakers	Publishing	Receive Feedback
32%	16%	15%	13%	13%	11%

Academic Quality Rating

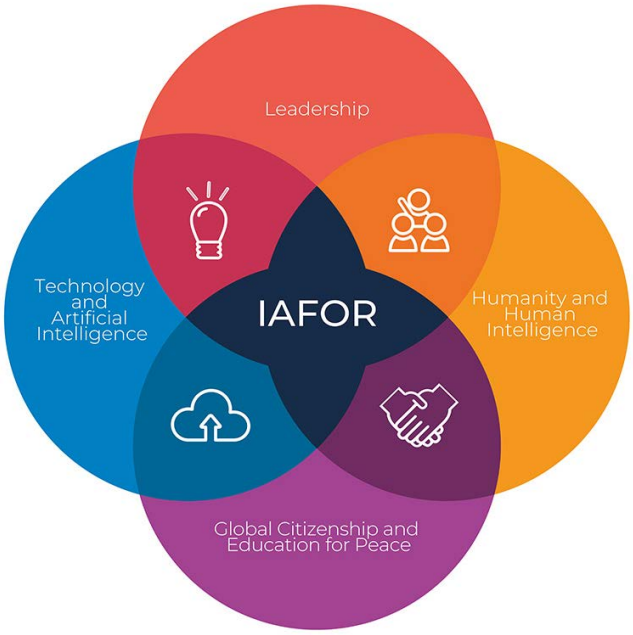
Plenary Sessions & Featured Presentations
5.0 ★★★★★

Parallel Presentations
5.0 ★★★★★

Contents of the Conference
5.0 ★★★★★

IAFOR's Conference Themes for 2025-2029

International | Intercultural | Interdisciplinary



IAFOR's conference programme provides an essential comparative and contrastive space for people to engage in multidisciplinary research across borders of nation, culture, discipline, and professions. We encourage mixed approaches and methodologies, combining theory and practice between and across the disciplines, and we look to harness the collective intelligence of our International Academic Forum in addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time. Through the implementation of new formats in our conference programme over the last year, including Intelligence Briefings, Keynote Interviews, and The Forum, we gathered insights into what has been discussed at the theoretical and policy levels, identify the challenges, and the outlook for best practices in tackling global contemporary issues, which we have identified as the themes for 2025-2029. Our four themes can be seen as standalone themes, but they are also very much in conversation with each other. Themes may be seen as corollaries, complementary, or in opposition/juxtaposition with each other. The themes can be considered as widely as possible and are designed, in keeping with our mission, to encourage ideas across the disciplines.



1. Technology and Artificial Intelligence
Examines the rapid pace of technological advancements, aided most particularly by those driven by artificial intelligence and its enormous and growing impact in all fields.



2. Humanity and Human Intelligence
Asks us which principles, values, and attributes we wish to encourage, protect, and nurture and how we accomplish this. Technological advancements constantly ask us to reconsider and reimagine what it means to be human, including questions regarding communication, creativity, inclusivity, ethics, and care.

3. Global Citizenship and Education for Peace
Consider our existence and coexistence with each other, within our communities and places of belonging, and with peoples of different countries, cultures, and backgrounds, as well as with our environment and our planet.

4. Leadership
The continuing importance of leadership as a skill, particularly in light of difficult times, where recognising and encouraging best practices in leadership at all levels of society is critical.

Conference Themes in Theory, Policy, and Practice

Many theories are born and initially tested in the academy, informing discussions in the public sphere that influence policy. IAFOR represents a unique combination of engagement emerging from the collaborative efforts of senior policymakers, administrators, and individuals working on the ground or in the field. IAFOR has made this rare combination of equitable theoretical and practical exchanges the standard for our organisation and represents a valuable model for how science should be done. We will develop conference and institutional programmes and publications around these themes as well as capacity building sessions for our conference programme over the next five years. It is our aim with the implementation of these themes, alongside the implementation and continuing refinement of new formats, to best harness the unique arena IAFOR and its network have built in regards to pressing issues of today and the future.



Submission Streams

Teaching & Learning

- Learning Experiences, Student Learning & Learner Diversity
- Teaching Experiences, Pedagogy, Practice & Praxis
- Assessment Theories & Methodologies
- Curriculum Design & Development
- Adult, Lifelong & Distance Learning
- Education & Difference: Gifted Education, Special Education, Learning Difficulties & Disability
- Interdisciplinary, Multidisciplinary & Transdisciplinary Education

Educational Structures

- Educational Policy, Leadership, Management & Administration
- Educational Research, Development & Publishing
- Professional Training, Development & Concerns in Education
- Primary & Secondary Education
- Higher Education

Community & Society

- Education, Sustainability & Society: Social Justice, Development & Political Movements
- International Education

Language & Culture

- Language Development & Literacy
- Foreign Languages Education & Applied Linguistics (including ESL/TESL/TEFL)
- Challenging & Preserving: Culture, Inter/Multiculturalism & Language

Psychology, Mind & Brain

- Mind, Brain & Psychology: Human Emotional & Cognitive Development & Outcomes within Educational Contexts
- Counselling, Guidance & Adjustment in Education

Innovation & Technology

- Design, Implementation & Assessment of Innovative Technologies in Education
- Nurturing Creativity & Innovation: New, Innovative & Radical Education
- Knowledge Creation, Preservation & Access: Curation, Librarianship, Information & Archival Science

Participate in ACE2026 Online

As part of IAFOR's internationalising mission and commitment to accessibility, we are dedicated to providing platforms that make presentation and publishing possible for everyone. IAFOR's purpose-built online platform provides structured accountability and reporting for conference participation and attendance, both physical and virtual.

What is an Online Presentation?

For many academics, Online Presentations are an excellent option, particularly for presenters who are unable to attend a conference in person, as they enable authors to participate in the conference and provide all the same publishing opportunities using online technologies.

IAFOR facilitates **Live-Stream Presentations** that allow real-time interaction between attendees during the online day of the conference. This creates opportunities for interaction, knowledge transfer, and feedback in the form of questions and critique. **Virtual Presentations** are pre-recorded and added to the **IAFOR Online Video Archive** before the conference begins, where they remain indefinitely.

The Benefits of Online Presentation:

Present

- Present to an international audience, and receive a certificate of presentation
- Engage with audience members through online Q&A sessions

Participate

- Share, Comment, and Discuss your video presentation with peers from around the world
- Participate in plenary presentations and special sessions via live-stream

Publish

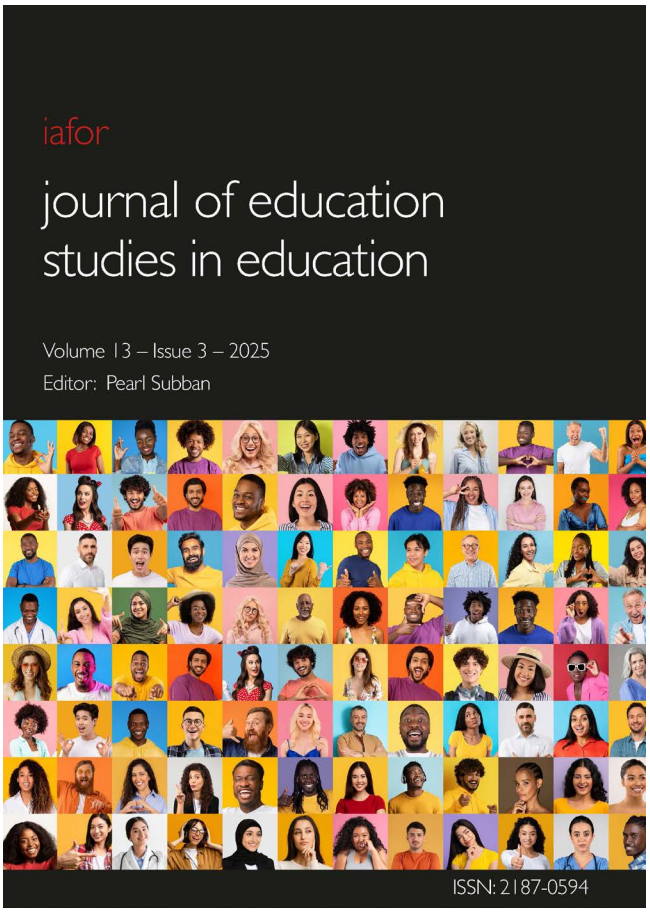
- Publish your final paper in the Conference Proceedings, indexed with an ISSN
- Have your paper listed, indexed, and searchable online in the IAFOR Research Archive

Online Presenters enjoy all of the following:

- Presentation published in IAFOR's Online Video Archive
- Final Paper published in the Conference Proceedings (optional)
- Listed in the Online Programme/Abstract Book
- Rigorous double-blind peer review acceptance standards
- Real-time engagement and interaction
- Access to plenary presentations via live-stream



Publishing Opportunities



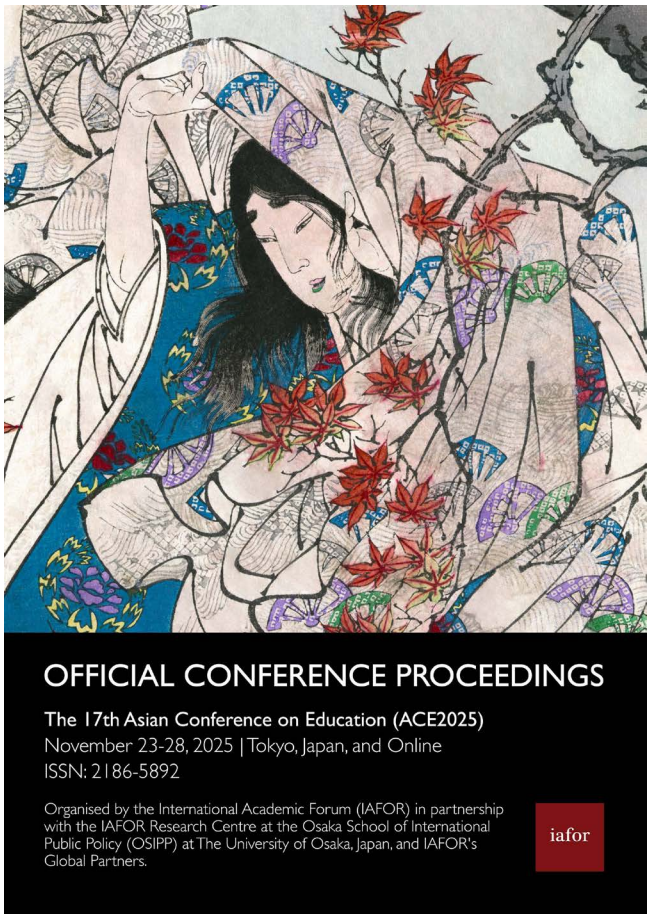
IAFOR Journals

IAFOR believes in "Open Access" publishing, and since 2009, has been committed to maintaining an online searchable research archive that offers free access to anyone, anywhere, where there is Internet access, regardless of institutional affiliation or scholarly rank. IAFOR publications are accessible on the website (Open Access) to researchers all over the world, completely free of charge and without delay or embargo. Authors and contributors are not required to pay charges of any sort towards the publication of IAFOR journals.

Conference Proceedings

If your submission has been accepted and you presented the work at the conference, you are encouraged to submit a full paper via the online submission system for inclusion in the Conference Proceedings, which will be made available online.

IAFOR Conference Proceedings are Open Access research repositories that act as permanent records of the research generated by IAFOR conferences. Please note that works published in the Conference Proceedings cannot be considered for publication in IAFOR journals and Conference Proceedings are not peer-reviewed.



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Networking & Cultural Events

Welcome Reception

Join fellow delegates for a drink or two at the ACE2026 Welcome Reception. This event provides a great opportunity for delegates to network and get to know each other. All registered presenters and audience members are welcome to attend.





Conference Dinner

Celebrated for its blend of traditional and contemporary Japanese cuisine, Shunju Tameikesanno offers an experience where classic flavours meet modern culinary techniques. Join us for an evening of refined dining in Tokyo's cosmopolitan Midtown.

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