



## Invitation and Call for Papers

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Commission for Teaching and Research into Primary Education of the German Association for Educational Research (DGfE):

### Inequality of Opportunities in Primary Education: Causes and Solutions

Berlin, Germany, 24. – 26. Sept. 2007

All details concerning the programme and enrolment in the Internet:

[www.fu-berlin.de/grundschulforschung2007](http://www.fu-berlin.de/grundschulforschung2007)

#### Call for Papers

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Commission for Teaching and Research into Primary Education of the German Association for Educational research

It is our pleasure to invite proposals for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Commission for Teaching and Research into Primary Education (Kommission "Grundschulforschung und Pädagogik der Primarstufe") of the German Association for Educational Research (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft – DGfE).

The conference will be held at the Freie Universität Berlin in Berlin, Germany, September 24 - 26, 2007.

This international conference is essential for all practitioners and researchers with an interest in primary education. It is open to the general public.

#### Abstracts

Deadline for submissions is May 15, 2007. Proposals for contributions are welcome from all participants. Presentation formats are papers of 20 minutes length maximum (for the parallel workshops) and posters. Please use the online form to submit an abstract (max. 250 words): [www.fu-berlin.de/grundschulforschung2007](http://www.fu-berlin.de/grundschulforschung2007)

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The situation within the primary education system in Germany is precarious: In no other European country social background and educational opportunities are comparably intertwined as in Germany. The PIRLS-Study and other similar studies have recently drawn attention to the fact that by the end of the term of primary education, future educational opportunities are in most cases preordained – to a large extent affected by the social background the children are from. For the education system of a democratic society this is an intolerable state of affairs. This conference aims to clarify the situation.

We are very pleased to be able to offer you an attractive programme: The primary education system will be analysed in the context of far reaching economic and social changes. There will be six plenary talks given by leading researchers in the field of education, some of them in English language. In addition we offer workshops under eight different headlines, carried out in parallel sessions and led by specialists in the respective fields. The aim of the conference is to come to conclusions and produce results, which could then be implemented in further empirical research in the field of education, and which could also be applied to political, teaching and methodological decisions for primary schools.

We would like to invite all educational researchers to present their own research in one of the workshops or in a poster presentation, thus enriching the conference. We wish to explicitly include all junior researchers in this invitation.

The language of discussion will be mainly German, but papers and contributions in English language are very welcome as nearly all participants speak English as well.

## Programme

### Monday, 24 September 2007

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| 14.00 – 14.30 | Welcome address   |
| 14.30 – 15.30 | Opening key note speech:<br>Forty Years of Unequal Opportunities in the Primary School – No Hope for Change?<br>Prof. Dr. Klaus Klemm (University of Essen) |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | Coffee break  |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | Poster presentations  |
| 16.40 – 18.30 | Parallel workshops 1-8  |
| 19.30 – 20.30 | Reception at <Rotes Rathaus>  |



**Tuesday, 25 September 2007**

- 09.00 – 09.45 Plenary speech  
What do education programmes achieve? Current research into the situation of immigrant children in Germany.  
Prof. Dr. Ursula Neumann (Universität Hamburg)
- 10.00 – 12.50 Parallel workshops 1-8
- 12.50 – 14.10 Lunch break
- 14.15 – 15.15 Plenary speech (in English language)  
Total immersion or bi-lingual education? The state-of-the-art in international research on promoting migrant children in the primary school.  
Prof. Dr. Jim Cummins (University of Toronto)
- 15.30 – 16.40 Parallel workshops 1-8
- 16.40 – 17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00 – 18.00 Plenary speech (in English language)  
The educational crisis and the review of primary education in England – a comparative perspective.  
Prof. Dr. Dr. Robin Alexander (University of Cambridge)
- 18.15 – 23.00 Optional boat trip (guided tour through the city by boat, including dinner)

**Wednesday, 26 September 2007**

- 09.00 – 10.30 Meeting for DGfE-members / Meeting for young academics
- 10.30 – 12.20 Parallel workshops 1-8
- 12.45 – 13.30 Plenary speech  
Creating equal opportunities – new goals for research, new perspectives in teaching.  
Prof. Dr. Maria Fölling-Albers (Universität Regensburg)
- 13.30 Concluding remarks



## **Parallel workshops**

### **Workshop 1**

Research on socialization focussing on research into poverty  
(Opening statement: Prof. Dr. Gerd Iben, Universität Frankfurt)

### **Workshop 2**

Research on childhood and schooling of immigrant children  
(Opening statement: Prof. Dr. Agi Schründer-Lenzen, Universität Potsdam)

### **Workshop 3**

Didactics for primary education: how to handle heterogeneity  
(Opening statement: Prof. Dr. Friederike Heinzl, Universität Kassel)

### **Workshop 4**

Qualitative research on teaching: Research into best practice  
(Opening statement: Prof. Dr. Ursula Carle, Universität Bremen)

### **Workshop 5**

A didactic approach: compensating for the difficulties encountered by disadvantaged children in primary education – subject area Language (German)  
(Opening statement: Prof. Dr. Petra Wieler, Freie Universität Berlin)

### **Workshop 6**

A didactic approach: compensating for the difficulties encountered by disadvantaged children in primary education – subject area Mathematics  
(Opening statement: Prof. Dr. Christine Keitel-Kreidt, Freie Universität Berlin)

### **Workshop 7**

A didactic approach: compensating for the difficulties encountered by disadvantaged children in primary education – subject area Early Science Education (Sachunterricht)  
(Opening statement: Prof. Dr. Andreas Hartinger, Universität Augsburg)

### **Workshop 8**

A didactic approach: compensating for the difficulties encountered by disadvantaged children in primary education – subject area Music and Arts (musisch-ästhetische Erziehung)  
(Opening statement: Prof. Dr. Constanze Rora, Universität Leipzig)

## **General Information**

### **Host:**

Arbeitsstelle Bildungsforschung Primarstufe an der Freien Universität Berlin  
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### **Organisation and Conference Booking**

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### Deadlines

Submission of abstracts: 15.05.2007  
 Discount for early bookings: 15.05.2007  
 Enrolment for participation: 15.09.2007

### Conference venue

Freie Universität Berlin, Rost- und Silberlaube, Habelschwerdter Allee 45, 14195 Berlin, Germany

### Registration

Please use the online registration form to register for the conference ([www.fu-berlin.de/grundschulforschung2007](http://www.fu-berlin.de/grundschulforschung2007)) and submit these no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Registration will also be available at the registration desk on the day.

### Conference fees

	until 15.05.2007	after 15.05.2007
DGfE members	€ 45,00	€ 65,00
Non-members	€ 55,00	€ 75,00
Students and student teachers	€ 20,00	€ 25,00

### Bank account details

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### Accommodation

You have to book a hotel on your own. You will find further information on accommodation under [www.fu-berlin.de/grundschulforschung2007](http://www.fu-berlin.de/grundschulforschung2007).

**We strongly advise to book immediately as hotels are likely to be booked up early due to the Berlin Marathon following the conference!**

### Optional evening programme

#### Monday, 24.09.2007, 19.00h

Reception at the <Rotes Rathaus> (City Hall of Berlin)

#### Tuesday, 25.09.2007, 19.00h

Boat trip “City Nights”. Bus transfer from the conference venue at 18.15h;

Duration: 19.00h – 22.00h

Tickets per person: 34,00 €, incl. VAT; dinner and one drink are included.

Places on the boat are limited, so please reserve early!