

## **International Conference on Language, Culture and Education: The Dialogue and Transformation between Chinese Traditional Wisdom and Contemporary Values**

### **1. Synopsis :**

Academy for Educational Development and Innovation at the Education University of Hong Kong is delighted to announce an upcoming conference in 8-9 April 2025, which is dedicated to exploring how traditional Chinese wisdom informs and enhances contemporary efforts to construct the values toward human flourishing. The conference will bring together multifaceted insights from various disciplines, including language, culture, and education, to advance a deep appreciation of the enduring legacy of Chinese wisdom. In an innovative approach aimed at fostering ideas that transcend culture and space, the conference dialogues will be structured around the United Nations' five pillars of Sustainable Development: people, prosperity, planet, peace, and partnership (see Tremblay et al., 2020). This framework will guide our exploration of how traditional Chinese perspectives can be integrated with contemporary values to build a harmonious world.

This conference is set to be a landmark event, providing a unique platform for participants to engage in profound discussions that bridge the past and the present, as well as the East and the West. It will convene a global assembly of scholars who will share their expertise and collaborate on the development of new insights on human flourishing.

### **2. Host :**

Academy for Educational Development and Innovation, the Education University of Hong Kong

### **3. Co-hosts :**

- Faculty of Education and Human Development
- Faculty of Humanities
- Centre for Classical Chinese Education
- Centre for Religious and Spirituality Education
- Department of Chinese Language Studies
- UNESCO Chair Programme

### **4. Presentation Formats :**

- Keynotes
- Symposium
- Parallel Paper Presentations
- Etc.

## 5. Perspectives and Foci :

The disciplinary purview of this conference spans language, culture, and education. Framed by the United Nations' Five Ps—namely, People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership—these themes underpin the comprehensive deliberations on how traditional Chinese wisdom can be harnessed to address contemporary global challenges and engender new opportunities.

### 5.1 Disciplinary Perspectives

**Language:** The role of language in the preservation and transmission of Chinese traditional wisdom through generations; and the translation and interpretation of classical Chinese texts and concepts into modern linguistic and value systems

**Culture:** The historical-cultural context of Chinese traditional wisdom; exploring how values and practices across different regions and cultures inform the understanding and application of this wisdom in contemporary world

**Education:** The role of education in transmitting and sustaining Chinese traditional wisdom; pedagogical approaches and curriculum development strategies for the effective integration of this wisdom into educational systems, embracing the UNESCO's vision of improving teacher quality (Tzannatos, 2024).

### 5.2 Thematic Dimensions

**People:** One of the fundamental values of human development promoted by the United Nations is that of 'all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment' (United Nations, 2015, p. 2).

**Planet:** Our planet, upon which humanity depends for survival, is enduring various environmental and ecological challenges. The role of education emerges as a pivotal force in building the human capacity to grapple with these challenges and to advance the imperative of global sustainable development (UNESCO & MECCE, 2024).

**Prosperity:** The value of prosperity encapsulates the aspiration for individuals not merely to survive but to live a better life, ensuring that all people have the opportunity to 'enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives' (United Nations, 2015).

**Peace:** The 21st century confronts global threats in peace building. The pursuit of peace must be 'a holistic and comprehensive endeavour,' grounded in the normative and ethical standards of human wisdom (UNESCO, 2024, p. 3).

**Partnership:** Achieving the United Nations' (2015) vision of strengthening 'global solidarity' and promoting 'the participation of all countries, all stakeholders, and all people' facilitates our negotiation of value systems in a culturally diverse world.

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## **6. Conference Information :**

Conference Dates: 8-9 April 2025 (Duration: 2 Days)

Conference Mode: All presentations will be conducted in person.

Conference Venue: The Education University of Hong Kong

Registration Fee:

EdUHK staff and students: Free

Non-EdUHK students: HKD 500

Other Participants: HKD 900

Presentation Languages: Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese or English

Website: <https://www.eduhk.hk/iclce2025/>

## **7. Important Dates :**

Abstract Submission Deadline: 1 November 2024

Notification of Abstract Review Results: 1 December 2024

Registration Opens: 2 December 2024

Full Paper Submission Deadline: 28 February 2025

Registration Closes: 20 March 2025

Conference Dates: 8-9 April 2025

## **8. Abstracts Submission Guidelines :**

- The abstract should contain between 500 and 1000 words. The full-text paper should range from 10,000 to 12,000 words in Chinese and 6,000 to 8,000 words in English.
- English-language papers must conform to the guidelines outlined in the 7th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA). Chinese-language papers should follow the styles of either 《北京大學學報（哲學社會科學版）》 or 《中國文哲研究集刊》.
- The topic of the submission must fall within the scope and themes of the conference.
- Abstracts submitted must be original and must not have been previously published in any form.
- Abstracts should include a title, 3-5 keywords, research background, research methodology, and research results.
- Each participant can be associated with a maximum of two submissions. Should an individual have more than two submissions, they must choose two and inform the Secretariat at the time of registration fee payment.
- Each participant may make only one presentation. If a participant has more than one abstract accepted, they must select one and notify the Secretariat upon payment of the registration fee.
- Participants are required to submit their abstracts via the designated online portal, accessible through the following link; submissions made through alternative methods will not be considered.

Website: [https://eduhk.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cBYaHYREul8vyv4](https://eduhk.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBYaHYREul8vyv4)

- The deadline for abstract submissions is 1 November 2024.
- All abstracts will be reviewed by experts, and the results will be announced via email by 1 December 2024.
- The full-text paper must be submitted by 28 February 2025.
- All participants must remit the registration fee by the stipulated deadline to confirm their attendance.
- The conference organizers reserve the right to make the final decision regarding the acceptance of abstracts.

## **9. Payment Arrangement :**

Kindly note that no refunds will be issued following the payment of the registration fee.

Should you have any inquiries regarding the aforementioned arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

## **10. Contact Information :**

For more information, please feel free to contact us.

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For the latest news, please refer to the information bulletin on the conference website (<https://www.eduhk.hk/iclce2025/>).