

# ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAULO FREIRE

Education, Democracy, & Citizenship:  
A Celebration of Freire's Centennial Year

Abstract Submission  
& Guidelines

May 19-22, 2022

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*"Looking at the past must only be a means of understanding more clearly what and who you are so that you can more wisely build the future."  
- Pedagogy of the Oppressed*

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# About

The UCLA School of Education, the University of Southern California (USC), and Soka University of America are pleased to organize an academic conference to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Paulo Freire's life. Please see below for instructions for submitting abstracts. Thank you for your interest.

## Conference Scope

One of the single most important developments in educational reform over the past five decades across the world has been the influence of Paulo Freire's Critical Pedagogy and the ascendancy of popular education and participatory action research as models for adult learning education.

Popular education is highly critical of mainstream education, seeking to empower the marginalized, the disenfranchised, and the poor, while increasing the degree of participation of the populace in the educational project. Systematic dialogues about paradigms of learning and education are long overdue.

The conference event seeks to highlight ways in which Freire's concepts can be employed in a 21st century context and with the aim of building a more just world through ethics-based educational programs and policies.

We hope that conference attendees develop an understanding of Paulo Freire as an academic scholar and will be able to better understand educational problems on a global scale, and subsequently identify remedies that are rooted in social justice, liberation, and civic engagement.

# Abstract Submission & Guidelines

We invite students and academic faculty to submit abstracts of their research into Freire's work. Selected applicants will then be asked to do a 10 minute presentation as part of the conference.

- 1. Abstracts must be submitted via Google Forms*
- 2. Please include the names of any co-authors*
- 3. Please limit abstract text to 500 words*
- 4. Abstracts should be aligned to the scope of the conference*
- 5. Abstracts should be written in English*

**Abstract submission opens:** 11/1/2021

**Abstract submission closes:** 2/28/2022

**Abstract decisions released:** 4/1/2022

## Organization

The conference will be international in scope, virtual, and organized with nodes of communication in different areas of the world. Possible points of communication will include: North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and parts of Asia. More information about the organization of the conference will be posted on the **UCLA Paulo Freire Institute** website by November 2021.

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