



42^a REUNIÃO NACIONAL ANPED & WERA FOCAL MEETING

Neoconservadorismo no mundo e a educação
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WERA 2025 FOCAL MEETING IN COLLABORATION WITH ANPED

26-30 October 2025

Education Center - Campus I – Federal University of Paraíba (UFPB), João Pessoa, Brazil

The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites submissions for papers, posters, and symposia for the WERA 2025 Focal Meeting, to be held on 26-30 October 2025 at the Education Center, Campus I, Federal University of Paraíba (UFPB), João Pessoa, Brazil. Celebrating WERA's 15th anniversary, this meeting is part of the 42nd *National Association of Research and Graduate Studies on Education/Associação Nacional de Pesquisa e Pós-Graduação em Educação (ANPED)* conference and features a program of papers, posters, and symposia sessions focused on globally significant education research.

In general, the WERA Focal Meeting seeks to feature research that includes more than one country or is comparative, cross-cultural, international, or transnational in conceptualization, scope, or design. Paper and poster submissions need to meet these criteria; symposia submissions can include papers from single sites or countries if the presentations combined are from different countries and the aims of the symposium are anchored in worldwide or global issues. Duplicate submission of the same paper, poster, or symposium through the ANPED and WERA online submission systems is not allowed. Papers, posters, and symposia submissions are encouraged to synthesize knowledge worldwide over the last decade and anticipate future research trends and directions. Scholarly papers, posters, and symposia who adhere to this call will be featured at the WERA 2025 Focal Meeting.

Who Should Submit?

Scholars and advanced graduate students worldwide whose research extends beyond a single-country site are encouraged to submit to the WERA Focal Meeting. Submissions may be submitted to be presented at paper, poster or sessions. Scholars wishing to organise symposia are also encouraged to submit. All abstracts submitted for review must please be written in English, Portuguese or Spanish.

Scope of the Focal Meeting

The emphasis of the Focal Meeting is on papers, posters, and symposia *with a lens that is worldwide in perspective*. To create synergy with the theme of the 42nd conference of ANPED "*Neoconservatism in the World and Education in face of Socio-Political-Environmental Violence*", submissions of papers, posters, and symposia related to these issues are also welcomed. Otherwise, there is no restriction on the education research topics appropriate for consideration, although priority will be given to submissions that focus on research and findings addressed to significant trends, issues, and challenges worldwide.

Guidelines for Submission to WERA Focal Meeting

Paper, poster, and symposia submissions must be submitted in English, Spanish or Portuguese through the online portal on the **WERA-ANPED conference website** at "**Submission**". WERA submissions are only accepted online. You do not need to be or become an ANPED or WERA member to submit a paper for the WERA Focal Meeting.

The deadline has been extended and the final date for submission is **17 February 2025; 23:59 Brazil (GMT-3) time**. Duplicate submission of the same paper, poster, or symposium through the ANPED and WERA online submission systems is not allowed.



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Guidelines for: Individual Paper Submissions

- 750 word abstract with an additional 250 words for references.
- Individual papers will be grouped into coherent sessions of up to four papers in a 90-minute slot.
- These sessions will have the discussion at the end of the session rather than after each paper.
- The final presenter for each paper presentation slot will serve as the session chair.

Guidelines for: Poster Submissions

- 750 word abstract with an additional 250 words for references.
- Posters must be submitted as a text file in the Submission System.
- Once the results of the evaluation have been announced, a template will be provided for presenting the posters in digital format.
- The digital posters will be presented during an in-person session during the event.
- Each presentation will last 5 minutes
- The best digital poster will receive a prize.

Guidelines for: Symposium Submissions

A WERA symposium offers a platform to explore a specific education research topic through an international or comparative lens, incorporating diverse perspectives and in-depth discussion. Proposals are submitted by an organizer, who may also serve as a chair, presenter, or discussant. Each symposium includes a chair, a discussant, and 3–5 participants (presenters and discussants combined):

- Submit a 750 word abstract of the symposium, including the title and a brief paragraph about each paper (minimum of 3 papers and maximum of 5 papers) in the symposium.
- There is an additional 250 words for references.
- The symposium must have a clear focus, with each paper aligned to the overall focus/theme while offering distinct perspectives.
- Approved symposia will be allocated a 90-minute session.

Peer Review of Submissions

All submissions are peer-reviewed by the WERA Review Committee. Criteria include the *worldwide* significance of the research, clarity of the focus of the research, originality of the research, rigour of the research and significance of the research for education practice, policy or theory.

Guidelines for Accepted Submissions

Acceptance notifications will be sent by **15 April 2025**. Presenting authors of accepted papers, posters, and symposia participants must register for the WERA 2025 Focal Meeting by **15 May 2025**. All presentations are in-person; virtual participation is not available.

Each main author may have one accepted abstract, prioritized by the highest-scoring submission. Additional submissions may be accepted if space permits. This restriction does not apply to co-authored papers or participation in symposia or other sessions.

Registration

Registration is available online on the [WERA-ANPED conference website](#) at “**Registration**”. Standard registration will end on 21 August 2025. Registration at the WERA Focal Meeting allows attendance at the ANPED conference without registering twice. In addition, registration for the WERA 2025 Focal Meeting includes one-year WERA complimentary WERA individual membership.



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Full Papers

Presenters do not need to submit full papers. After the WERA Focal Meeting there will be an invitation to all presenters to submit a manuscript (i.e. full paper) for review and consideration in a future WERA publication.

Important Dates for WERA 2025 Focal Meeting Call

06 January 2025	Submission starts
17 February 2025	Submission ends (extended deadline)
15 April 2025	Decisions announced
15 May 2025	All presenting authors to be registered
15 June 2025	Authors notified of preliminary date and time of presentation
21 August 2025	Registration deadline for all participants
26 October 2025	Pre-Conference Workshops
26-30 October 2025	WERA 2025 Focal Meeting

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