



**58th Annual Conference of the Comparative and International
Education Society
"Re-Visioning Education for All"
March 10 – 15, 2014, Toronto, Canada**

Call for papers: <http://www.cies.us/2014/call.shtml>

Early bird submission deadline: October 4th, 2013

Final submission deadline: October 25th, 2013

Extended deadline: November 15, 2013

Theme: Re-visioning Education for All

This year's conference theme, "Re-Visioning Education for All", is intended to provide our scholarly community with an opportunity to critically and comparatively reflect on the history, contemporary issues and future of the EFA movement in a global context marked by rising social and income inequality within and between nations and shifts in the global balance of power. Is EFA the right frame, the right social imaginary, for global and national education goals? Or is it a frame that has outlived its utility and relevance? Critics have argued that EFA is meaningless if it does not address equity of learning outcomes and bridge widening inequality of access to higher levels of learning. Some view EFA as too tightly tied to traditional models of schooling, outdated in a time of massive technological innovation. Others are intent on adding new, highly prescriptive learning goals into a post 2015 vision for EFA. More broadly, EFA has been viewed as a Western effort to legitimate economic globalization – providing little more than a bandage on more grievous forms of social injustices within and across nations. Yet others note that the EFA agenda has played an important role in one of the most rapid expansions of access to schooling in modern history.

CIES Toronto will provide a unique opportunity to reflect on EFA during the final months leading up to the deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals. We will ask conference participants, including researchers, representatives of global

institutions, civil society, and education practitioners, to explore the adequacy and future of EFA, moving us beyond the historical focus on access to basic schooling. Our goal will be to spark new conversations about inequality, inclusion and innovation both inter-nationally and within nations and about global governance in education.

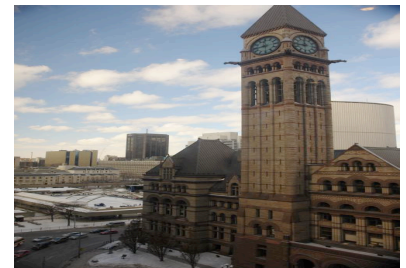
We also encourage scholars of other levels of education – from early childhood through to adult education and tertiary level learning, as well as those interested in learning outside formal educational systems - to share their views on a reinvigorated framing of the “education for all” concept.

Highlights To Include:

- Keynote address by Rukmini Banerji – Pratham
- Plenary talks by leading researchers in the field
- Paper, panel and poster presentations hosted by our 23 Special Interest Groups and Committees, showcasing cutting-edge research and practice
- Dissertation and publication mentoring workshops offered by the New Scholars Committee
- Pre-conference workshops on a range of topics and issues
- Annual CIES Soiree bringing together new and veteran scholars for an evening of fun, food and world music (live band and DJ)
- And so much more! We hope to see you in Toronto.



About the Venue: One of the world’s most cosmopolitan cities, Toronto is home to three universities and more than 60,000 students. Toronto is a neighborhood of neighborhoods, where one can experience cultures and foods from around the world. Art galleries, theatre, music, restaurants and museums abound.



The conference hotel, the **Toronto Sheraton Centre**, is in the heart of Toronto’s entertainment and financial districts, directly across from Toronto City Hall, and within blocks of the Ontario Gallery of Art and the opera. It offers underground access to a major subway line, with direct connections to the campus of the University of Toronto and many other city attractions.

