



23rd BCES ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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EDUCATION AT A CROSSROADS

A Conference of Global Significance

Education stands at a pivotal stage, shaped by rapid technological advancements, shifting geopolitical landscapes, and evolving societal needs. The BCES 2025 Conference serves as a dynamic platform for exploring how education systems worldwide can navigate these challenges while fostering innovation, equity, and sustainability. With eight thought-provoking thematic sections, the Conference delves into the most pressing issues in contemporary education, offering diverse perspectives and evidence-based solutions.

The BCES Conference promotes a culture of open dialogue and idea sharing. Participants have the chance to interact with colleagues, brainstorm solutions, and explore innovative approaches to educational challenges. Through networking opportunities, shared research interests, and the potential for joint projects, the conference facilitates the formation of partnerships that can lead to impactful initiatives and advancements in education.

Aim and Scope of the BCES 2025 Conference

Aim: The BCES 2025 Conference, themed "Education at a Crossroads", aims to examine the critical junctures facing global education systems today. It seeks to explore how education can navigate rapid technological change, geopolitical shifts, and evolving societal needs while fostering innovation, equity, and sustainability through collaborative research and dialogue.

Scope: Centered on the crossroads of educational transformation, the conference addresses pressing challenges at all levels and sectors of education systems across all continents. By uniting diverse stakeholders, it aspires to generate actionable strategies for finding the best paths of development of education systems in an uncertain world.

Exploring the Conference Theme

The BCES 2025 Conference is structured around eight thematic sections, each addressing critical dimensions of education in the 21st century:

1. Comparative and International Education – Examining global trends, policies, and cross-cultural insights in education systems.
2. International Education Issues – Analyzing challenges such as access, equity, and globalization in education.
3. Preschool and School Education: Policies & Practices – Highlighting transformative approaches in K-12 education.
4. Higher Education & Teacher Education and Training – Discussing the future of universities and educator preparation.

5. Law and Education – Exploring the intersection of legal frameworks and educational rights.
6. Wellbeing in the School Ecosystem – Addressing mental health, inclusivity, and supportive learning environments.
7. Sustainability in Education – Integrating environmental and social responsibility into curricula.
8. Teaching and Learning Experiences and AI – Investigating the impact of artificial intelligence on pedagogy.

Each section features groundbreaking research, interactive workshops, and panel discussions designed to inspire new ideas and foster international collaboration.

Yeditepe University: A Beacon of Excellence in Education

Yeditepe University is a leading institution renowned for its commitment to academic excellence, cutting-edge research, and global engagement. Located in the vibrant metropolis of Istanbul—a city that bridges continents and cultures—Yeditepe University’s Faculty of Education stands as a pillar of innovation in teacher training, pedagogical research, and interdisciplinary scholarship. Yeditepe’s dedication to fostering intellectual growth aligns seamlessly with the mission of BCES, making it the ideal setting for this year’s Conference. Participants will benefit from the university’s state-of-the-art facilities, its vibrant academic community, and its tradition of hosting high-impact international forums. The collaboration between BCES and Yeditepe University underscores a shared vision: to advance education as a force for global progress.

A Gathering of Minds: Why This Conference Matters

The BCES 2025 Conference is more than an academic event—it is a catalyst for change. In a world where education systems face mounting pressures—from digital disruption to socio-economic inequalities—this Conference provides a vital space for dialogue, innovation, and actionable strategies. Participants will:

- Engage with world-renowned experts in comparative and international education.
- Discover cutting-edge research on AI, sustainability, and wellbeing in schools.
- Network with policymakers, educators, and researchers from diverse cultural and institutional backgrounds.
- Gain insights into best practices that can be adapted to local and global contexts.

Looking Ahead: The Impact of BCES 2025

As we stand at the crossroads of educational transformation, the insights generated at this Conference will resonate far beyond its conclusion. The research presented, the partnerships formed, and the ideas exchanged will contribute to shaping more inclusive, innovative, and sustainable education systems worldwide.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all participants for their contributions to this landmark event. Together with thought-provoking presentations, fruitful discussions, and stimulating ideas, we are paving the way for a brighter future in education.

Welcome to BCES 2025—where knowledge meets action, and where education research’s next great episode begins.