



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The local organising Committee is happy to inform you that the next international ISCAR congress will be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, from 26-30 August 2024.

The theme of this meeting is 'Inclusiveness as a future challenge'. We strive to offer new perspectives on creating opportunities for all people to participate in sociocultural practices, and interact with each other and the world around them. Use of diverse voices and interaction are crucial to deal with the complex challenges of the current and future world, such as climate change, inequality and technology. This congress brings together a diverse population of researchers and practitioners who base their work on Cultural-Historical Activity Theory (CHAT).

The Netherlands has a long tradition of research, based on CHAT in different domains, especially education. Developmental Education is a good example of a collaboration in which researchers and educators work closely together to create meaningful education for a diverse student population. We are pleased to have the opportunity to give scholars and practitioners from around the world an insight into the close alignment between theory and practice through presentations and school visits.

Founded in 2002, ISCAR is a leading international organisation that promotes research and understanding of the cultural and social foundations of human activity and development. The organisation brings together scholars from a variety of disciplines, including psychology, sociology, anthropology and education, to examine the ways in which culture shapes human behaviour and experience.

CHAT-driven researchers and practitioners are invited to submit proposals at the latest **1 February 2024**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ISCAR 2024 congress secretariat.

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Subthemes

- Promoting inclusiveness in social practices
- Promoting interaction in social practices
- Dealing with technology
- Meaningful education
- Imagining future worlds
- Dealing with climate change
- Dealing with inequality
- Bringing together theory and practice
- Creative ways to do research

Schedule of the congress

There is a PhD-day and room to attend workshops and school visits on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 August 2024.

The congress will take place from Wednesday 28 till Friday 30 August 2024 at Postillion Convention Centre WTC in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. On one of the congress days it will be possible for people who aren't able to come to Rotterdam to present their work digitally for an adjusted fee.

Submitting your proposal

We would like to invite CHAT-driven researchers and practitioners to share their work at the congress in the form of:

- **paper presentation***
Presentation of 30 minutes including 10 minutes of discussion. 3 presentations are grouped in a session of 90 minutes.
- **symposium**
Sessions of 90 minutes with 3-4 papers that are thematically related, with plenty of room for discussion. The presenters must be from at least two different institutions.
- **poster presentation***
There are specific poster sessions in which 4-6 posters will be presented in two minutes each, after which the audience can discuss the posters with the presenters.
- **discussion table**
45-minute session around a specific theme in which a question is discussed. The presenter introduces the theme and question in 5 minutes, after which the participants are invited to join the discussion and share their questions.
- **workshop**
Interactive 90-minute session focused on theory-driven innovation of practice, presenting an innovation with for example videos, photos or by presenting a narrative, after which the participants will talk about ways to translate this innovation to their own practice.

* For environmental reasons and to facilitate participants who cannot physically attend the congress, the opportunity is offered to digitally present a paper or a poster remotely. When programming, time differences per region will be taken into account as much as possible.



Preferably we receive proposals related to the congress theme, but other **CHAT-related topics** are also welcome. It will be possible to submit your proposal until **1 February 2024**.

Everyone can present up to 2 proposals. Abstracts must be submitted in English, as the presentations will also be held in English. Only proposals that fully comply with the guidelines will be assessed.

To be included in the final program, registration is mandatory for at least one of the authors before 15 May 2024. For a symposium, at least one author of each paper must register for the congress before 15 May 2024.

Registration opens on 11 January 2024.

Guidelines

General

For each submission, please indicate to which of the subthemes it relates. We encourage each presenter to include an element of interaction with the audience in your presentation, whether that is in doing an activity or encouraging dialogue. PhD researchers can indicate with each proposal if they want to present that at the PhD-day or at the congress.

Poster, paper, discussion table, workshop

The proposal must contain:

- Name, email address and affiliation of all authors (these cannot be seen by the reviewers for anonymous assessment)
- Title (max 100 characters including spaces)
- Three keywords
- Choice of subtheme
 - Promoting inclusiveness in social practices
 - Promoting interaction in social practices
 - Dealing with climate change
 - Dealing with inequality
 - Dealing with technology
 - Meaningful education in pre-primary through higher education
 - Imagining future worlds
 - Bringing together theory and practice
 - Creative ways to do research

- Choice of presentation form
 - paper presentation (presented in person at the congress)
 - paper presentation (presented digitally from elsewhere)
 - symposium
 - poster presentation (presented in person at the congress)
 - poster presentation (presented digitally from elsewhere)
 - discussion table
 - workshop
- Short abstract of 200-250 words that includes the aim, method and results of your research.
- Extended summary of between 500 and 800 words, that includes:
 - Background
 - Aims
 - Methods (not mandatory for discussion tables or workshops)
 - Results (not mandatory for posters, discussion tables or workshops)
 - Conclusions (not mandatory for posters, discussion tables or workshops)
 - How interaction with the participants is planned
- References (not included in the wordcount)
- Images (not mandatory)
Max. 4 images can be uploaded. Allowed formats: jpg, gif, bmp and png (max. 5MB)

Symposium

The submission of a symposium involves 3 to 4 papers about the same topic by researchers from at least two different affiliations. The affiliations can be from the same or different countries.

It is necessary to submit a short abstract and extended summary for each paper, as well as a symposium abstract (200-250 words) describing the aim of the whole symposium.

Each paper within the symposium must provide a short abstract of 200-250 words and an extended summary of 500 to 800 words, the list of authors, affiliation, and e-mail. Three keywords must be indicated.

In the extended summary for each paper, please include:

- Background
- Aims
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- How interaction with the participants is planned

Additionally, please submit the name, email address and affiliation of the chairman and discussant.

Recommendation for submitting

The online portal will close down the submission form automatically if you are inactive for a short time. It is strongly advised to first prepare your abstract in Word without formatting. Then paste the text into the online submission form where it can be formatted.

After submitting the proposal, the text can no longer be edited.

The submitted proposal will initially be used for assessment. When the abstract has been accepted and at least one speaker has registered in time, the contribution will be included in the final program. The text and the names of the (co-)authors and their affiliations as well as the short abstract will be included in the digital abstract book, on the website and in the app.

SUBMIT PROPOSAL

Review

The proposals are assessed anonymously by two reviewers. In case of doubt or insufficient agreement, the programme committee will decide. Assessment criteria relate to:

- Clarity and transparency of the proposal (20%)
- Significance for theory, policy and/or practice (20%)
- Clearly adopting a CHAT perspective (20%)
- Connection with the congress theme and chosen subtheme (10%)
- Overall quality and scientific originality (20%)
- Room for interaction and dialogue (10%)

For the final assessment, the criteria are weighted, as indicated by the percentages above. Relative quality also applies to the assessment. A maximum number of presentations per parallel session is taken into account. If a proposal does not meet the requirements, it will not be assessed.

The outcome of the assessment is:

- 1) Accepted, or
- 2) Rejected, or
- 3) Accepted in another presentation format

The submitter of the proposal as well as the specified (co-)authors will receive a decision on the result of the assessment by email on Thursday 4 April 2024.



Want to become a reviewer yourself?

Many proposals for substantive contributions are expected for ISCAR 2024. Each proposal is assessed by two reviewers. This requires many reviewers. Considering that 'many hands make light work', we ask you to consider signing up as a reviewer. When submitting your proposal, you can indicate whether you wish to become a reviewer and which subtheme(s) you prefer. Your assistance will be mostly appreciated.

Registration required

In case of acceptance, it is required that at least one author will present the contribution during the congress. Presenters, chairmen and discussants are NOT automatically registered for ISCAR 2024 and must register as a congress participant no later than Wednesday 15 May 2024 via the online registration form. Speakers, chairmen and discussants do not receive any compensation or discount on registration. If you register on time, you will have the nice advantage of the early bird discount.

Timeline

Publication of invitation for proposals	Monday 2 October 2023
Online registration open	Thursday 11 January 2024
Deadline for submitting proposals	Thursday 1 February 2024
Acceptance notification	Thursday 4 April 2024
Deadline registration presenters / End early bird discount	Wednesday 15 May 2024 23:59 hrs. CEST
Publication of final programme	Thursday 23 May 2024
ISCAR 2024 PRE-CONGRESS School visits / Pre-congress workshops / PhD-day	26 - 27 August 2024
ISCAR 2024 CONGRESS	28 - 30 August 2024

