Call for Proposals
28th Annual JUSTEC Conference

University faculty and administrators, PK-12 teachers and administrators, and graduate students are invited to submit proposals for the conference.   We welcome topics relevant to Japanese and/or U.S. Teacher Education. Presentations of collaborative research or exchange activities between Japanese and U.S. educators are especially valued and invited.

Areas of particular interest include:

a. Collaborative Teacher Education with Local Communities

   Proposals in this area will share innovative collaborations between teacher educators and local communities to support teacher development, mutual understanding, and increases in educational achievement.

b. How Can Teachers Be Supported to Engage a Diverse Range of Learners?

   Proposals in this area will explore challenges teachers face supporting diverse learners in classrooms and approaches used by teacher educators and/or school personnel to develop pre-service teacher capacity in this area.

   Topics may include: disengaged learners /unmotivated learners, culturally diverse students, second language learning, special education, on-line education, socio-economically disadvantaged students, International Baccalaureate (IB) etc.

c. Ongoing Professional Development: Models and Practices

   In what ways are teachers supported in their own professional growth – both to improve practice and to support retention of a quality workforce? How do specific models and practices, as well as cross-cultural comparisons or studies, add to our knowledge?

   Topics may include: in-service technology, lesson study, analyzing student work, teacher discourse, in-service training programs, etc.

d. How Does National Policy Affect Teacher Quality?

   Proposals in this area will consider the ways in which national policy and policy initiatives shape teacher learning for either pre-service or in-service growth.   Topics might involve national curriculum initiatives, nationalized certification efforts, and/or national assessments.

   Topics may include: certification standards & barriers, accountability measures; curriculum standards & assessments; merit-based pay, etc.

Paper presentations:

- Presentations will occur in blocks of 30 minutes, with 2 minutes allowed for transition to the next presenter.
- We strongly encourage that presenters speak for a maximum of 20 minutes total, allowing a minimum of 8 minutes for discussion, interaction, and/or questions.
- The room is equipped with a microphone, PC (Windows) and projector. Thus, It is encouraged to bring your presentations on a memory stick to minimize time delays between presentations.
- If you have any handouts, please prepare 40 copies.

Poster presentations:

- Each poster presentation has a space of 4 feet (122cm) X 6 feet (183cm).
- If you are a poster presenter, please see the information and suggestions below (adapted from AERA guidelines) on poster preparation.
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Poster Preparation   (borrowed and adapted from AERA guidelines)

General Considerations

Plan to set up your display 15-30 minutes before the session is to begin. The presenting author(s) should be available throughout the session.

Your material should be mounted on poster board or cardboard. Avoid the use of heavy board, which may be difficult to keep in position on the poster surface. If it seems appropriate, it can be helpful to mount conceptually related portions of your display on backgrounds of the same color, as this will help viewers scan the display efficiently.

The poster should be as self-explanatory as possible so that your main job is to supplement the information it contains. The poster format provides a mechanism for in depth discussion of your research, but this is possible only if the display includes enough information to have a sketch pad and drawing materials available to help you make your points. It is also strongly recommended that the author(s) have available a number of copies of the full paper to distribute to interested parties.

Arrangement of Materials

The poster surface measures 4' high x 6' wide. Fasteners will be available.

A sign containing the paper title and the authors' name and affiliations should appear at the top of the poster. Keep in mind that all your text and illustrations will be viewed from a distance of more than three feet. All lettering should be at least 2/3" high, 1" for more important information, and preferably in bold font. Figures and tables should be kept as simple as possible, so that viewers can readily take away the main message. A brief large type heading of no more than one or two lines should be provided above each illustration, with more detailed information added in smaller type beneath the illustration.

A copy of your abstract (300 words or less) should be placed in the upper left portion of the poster, with a conclusion in the lower right hand corner. Although there is considerable room for flexibility, it is often useful to have panels indicating the aims of the research, the methods and subjects involved, and the experimental tasks. Another panel might highlight the important results, with a few panels being used to present the main points in tables or figures.

When working on the arrangement of your display on the poster, be aware that it is preferable to align materials in columns rather than rows. Audience members who are scanning posters have a much easier task if they can proceed from the left to right rather than having to skip around in the display.

Proposal Deadline: May 15th, 2016

Proposals should not exceed 500 words, and should be submitted as an email attachment to **justec@tamagawa.ac.jp** no later than May 15th, 2016. Please write "JUSTEC 2016: Proposal" in the subject line and type the presenter(s): Name, Title, Institutional Affiliation, Paper/Poster Presentation, Areas of particular interest (please chose from "a" to "d" above), and email address in the body of your mail. Selection of proposals for the Conference will be made by the JUSTEC Planning Committee by June 15th, 2016. Decisions of this committee are final.

Proposals should include:
- Presentation Title
- Presentation type (paper presentation or poster presentation)
- Areas of particular interest (please chose from "a" to "c" above)
- Summary of Research/Content, including rationale or purpose
- Potential Implications
- Brief description of your Presentation Approach.

Abstract Deadline: July 15th, 2016

If your proposal is accepted, you will be expected to submit a one page abstract for publication in a program bulletin no later than July 15th, 2016.

Note：
- Please use 10-12 font and size your abstract to fit on one page.
- Please write "JUSTEC 2016: Abstract" in the subject line.
- Please use the correct template document sent with the letter of acceptance.
- Submit abstract as an email attachment in Word file to the JUSTEC office (justec@tamagawa.ac.jp).
- If we do not receive your abstract by the deadline, we will use your proposal as the abstract.

Submission Policy
- After May 15th, late proposals will be considered, provided that there is room in the conference program and they pass the review process.
- In order to facilitate broad participation, applicants are allowed to be first presenter for one proposal and to be co-presenter for a second proposal.
- Presenters/co-presenters of accepted proposals must have a paid registration by August 15, 2016, to be included in the program.

🔑 **For further information, please refer to the website below.**
http://justec.tamagawa.ac.jp