

**Informal learning and digital media:
constructions, contexts, consequences**
21-23 September 2006
University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

A major international conference organised by DREAM (Danish Research Centre on Education and Advanced Media Materials).

School no longer holds a monopoly on education. Learning is distributed across a range of sites and settings, and media and ICTs hold important stakes in this process of diversification. This conference will present and discuss the most advanced and exciting research on informal learning, its mediatized constructions, socio-cultural contexts and educational consequences.

Conference goals

A major aim of the conference is to bring together an international forum of scholars from a range of disciplines including media and ICT studies, education, psychology, anthropology, sociology and cultural studies - and to promote dialogue within and across research traditions. We also aim to develop dialogue between researchers, educators and producers of new learning resources.

Conference themes

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Informal learning between creativity and competencies
- Informal learning: digital divides or new citizenships?
- Repertoires of learning: aesthetics, genre and the meaning of context
- Media and ICT literacies and conceptual learning
- Planning and production of innovative learning resources.

Papers are encouraged from researchers with interests in any of these specific themes as well as the general issues of the conference.

Submissions

If you would like to present a paper, please submit a 400 word abstract with an indication of which of the above themes you will address. Abstracts must include the title of your paper along with author name(s), affiliation, and contact details (postal address, telephone, fax and email address). Abstracts (format: pdf, doc, rtf) should be submitted to mail@dream.dk

After the conference, authors are invited to submit revised versions of their papers from which contributions will be selected for a volume focusing on the main themes of the conference.

Important dates

1 May 2006	deadline for submission of abstracts
1 May 2006	deadline for early registration
1 June 2006	notification of authors
1 August 2006	deadline for submission of final papers.

Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers include professor **James Paul Gee** (School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison), professor **Glynda A. Hull** (Graduate School of Education, UC Berkeley), professor **Sonia Livingstone** (London School of Economics) and dr. **Julian Sefton-Green** (WAC Performing Arts and Media College, London).

Pre-Conference: One-day ph.d. course

The research conference is preceded by an intensive ph.d. course 20 September 2006, offering a venue for ph.d. students within relevant conference areas to meet with some of the main conference speakers and to make project presentations and discussions.

Conference language

The conference language is English.

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