

# Internationalizing Higher Education:

Past practices and future possibilities

**Conference dates: July 26 – 29, 2016**

**Submission dates: January 4 – Feb 29, 2016**

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**Venue:** Simon Fraser University, Vancouver campus



## A Conference celebrating Simon Fraser University's 50th Anniversary!

The Centre for Research on International Education and the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University, Canada, invite you to participate in an international interdisciplinary conference focusing on internationalization of higher education.

### Call for proposals

International higher education in Canada, and indeed, worldwide, is in a critical moment. The increasing integration and coordination of markets, unprecedented global migrations of people, the exchange of cultures amidst border crossings of varied kinds, provides unique opportunities and challenges for higher education and beyond.

Internationalization of higher education was once promoted as a way to navigate through some of these challenges, through “the process of integrating an international, intercultural or global dimension into the purpose, functions or delivery of post-secondary education” (Knight, 2004, p. 11). The attainment of the ideals and outcomes of internationalization, however, are being questioned with scholars decrying the economic orientation of internationalization. Indeed, some are even proclaiming the death of internationalization (Brandenburg & de Wit, 2011).

The Canadian federal government, signaling internationalization of higher education as being ‘critical to Canada’s success’ in a global knowledge based economy, launched its first ever national strategy in 2014, designed to “maximize economic opportunities for Canada in international education” (FATDC, 2014, p. 5). In response to concerns and critiques of the practices of internationalization, such as the prevailing commercialization of international education, the Canadian Deans of Education ratified an Accord on the Internationalization of Education in the same year, calling for principled and ethical internationalization to guide policies and practices towards ‘preferred futures’.

Our international interdisciplinary conference, an SFU’s 50th anniversary event, seeks to explore, examine, interrogate and create dialogue on the subject in this moment of intensified activity in, debates about, and research on international higher education. What are the lessons learned from the previous decade of internationalization? How can research support a principled internationalization, and what is the status of research on the topic? What are the practitioners’ perspectives on internationalization activities? What are some best practices that can illustrate pathways to attain the principles, standards and guidelines described in the Accord? How can internationalization efforts support and advance other initiatives such as indigenization of higher education, diversity and equity that will move internationalization towards serving the goals of social justice?

### We welcome proposals for the following formats:

• Papers • Symposium/Panels • Roundtables • Posters

### Proposal submission:

We invite proposals across the following tracks:

- Federal, provincial and institutional policy on internationalization;
- Innovation in international education;
- International student services and support;
- International education and language issues;
- Study abroad;
- International development;
- Indigenization and internationalization;
- Internationalizing research;
- The intercultural in internationalization;
- Best practices.

### Please submit:

A 100 word abstract, and a summary of not more than 750 words, indicating the purpose, significance, theoretical framework (if applicable), data sources (if applicable), results, conclusions and recommendations.

*All proposals will be reviewed anonymously. Names of authors or participants should not appear within the proposal text or attachments.*

Proposal submissions can be  
made through the OCS website:

**<http://ocs.sfu.ca/crie/index.php/CRIE/IHE>**

**We look forward to welcoming  
you to Vancouver in 2016!**

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