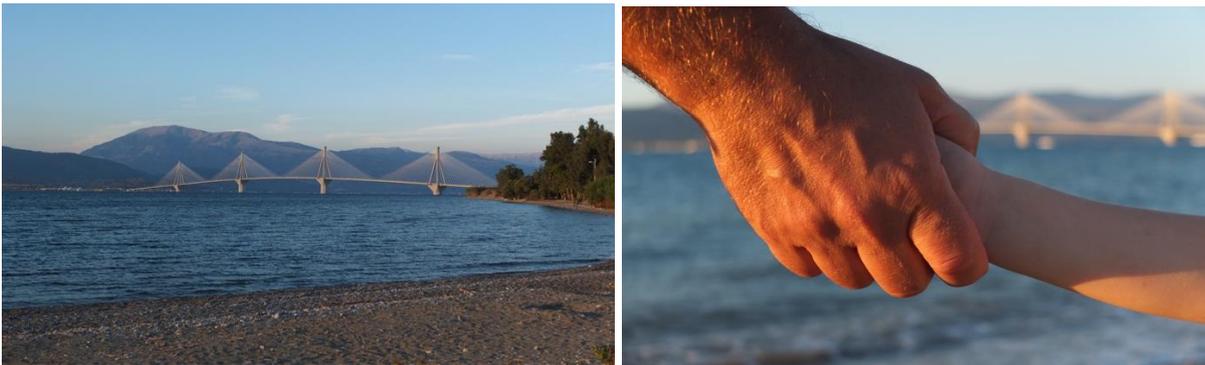


First call for papers

Early Literacy - Communication and Learning

Research Seminar, ARLE SIG Literacies: Reading, Writing & Oracies

30 September – 2 October, Patras, Greece



The **Rio–Antirrio Bridge** or “Gefyra” in Greek, officially the **Charilaos Trikoupis Bridge**, is one of the world's longest multi-span cable-stayed bridges and longest of the fully suspended type. From a metaphorical point of view the bridge inspires us to be connected, to exchange ideas, to be open to other and “otherness” and to welcome respectful dialogues and meetings.

The special interest group on Literacies: Reading, Writing & Oracies of the International Association for Research in L1 Education (ARLE) is pleased to announce a research seminar with the theme *Early Literacy - Communication and Learning* planned to be held in Patras, Greece 30 September - 2 October, 2020.

Aim and theme of the seminar

The aim of the seminar is to share and discuss in depth research on children’s early literacy learning in and out of school. Children’s early literacy learning includes both more informal literacy practices and formal schooling related to the L1-curriculum or the curricula of other school subjects.

We are inviting contributions within but not limited to the following areas of research:

- Classroom practices in literacy teaching and learning in preschool/kindergarten.
- Literacy teaching and practices in the first years of schooling.
- Children’s everyday literacy practices out of school in their families, in their spare time etc., including children’s literacy practices offline and/or online and their use of digital technologies, children’s books, teaching materials etc.
- Early literacy learning for persons that do not have any previous school background, for example migrants.
- Standardisation and assessment of literacy learning and its impact on classroom practices in the primary grades.

Register your interest in the research seminar here: <https://forms.gle/dka3gwMJNTWrrvNT9>

The research seminar embraces a broad definition of literacy. According to this definition, literacy is communicative practices embedded in various social and cultural contexts and based on the use and mastery of communicative resources for interaction. In a L1-perspective, literacy includes (interlaced) processes of talking and listening, reading and writing including multimodal and multilingual forms of expressions as well as aesthetics and play.

Description of the seminar

Throughout the seminar, research will be presented and discussed. There will be separate sessions for poster presentations. The seminar will also include network sessions and social events to make room for informal discussions of future collaborations. In order to encourage dialogue and in-depth discussions between participants, emphasis has been given to session formats that support interaction between presenters and audience.

The seminar is chaired by Catarina Schmidt (Jönköping University), Nektarios Stellakis (University of Patras) and Ingvill Krogstad Svanes (Oslo Metropolitan University) in collaboration with SIG co-coordinator Jesper Bremholm (National Centre for Reading, Denmark).

As a follow-up to the research seminar, we aim to plan a special issue on Early literacy in *L1 - Educational Studies in Language and Literature*.

Session and proposal formats

The seminar operates with two different session types: (1) paper presentations (2) poster presentations.

1. Paper presentations

Presentation and discussion of individual papers based on ongoing or complete research (1 hour per paper to allow for dialogue and in-depth discussions). The paper presentation sessions will be organised thematically.

Paper session proposals should include:

- Proposal abstract, max. 1000 words excl. references
- Complete contact information (name, affiliation, contact information)

2. Poster presentations

Short presentations with visual support (10 minutes) followed by a discussion with the audience. The poster sessions will be organized around 3-4 posters grouped thematically. The discussion will be a joint discussion of all the presented posters, and it will be instigated by an appointed discussant.

Poster proposals should include:

- Proposal abstract, max. 600 words excl. references

- Complete contact information (name, affiliation, contact information)

Especially, we encourage PhD and postgraduate students to participate with poster presentations.

Proposal deadline

Authors should submit proposals no later than **1 June, 2020** on the ARLE conference system.

We kindly ask you to register your interest in the seminar here (as a help to the planning):

<https://forms.gle/dka3gwMJNTWrrvNT9>

Reviewing

All proposals will be double blind reviewed by a committee of SIG Literacies members. A decision is offered by the end of June.

About the venue and how to get there

The seminar will be held at University of Patras, <https://www.upatras.gr/en>, a public university in central west Greece. It is the third largest university in Greece with respect to the size of the student body, the staff, and the number of departments.

The seminar starts at 12 am Wednesday 30th September and ends at 3 pm Friday 2nd October. Patras is situated in central-west Greece. It has no airport. The nearest airport is Athens, and from Athens there are connections to Patras with train or bus. The trip is approximately 3,5 hours. Do not worry, the beauty of the place and the hospitality of its people will compensate for the trip.

Social events

It is the ARLE tradition to organize events with a local flavour, so there will be a joint outing at the second seminar day after lunch. We will have a walking sightseeing in town, a visit to Archaeological Museum of Patras that it is famous for its Roman mosaic collection, the Rio - Antirrio Bridge and many nice places around the city by the seaside. It is also possible to organize a tour to the archaeological site of Olympia if enough participants are interested.

Seminar fee and accommodation

(Please note that prices are close approximations and may change)

Seminar fee 75 EUROS. The fee includes light lunch, coffee breaks and snacks during the seminar.

A seminar dinner will be organized at a good restaurant by the seaside Wednesday or Thursday during the seminar. Participation is of course voluntary, and the cost will be around 18-20 Euros. The seminar dinner is not included in the seminar fee.

Accommodation. Accommodation is not included in the seminar fee. There are a number of pleasant hotels in Patras, both by the seaside and in the city centre. Prices are around 65-70 Euros a

night for a double room including breakfast. We will send out suggestions for specific hotels at a later date.

Date summary

- Proposal deadline: 1 June, 2020.
- Final registration date: 1 August, 2020.
- Research seminar: 30 September - 2 October, 2020.

If you have questions, suggestions or event proposals, please contact seminar co-coordinator Catarina Schmidt at catarina.schmidt@ju.se. Do not hesitate to ask anything.

Kind regards,

Catarina Schmidt, Nektarios Stellakis, Ingvill Krogstad Svanes and Jesper Bremholm

Seminar organizers

January 2020