

ESERA 2025 Conference Code of Conduct



Our Commitment

ESERA 2025 is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all participants. We welcome researchers, educators, and practitioners from diverse backgrounds, career stages, and perspectives to engage in meaningful dialogue about transitions in science education, sustainability, and digital advances.

Expected Behavior

All conference participants are expected to:

Professional Conduct

- Treat everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of background, identity, experience level, or viewpoint.
- Engage constructively in academic discussions, welcoming diverse perspectives and methodological approaches.
- Practice active listening during presentations, workshops, and informal conversations.
- Provide constructive feedback that supports learning and scholarly development.
- Acknowledge the contributions of others appropriately in presentations and discussions.

Inclusive Participation

- Use inclusive language that welcomes participants from all backgrounds.
- Be mindful of cultural differences in communication styles and academic traditions.
- Create space for others to participate, especially early-career researchers and those from underrepresented groups.
- Support accessibility by speaking clearly, describing visual content when appropriate, and being patient with language differences.

Academic Integrity

- Respect intellectual property and properly attribute the work of others.
- Maintain confidentiality of unpublished research shared during presentations.
- Engage in honest and transparent reporting of research methods and findings.
- Address disagreements professionally through respectful academic discourse.

Unacceptable Behavior

The following behaviors will not be tolerated:

Harassment and Discrimination

- Harassment based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, nationality, political standpoint, or any other characteristic
- Discriminatory language or actions that exclude or marginalize individuals or groups
- Unwelcome sexual attention or inappropriate physical contact
- Stalking, following, or photographing individuals without consent.

Disruptive Behavior

- Sustained disruption of presentations, workshops, or other conference activities
- Intimidation, threats, or aggressive behavior toward any participant
- Public humiliation or deliberate embarrassment of speakers or attendees
- Inappropriate use of technology including unauthorized recording or photography.

Academic Misconduct

- Plagiarism or misrepresentation of others' work
- Sharing confidential information without permission
- Deliberately spreading misinformation about research or conference activities.

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Reporting and Response

How to Report

If you experience or witness behavior that violates this code of conduct:

- **Immediate assistance:** Contact any member of the organizing committee or conference staff.
- **Formal reporting:** Email the conference organizers at ESERA@ind.ku.dk.
- **Anonymous reporting:** Submit concerns through the conference website feedback form.

Our Response

The organizing committee will:

- **Investigate all reports** promptly and confidentially.
- **Take appropriate action** which may include warnings, temporary removal from sessions, or expulsion from the conference.
- **Provide support** to affected participants as needed.
- **Maintain confidentiality** throughout the process.

Special Considerations

Photography and Recording

- Respect others' privacy regarding photography and recording.
- Obtain permission before photographing or recording individuals.
- Follow conference guidelines for official documentation.
- Be mindful of presentations containing sensitive or unpublished research.

Social Events

- Consume alcohol responsibly at conference social events.
- Respect personal boundaries in informal settings.
- Include others in conversations and activities.
- Be mindful of cultural differences regarding food, drink, and social customs.

Resources and Support

Conference Support

- **Organizing Committee:** Available throughout the conference for assistance
- **Venue Staff:** Familiar with accessibility features and emergency procedures
- **Local Resources:** Information about Copenhagen services and support.

Academic Support

- **Early Career Researcher Mentoring:** Available through the conference program
- **Presentation Support:** Guidelines and assistance for effective presentations
- **Networking Opportunities:** Structured activities to facilitate meaningful connections.

Scope and Enforcement

This code of conduct applies to:

- All official conference sessions and activities
- ESERA Prelude activities (August 21-24, 2025)
- Social events and networking activities
- Informal interactions in conference venues and surrounding areas

Violations may result in:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Removal from specific sessions or activities
- Expulsion from the conference without refund
- Reporting to relevant institutions or professional organizations
- Exclusion from future ESERA conferences

Acknowledgement

By participating in ESERA 2025, all attendees agree to abide by this code of conduct. We are committed to creating an environment where all participants can engage productively in advancing science education research and practice.

This code of conduct is based on community standards and best practices for academic conferences. It may be updated as needed to ensure the safety and inclusion of all participants.