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Hello everyone!

This is the first-ever newsletter for the Early Career Researchers (ECR) Community of ISCHE (International Standing Conference of History of Education)!

The aim of this newsletter is to connect graduate students, postgraduate students, and new researchers and lecturers in the field of History of Education from all over the world, in order to create a strong network and help facilitate scientific and human exchanges.

We are all aware that the path of an academic can often be lonely and difficult, and the relatively small size of our field means that many of us are often working in small units (or may even be the only historians of education in our departments); so, we hope that this newsletter can be a first step towards building an international community where everyone can share their own experiences and find help, support and new ideas.

As this newsletter grows and circulates more, we want it to continue to develop as a space to share updates and news on a broad range of things: from new job, project, or funding opportunities to information about National organizations and new research/discussion groups, and more! It will also be a space where upcoming events in our field will be shared, both online and on site.

On that note, we are happy to now share information with you all about an upcoming webinar event, specifically for early career researchers in the history of education! [The ECR Thinking Initiative](#), in coordination with the ECR representatives on the [ISCHE Executive Committee](#), is launching a series of webinars to promote networking and community. The first of these webinars is entitled: **Belonging to Education: Navigating Relationships, Systems, Structures**.

We have invited **three researchers at different career stages to serve as panelists**, all of whom have been involved in the ISCHE community and whose experiences span **various academic and geographical contexts**. This webinar will especially focus on (intergenerational) relationships and conversations, navigating different academic systems and institutional structures, and providing a space for panelists and participants to share and discuss different challenges that ECRs face, strategies to overcome those challenges, and what we as a community of scholars at ISCHE can do to foster a better sense of belonging in our field.

This first webinar will happen on the 8th of April, from 15:00-16:30pm Central European Time, and our first three panelists will be:

Eduardo Galak, Universidad La Plata, Argentina
ArCasia James-Galloway, Texas A&M University, USA
Christian Ydesen, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Once the panelists have introduced themselves and the chair has posed the questions, there will be ample time for **discussion between the webinar attendees and the experts on the panel**. With this format, we would like to provide a **safe space for exchange**, which engages with the questions and needs of ECRs and allows for an open discussion.



We have tried to choose the best time to allow as many people as possible to participate, but since we know that it might be difficult for someone to participate due to the time difference, the webinar will be recorded and available for those who could not attend.

If you're interested in attending (or receiving the video recording later) we kindly ask you to register via the following form: [ISCHE ECR Webinar Registration](#)

The webinar will be hosted by Fanny Isensee (Humboldt University Berlin) and the ISCHE ECR Representatives Veronica Fonte (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Milano) and Chelsea Rodriguez (University of Groningen).



We are also happy to inform you that a second meeting, as part of this webinar series, is already scheduled to take place during the [ISCHE 46](#) conference in Lille, France (July 8-11 in person, July 15-16 online). Hopefully many of you will be attending the upcoming conference and, if so, we look forward to seeing you in person at the organized ECR events and the 2nd 'webinar'!

We will give you more information about this in the second newsletter, but in the meantime, we would like to invite you to participate in the first webinar and to share it with your colleagues!

This call to circulate info doesn't stop with the webinar! We encourage you to also share this newsletter and sign up to the mailing list (if you haven't already). And, if you would like to shout out your national research organizations, research groups, announce any upcoming events that could be relevant to ECRs, or if you have ideas or specific things you'd like to see in this newsletter, let us know by contacting us at ecr@ische.org!

Until the next newsletter, take care, and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Your ISCHE ECR Representatives
Veronica Fonte and Chelsea Rodriguez