



CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE ON RACE, RACISM AND WHITENESS IN TEACHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSION

Save the date:

University of Inland Norway, Hamar – 23.-24. October 2025

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Welcome to the University of Inland Norway, Hamar – 23-24. October 2025

This closing conference for the [CERITE project](#) aims to stimulate discussions on how teacher education can enhance student teachers' and teachers' professional competence required to identify and counteract racism and racial injustice in Norwegian education and society. By promoting interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral exchanges between researchers and professionals from various educational disciplines, countries, and regions the conference seeks to foster collaborative dialogue, share innovative practices and research, and contribute to shaping equitable educational policies and practices in Norway and the Nordic.

In addition to keynote lectures, paper sessions, and panel discussions, the conference will include VR-workshops and museum exhibitions. It will also showcase examples of collaborations between teacher education and other educational institutions, aiming to foster educational collaborations in addressing racism and racial injustice.

We invite papers and other forms of presentations from a wide variety of empirical, theoretical, and methodological perspectives.

Abstract submission deadline: 1 July 2025

Notification of acceptance: 20 August 2025

Keynote Speakers:

1. Associate professor: [Carla Ramirez](#), Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway
2. Professor emerita: [Christine Sleeter](#), California State University, USA
3. Professor: [Reza Gholami](#), University of Birmingham

A separate website with more detailed information about the conference and about submitting abstracts will be launched soon.

Topics to be addressed during the conference include but not limited to:

- Various forms of racism across all levels of education
- Instances of racism and discrimination, based on nationality, ethnicity, culture, or religion in teacher education and profession
- Researchers and educators' approach to racial discrimination in educational research and practice
- Encounters with racism and discrimination among teachers and/or educators
- Innovative pedagogical practices for addressing and working against racial injustice in education
- Anti-racist initiatives and pedagogies in preschool, school, and higher education settings
- Enhancing student teachers' competence on race and racism through collaborations between teacher education and other learning arenas, such as museums, non-governmental organisations
- The role of Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) in addressing and/or combatting racial injustice
- Interdisciplinary approaches to enhancing student teachers' professional competence in countering racism and discrimination
- The impact of cross-sectoral collaborations on addressing racial injustice in education
- Innovative research methodologies for studying racism and discrimination in education
- Educational policy reforms and their relation to structural racism and/or social justice

About the conference

The conference has no participation fee, and a free lunch will be served both days for all participants. Participants must cover their own travel expenses, accommodation, and dinners.

The conference will be held at Scandic Hotel, Hamar.

<https://www.scandichotels.no/hotell/norge/hamar/scandic-hamar>

Hamar is the largest city in Innlandet County and is home to 30,000 inhabitants. With its stable climate, varied nature and rich cultural heritage, Hamar offers many great experiences year-round.

The city lies on the sunny side of Lake Mjøsa and offers a fantastic selection cultural events, restaurants, cafés and shopping opportunities. Approximately 3000 students also give the city its distinctive character.

Hamar train station is about an hour and 15 minutes from Oslo central station, 50 minutes from Oslo airport, and 45 minutes from Lillehammer station.

There are several hotels and motels in the city:

- <https://www.strawberry.no/hotell/norge/hamar/home-hotel-astoria/>
- <https://www.thonhotels.no/hoteller/norge/hamar/victoria-hotel-hamar/>
- <https://vikingskipet.no/en/hjem-english/>
- <https://www.scandichotels.no/hotell/norge/hamar/scandic-hamar>

For more information or in case of anything, please contact

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We look forward to seeing you!

The conference committee - CERITE project