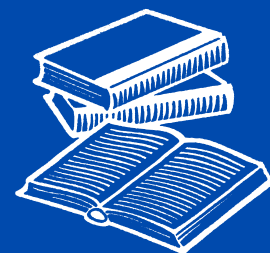


Call for papers, Stream #26 of the 22nd ESPAnet conference

## The Politics of Education

28 - 29 August 2024, Tampere, Finland



We look forward to receiving abstracts for **stream #26 of the 22nd ESPAnet conference *The Politics of Education* to take place in Tampere, Finland, 28 - 29 August 2024.**

This stream aims to analyse how education systems and education policy contribute to address the pressing challenges of today. We welcome submissions that focus on the politics of education. We are particularly interested in papers that explore:

- drivers of education policy reforms (e.g., institutions; structural changes; preferences, organisation, and strategies of parties and organised interests; ideas and discourse);
- trajectories of institutional change, and associated socio-economic outcomes (e.g., social inequality; social mobility; public attitudes; stakeholder organisation and power).

Education systems aim to prepare citizens for the digital age, to integrate migrant youth, and to sensitize the future leaders about climate change. Education policy plays thus an important role in addressing today's pressing challenges. At the same time, education systems are also fundamentally reshaped by these challenges. Consequent conflicts about the distribution and control over the delivery of skills, values, and educational credentials have been resolved in different ways. The determinants and mechanisms shaping these reform processes, and the resulting institutional variation, show striking similarities as well as instructional differences to the dynamics underlying welfare state development.

We welcome contributions that examine these issues with reference to all sectors of formal education, including school education, vocational education, and higher education. Methodologically, we are open to a range of different contributions, including single case studies, comparative case studies or large-N designs.

We would like to bring together contributions from different neighbouring disciplines (e.g., politics; political economy; social policy; education; sociology) to stimulate discussion on complementary theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of the politics of education.

### Application

Abstracts of up to 500 words can be submitted directly on the ESPAnet Website:

<https://events.tuni.fi/espanet2024/submission/>

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: April 25th, 2024**

Notification of acceptance: May 15th, 2024

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