



2020 One Belt One Road Education Forum

Concept Note

Background

As the foundation of a nation's power, its prosperity, and the happiness for its people, education has an essential role in society. Education builds bridges for people from the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) countries, while talent training provides support for policy communication, facility connectivity, unimpeded trade, and financing among them. The first two decades of 21 Century have witnessed more and more educational communication and cooperation among the BRI countries and a series of challenges. Under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, how do the education systems in BRI countries respond to the pandemic, what experiences and lessons have learned, and how should countries adjust to the new normal and strengthen the international cooperation should be the top priority for policy-makers, researchers and educators.

Promoting of joint construction of Belt and Road Education is also considered as an important approach to realize the SDG 4 in countries involved. How to build up an education community among BRI countries and how to work out a new framework for educational cooperation which reflects the needs of each country, engages participation of all stakeholders and reach to a win-win development? These questions guide the two leading educational research institutions in China and Russia, the Faculty of Education at Beijing Normal University and the Institute of Education of National Research University "Higher School of Economics" in Russia to host the 2020 One Belt One Road Education Forum jointly.

The Forum is themed as "**Educational Cooperation and Development under the Belt and Road Initiative framework**". Education scholars from Belt and Road countries will be invited to discuss the policy, practice, and cooperation in the fields of teaching and research collaboration, vocational and adult education, education for international students, teacher education, and other inspiring innovation based on experiences and ideas of each other.



Aims

2020 One Belt One Road Education Forum aims to:

1. Bring new thoughts based on research and experiences and explore the mechanisms of education cooperation and communication, offer a feasible solution to universal education problems around the global and regional education struggles;
2. Build up network and collaboration;
3. Construct Belt and Road Education Community to realize interconnected development and benefit students of every country.

Theme and sub-topics

Forum Theme: **Educational Cooperation and Development under the framework of Belt and Road Initiative**

Session 1: BRI Countries' Education Response to COVID-19: Experiences and Reflection

This session will address the education responses from BRI countries during the pandemic. Scholars from various international organizations and universities in BRI countries would be invited to exchange policies and practices in guaranteeing inclusive and quality education for all during and after the Covid-19 pandemic. Experiences, lessons, and reflections on these policies and practices in different social contexts would be discussed. Prospects and suggestions to enhance wide-ranging and multi-faceted collaborations among BRI universities and build a mechanism combined by learning, research, and application will be discussed in this session.

Session 2: Talent Training and International Cooperation in BRI countries

This session will focus on the research and thoughts about specific cooperation areas, including international student education, global competence of college students, Cross-border Education, Chinese-Foreign cooperation in running schools, and international cooperation in vocational training, and so forth. Policies and Practices of these areas in BRI countries will be presented. Issues relating to the mobilization of resources from different contexts, quality insurance of overseas students' education provision, and cooperation challenges in running schools jointly by different countries will be further discussed.



Session 3: Building up Quality Teaching Force: Policies and Practices from BRI Countries

This session will share teacher preparation, teachers' professional development, and teacher support policies in different contexts. Discussions will target collaborations among BRI countries, teachers' competences of working in multicultural contexts, and conducting culturally responsive teaching. A particular focus will be given to support strategies to teachers working in rural schools who are the key players ensuring the quality of education in the least developed areas.

Organizers

Host:

- Beijing Normal University
- National Research University "Higher School of Economics"

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- Faculty of Education, Beijing Normal University
- Institute of Education, National Research University "Higher School of Economics"

Time

Dec. 2nd-4th, 2020 (15:00PM-17:30PM Beijing Time)

Venue

Opening Ceremony and all the 3 sessions will be purely virtual events and Zoom meeting platform will be used for the on-line discussion. Details of the Zoom meeting are in the agenda.

Three sessions might have live stream and the recordings or PPT slides will be post on the official Wechat account of FOE-BNU and the website of Institute of education, HSE based on the prior consent of the speakers.



Agenda (Time presented according to Beijing Time)

Opening Ceremony (online)

Time: 15:00-15:30pm, Dec. 2, 2020 (Wednesday)

Chairperson: Prof. Zhu Xudong, Dean of Faculty of Education, Beijing Normal University

Time	Activities	Speakers
15:00-15:05	Brief Introduction to the Forum by FoE, BNU	Prof. Zhu Xudong Dean of Faculty of Education, BNU
15:05-15:10	Welcoming Remarks by Beijing Normal University	Prof. Zhou Zuoyu Vice President of Beijing Normal University
15:10-15:15	Welcoming Remarks by HSE University	Prostakov Ivan Vice Rector of HSE University
15:15-15:20	Welcome Remarks by Embassy of People's Republic of China in Russia	Mr. Jiang Zhongliang Counsellor of Education Department
15:20-15:25	Welcome Remarks by Institute of Education, HSE University	Isak Froumin Head of the Institute of Education, HSE University
15:25-15:30	Group Photo and Break	

Session 1 (online): BRI Countries' Education Response to COVID-19: Experiences and Reflection

Time: 15:30-17:40pm, Dec. 2, 2020 (Wednesday)

Chairpersons:

- Prof. Teng Jun, Associate Dean of the Institute of International and Comparative Education, Faculty of Education, BNU
- Pavel Sorokin, Associate Professor, Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Vocational Education and Skills Development, Institute of Education, HSE University

15:30-15:40	Introduction by Chairperson, Prof. Teng Jun	
15:40-16:00	<i>Educational response to Covid-19 in Southeast Asia</i>	Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela Director of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Secretariat (recorded video)
16:00-16:20	<i>Higher Education Reaction to COVID-19 Crisis - an Experience from an Italian University</i>	Tommaso Agasist Politecnico di Milano School of Management, Milan – Italy
16:20-16:40	<i>Teachers Project Funding Initiatives: Effective Way for Professional Development?</i>	Zeng Xiaodong Professor, Faculty of Education, Beijing Normal University
16:40-17:00	<i>Impact of COVID-19 on Education Sector in Central Asia and UNESCO's Response in the Sub-region</i>	Meirgul Alpysbayeva (Ms.) National Education Officer UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan



17:00-17:20	<i>Lessons of Pandemic for the Future of Higher Education</i>	Isak Froumin Head of the Institute of Education, HSE University
17:20-17:30	<i>Pandemic Education and Viral Politics</i>	Michael Peters Distinguished Professor of Education, Faculty of Education, BNU
17:30-17:40	Q&A and Conclusion, Prof. Pavel Sorokin	

Opening Ceremony and Session 1 share the same Zoom Meeting ID.

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Session 2 (online): Talent Training and International Cooperation in BRI countries

Time: 15:00-17:30pm, Dec. 3, 2020 (Thursday)

Chairpersons:

- Dr. Hans de Wit, Director of Center for Internationalization of Higher Education, Boston College
- Dr. Zeng Guoquan, Deputy Dean of the College of Education Administration, Faculty of Education, BNU

15:00-15:10	Introduction by Chairperson, Dr. Hans de Wit	
15:10-15:30	<i>The Status Quo, Problems and Countermeasures of International Degree Program Students in China from Belt & Road Countries</i>	LIU Baocun Director of the Institute of International and Comparative Education (IICE), BNU
15:30-15:50	<i>International Student Mobility: Talent Attraction and Brain Circulation in Developing Countries</i>	Ekaterina Minaeva Analyst at the Laboratory for University Development. HSE University
15:50-16:10	<i>From Talent Attraction to Talent Circulation: The world needs more cooperation and less competition</i>	Giorgio Marinoni Manager for Internationalization, International Association of Universities
16:10-16:30	<i>Towards Greater Educational Cooperation and Sustainable Development Under BRI</i>	Michael Peters Distinguished Professor of Education, Faculty of Education, BNU
16:30-16:50	<i>A Study on the Learning Experiences of BRI International Students in China</i>	MA Jiani Lecturer at Faculty of Education, Beijing Normal University
16:50-17:10	<i>Exploration on Theoretical System of Vocational Education</i>	HE Zhen Director, Institute of Vocational and Adult Education, FOE, BNU
17:10-17:20	Q&A and Conclusion, Dr. Zeng Guoquan	

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Session 3 (online): Building up Quality Teaching Force: Policies and Practices from BRI Countries



Time: 15:00-17:00pm, Dec. 4, 2020 (Friday)

Chairperson:

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- Prof. dr. Marijk van der Wende, Distinguished Faculty Professor of Higher Education at Utrecht University's Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance
- Liu Jing, Director for office of international exchange and cooperation, Faculty of Education, BNU

15:00-15:10	Introduction by Chairperson, Liu Jing	
15:10-15:30	<i>Strengthening Teachers' Capacity in Africa During Covid-19 Pandemic</i>	Yumiko Yokozeki Director of UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (UNESCO IICBA)
15:30-15:50	<i>Teachers as Learning Leaders: Developing Professional Learning Communities in Teacher Education</i>	Prof. Chen Schechter Head of the MOFET Institute of Israel
15:50-16:10	<i>The Emergence of Crafted Teaching: Pedagogical Experiments of Russian University Teachers During the COVID-19 Pandemic</i>	Evgeniy Terentev Director of the Centre of Sociology of Higher Education, Senior Research Fellow, HSE University
16:10-16:30	<i>Strengthening Teachers' Professional Training and Development: The Philippine Context</i>	Dr. Arlyne C. Marasigan Director, Graduate Research Office Philippine Normal University-Manila
16:30-16:50	<i>Preparing, Recruiting and Retaining Teachers for Rural Schools in China</i>	Prof. Sang Guoyuan Institute of Teacher Education Research, Faculty of Education, BNU
16:50-17:00	Q&A and Conclusion, Prof. dr. Marijk van der Wende	

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