

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**THE SECOND DOCTORAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PEDAGOGY**  
**10-14 May 2021**  
**CENTRE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PEDAGOGY**  
**MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY, IRELAND**

*August 2020*

In January 2020 we held the first doctoral conference on public education and pedagogy at the Centre for Public Education and Pedagogy, Maynooth University, Ireland. The week-long event was enjoyable and intellectually stimulating, not least because all the participants had sufficient time to present their own work – which is quite different from big ‘hurried’ international conference – and also because spending a week together on campus allowed for a more sustained conversation to evolve. January also turned out to be a rather quiet moment in the academic calendar, which also contributed to the atmosphere of the event.

We are keen to have another doctoral conference in the 2020-2021 academic year, but have concluded that January 2021 may be too soon, given how the current pandemic is evolving.

**Our ambition, therefore, is to hold the second doctoral conference in May 2021, starting on Monday 10 May and concluding on Friday 14 May.** This is an event where doctoral students can present their ongoing work on questions concerning public education and (public) pedagogy. We will issue a full announcement early in December 2020. This will include a call for presentations and a call for registration.

If you want to be kept informed, please send an e-mail with your contact details to [CPEP@mu.ie](mailto:CPEP@mu.ie), so that we can include you in our mailing list. Please also keep an eye on the centre’s website: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/centre-public-education-and-pedagogy>

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards,

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