

LESC 2024 - Call for Papers

Dear community, we are thrilled to announce the revival of the Liberal Education Students Conference – the European-Asian wide conference where students deliberate on our Liberal Education programs. Returning after a five-year hiatus, largely owed to COVID-19, this summit marks a significant and timely opportunity for students to rethink and reconnect in the evolving landscape of Liberal Arts and Sciences – we come forward to ask again “What is Liberal Education and what could it be?” with the hope of re-establishing a fruitful communication ground within the Liberal Education landscape both locally and globally.

To reflect upon the aforementioned, this year’s conference debates will fall under the following theme: **“Liberal *what?*” Liberal Education: Rethink and Reconnect.** Organized and driven by students, and for students, the conference is structured around *four main tracks*: “Building Bridges: Networking in Liberal Education”, “Liberal Education and the Self: Integrating Liberal Education with Individual Journeys”, “Redrawing the Blueprint: The Ideal Liberal Education Experience” and “Critiques and Solutions: Reinventing Liberal Education”. Each track is designed to facilitate students’ reflection on different aspects (theoretical and practical) for an eventual formulation of new perspectives and proposals for a *contemporary* Liberal Education.

Overall, we want this conference to be a convergence of interactive discussions, practical workshops, and shared narratives, all aimed at empowering students to actively shape their educational journeys and societal roles.

We cordially invite you to participate in this exciting venture to redefine what Liberal Education can and should be in this world that has rapidly changed over the past 5 years and is continuously changing. We look forward to your valuable contributions in this pivotal moment of our community to *rethink* and *reconnect*.

The LESC 2024 – Practical Information:

General

The LESC 2024 will be held on May 9-11 in University (College) Freiburg (Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany). We will send you a confirmation by March 30 to confirm your participation. Details on the event are to be provided as well.

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The LESC 2024 is looking into possible travel cost reimbursement for conference participants, but we cannot guarantee it and encourage you to file a funding request with your own university, and inform us about your estimated traveling cost when filling in the call for paper Google Form.

Participation fee

The LESC 2024 is looking into possible financial support to lower the participation fee. The final participation fee is expected not to be exceeding the current estimation. The currently estimated participation fee is:

Accommodation (Black Forest Hostel, in a 20-Bed's room, 48 € for 2 nights) + Coffee, Snacks & Reception: 70 €

Coffee, Snacks & Reception: 25 €

****Note that your meals are not included; if you have any information on possible financial support that we can apply for, to reduce the participation fee, please email us at lesc.ucfr@gmail.com.**

Call For paper (How to get into the track that I am interested in?)

As our reception can only handle a maximum of 80 people, we will be selecting our participants according to the quality of their essay. This is why we are calling for paper.

Your 600 words essay shall be responding to the topic in regard to the track of your interest. For example, if you are interested in Track 1, then your essay shall be responding to Topic 1. You will be following your designated track throughout the conference and discussing within the realm. Excellent papers will be invited to be present their paper in the conference.

More information about participation is below.

Requirements for participation:

1. Write a 600 words (maximum limit) essay as an answer to **ONE** of the following topics:

Track 1: Building Bridges: Networking in Liberal Education

Topic 1: Discuss the importance of networking in liberal education and propose strategies for how students can actively build and benefit from these networks within their educational and professional pursuits.

Track 2: Liberal Education and the Self: Integrating Liberal Education with Individual Journeys

Topic 2: How can liberal education be more effectively tailored to align with and support individual student goals, personal experiences, and their envisioned role in society?

Track 3: Redrawing the Blueprint: The Ideal Liberal Education Experience

Topic 3: Reflect on your experiences and aspirations: What key elements would you include to design an ideal liberal arts and sciences education program, and how would these elements transform your educational journey and future prospects?

Track 4: Critiques and Solutions: Reinventing Liberal Education

Topic 4: Identify what you perceive as a significant weakness in the current structure of liberal education. How would you address this issue to enhance the overall effectiveness and relevance of the program?

2. Fill out the registration form and attach your essay in the designated space in .pdf format.
Reminder: you must select only **ONE** of the four given inquiries and address it in your essay.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: February 11, 2024

If you have any inquiry, feel free to email us at lesc.ucfr@gmail.com.