

**CALL FOR PAPERS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th April 2027
New College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK**

Submissions are invited for the sixty-second annual conference of the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain, to be held at New College, Oxford University in Oxford, UK on Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th April 2027.

All submissions should have a philosophical bearing on education and may vary from an examination of a philosophical issue in its connection with education, to a philosophical analysis of some aspect of current educational theory, research, policy or practice. The educational bearing of the paper should be rendered explicit in the text of the submission and, normally, in the title. Please note that reviewers will be asked particularly to take account of this requirement.

Three sessions at the conference will be reserved for invited plenary papers. The rest of the conference will be devoted to submissions responding to this Call.

Our 2027 keynote speakers are:

Prof Jonathan Wolff

Emeritus Alfred Landecker Professor of Values and Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

Prof Alis Oancea

Professor of Philosophy of Education and Research Policy, School of Education, University of Oxford

Prof Shannon Vallor

Baillie Gifford Chair in the Ethics of Data and Artificial Intelligence at the Edinburgh Futures Institute at the University of Edinburgh

The PESGB Annual Conference does not have a specific theme; submissions are welcome from all research areas in the philosophy of education.

All submissions must be unpublished material; i.e. the material must not have been published previously, or must not be material that has already been submitted for publication to a journal or other publication outlet (See Frequently Asked Questions).

Intending contributors are asked to read the Frequently Asked Questions in conjunction with this Call for Papers.

The Society is keen to receive high quality submissions addressing themes under-represented in recent conferences. These may include:

1. Informal and non-formal education;
2. Vocational education;
3. Race and ethnicity issues in education;
4. Specific school curriculum areas.

The deadline for all submissions for the 2027 conference is midnight (UK time) on Friday 11th December 2026.

Called papers will be heard in parallel sessions and may take one of four forms: Papers, Symposia, Work In Progress, or Workshops. Posters are presented in a separate session. Please note that submissions will only be considered if they are **fully anonymised**. Please also note that the usual practice at the conference is for presenters to summarise their papers rather than read them in full, as conference participants will have had an opportunity to read them in advance.

Papers (45 minutes):

Papers submitted should be between 3,000 words (minimum) and 6,000 words (maximum). This word count requirement *includes* all footnotes/endnotes, but does *not* include the reference list and abstract. The abstract of the paper, not exceeding 200 words, should also be submitted.

Before sending the submission, please carry out a word count check to ensure that the proposed paper complies with the requirements specified in the previous paragraph. Submissions that fail to comply with these requirements will not be accepted.

Symposia (90 minutes):

A symposium at the PESGB conference comprises three or four short papers focused on a single theme. Submissions should consist of:

- (i) An abstract of the symposium outlining the form and focus of the symposium and the key issues to be addressed (200 words maximum);
- (ii) The three or four papers, none of which must exceed 1,000 words in total. This word count does *not* include the reference list.

Before sending the submission for the symposium, please carry out a word count check to ensure that the symposium proposal complies with the word count requirements specified in (i) and (ii) above. Submissions that fail to comply with these requirements will not be accepted.

Work In Progress Papers (30 minutes):

Work In Progress papers submitted should be between 2,000 words (minimum) and 3,000 words (maximum). This word count requirement *includes* all footnotes/endnotes, but does *not* include the reference list and abstract. The abstract of the paper, not exceeding 200 words, should also be submitted.

The work in progress paper should still have a clear argument that bears on philosophy of education, as per the general call. However, it is a chance to be more exploratory in seeking feedback on a shorter submission in a shorter allocated timeslot on the programme. Before sending the submission, please carry out a word count check to ensure that the proposed paper complies with the requirements specified above. Submissions that fail to comply with these requirements will not be accepted.

Workshops (45 minutes):

Workshops are interactive sessions and are intended as a springboard for open discussion and/or activity based on an issue in philosophy of education on which the author is working. They are not

mini-papers. Workshop submissions should not exceed 2,000 words, *including* footnotes/endnotes, but *excluding* the reference list. The submission should be in two parts:

- (i) The first part, not exceeding 1,000 words, should explain the purpose and substance of the workshop;
- (ii) The second part, not exceeding 1,000 words, should explain how the workshop is to be structured and how it is to engage the participants, including reference to strategies and resources to be used - e.g. tasks for participants, web resources, video clips, etc. Workshops must be obviously interactive. Please note that reviewers will be asked particularly to take account of this requirement.

An abstract of the workshop, not exceeding 200 words, should also be submitted; this is in addition to the word count in (i) and (ii) above.

Before sending the submission for the workshop please carry out a word count check to ensure that the workshop proposal complies with the word count requirements specified in (i) and (ii) above. Submissions that fail to comply with these requirements will not be accepted.

Posters (presented in a poster session on Friday afternoon):

Posters should present work in progress and **must** be printed on one sheet of A2 paper with a size of 420mm x 594mm. Accompanying A4 handouts with references and contact details are recommended. Posters will remain on display for the duration of the conference. If accepted, presenters should bring their posters with them to the conference. Submissions should be the abstract of the poster (max 200 words) only.

Deadline

All submissions should be uploaded by midnight (UK time) on Friday 11th December 2026 to the [Submission Site here](#). The Conference Committee has agreed that NO submissions will be accepted after that date.

Submission Limits

Only **ONE** submission of a paper *or* workshop *or* work in progress paper *or* symposium proposal per person will be accepted. However, in addition to a submission for a paper *or* a work in progress paper *or* a workshop (but **NOT** a symposium), an individual may be included as a contributor to **ONE** symposium proposal. All participants are welcome to submit **ONE** poster in addition to the above formats.

Review Process

All submissions will be double-blind reviewed by the Conference Programme Review Panel. A third reviewer will be drawn upon in the case of a deadlock between the two reviewers. Decisions will be communicated to applicants in the week commencing Monday 8th February 2027. All submissions will receive brief feedback comments from reviewers. Decisions are final and the Society will not enter into any further correspondence about the decision or feedback.

Information for Submission

Submissions should be made online here. Each submission should comprise three fields:

- (i) the abstract, fully anonymised;

- (ii) the complete paper, work in progress paper, workshop or symposium proposal, or poster abstract, fully anonymised and fully compliant with the word count requirements, in readiness for blind peer review;
- (iii) upload a non-blind pdf submission which includes all of the author details, a title, abstract, plus full paper or workshop or symposium. This will be the version that is circulated to all conference delegates if accepted for presentation. You will not have the opportunity to edit this prior to the conference.

The PESGB Review Panel do not proofread papers, so please check spelling and grammar carefully before submission. If you have not received an acknowledgement within one week of making your submission, please contact PESGB at pesgb@sasevents.co.uk . For registered participants, a complete set of accepted papers, workshops and symposia will be made available on the Society's website prior to the conference. From this year we are going paperless so conference booklets will no longer be made available in delegates' conference packs. Instead, we will be using an app to include all of the details, abstracts, timetables, and papers for you to access easily via your smart device. The app will be accessible to international SIMs and New College has wifi (Eduroam) that will enable you to access it in situ.

Pre-Conference Student Seminar

The conference will be preceded by a student seminar on Friday afternoon, 2nd April 2027. Details of the seminar will appear on the PESGB website.
