

ESAI Critical and Feminist Special Interest Group (SIG) invite you to a conference at  
EPI\*STEM School of Education in the University of Limerick:

# Humanising Education

from Competition to Care and Justice,  
in Theory and Practice.

Tuesday, 11th June 2024,

9.30am to 4.30pm [National Carers Week]

Room A1065, EPI\*STEM, Main Building, University of Limerick.



What the ESAI Critical  
and Feminist SIG stands for:

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## **What the ESAI Critical and Feminist SIG stands for**

We are committed to humanising education, to recognising that while education is a vital tool for the production of goods and services, and economic wellbeing, it is much more than this. Education teaches people what is of value normatively, socially, politically, affectively and culturally in public life, implicitly and explicitly. It shapes the human imagination and subjectivities and can either constrain or enhance human consciousness. We recognise that education is a powerful tool in the formation of public consciousness and the possibilities for social transformation: it plays a central role in defining what is of cultural significance and of political value. Moreover, as a forum of ideological formation, education is never neutral. We are working in-between the two traditions of Critical Pedagogy and Feminist Theories, that we now assert need to come together for a higher purpose in contemporary times [For more see the link: <https://esai.ie/critical-and-feminist-special-interest-group-cf-esai-sig/>].

## **Aims of the Conference**

We want to work with people, inside and outside of formal education in Ireland to provide a space to open a new conversation in relation to the need for a re-orientation of education away from the current preoccupation with competition and individual measurement. We are interested in re-energizing education in Ireland for emancipation, transformative possibility and hope.

## **You are Invited to Contribute**

You are invited to contribute a topic that aligns with our principles and helps to progress the opening of this new conversation in relation to education in Ireland (150 words approximately).

## **To Register for the Conference**

and to send a contribution, please contact: Michelle Starr on [michelle.starr@ul.ie](mailto:michelle.starr@ul.ie). [ESAI Critical and Feminist SIG member and Research Liaison Officer at EPI+STEM, School of Education, UL].

## **ESAI Critical and Feminist SIG Committee**

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