

# Seminar

## Key Issues in Environmental Education Research

Chaire de recherche du Canada en éducation relative à l'environnement  
Université du Québec à Montréal  
Friday, April the 15<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Canada research chair in environmental education at University of Québec in Montréal invites the members of the Ecological and Environmental Education SIG to participate in a seminar to be held on the last day of the AERA's annual meeting to discuss key issues in environmental education research. We wish to share reflections among researchers on the following two questions:

### **The current socio-political context**

- As individual researchers and members of some research community, how does the macro-political context of “education for sustainable development”, reinforced by the UN Decade, draw our attention? What issues are associated with such a context? Which research questions, which themes and which objectives emerge from one's reading of such a context and which should have priority in environmental education research?

### **Researchers as social actors**

- How are environmental education researchers socially involved? What does “social involvement” mean? What are the issues associated with various forms of social involvement? What are the epistemological and methodological implications of such a posture?

After a brief introduction of the seminar, each question will be discussed for two hours:

Question 1) from 1:40 to 3:40 p.m.

Question 2) from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For each one, three invited researchers will first present their reflection on the subject: 15 min. each presentation. Then, a general discussion will be open to all participants.

The presentations and discussions will be video taped so as to make transcripts of our discussions and produce proceedings. All participants will be invited to validate the proceedings so as to make sure each one's ideas are well cited and presented.

At the end of the seminar, the members of the research chair will be pleased to invite the participants to a convivial «appétitif».

A detailed program will be available in February.

For reservation, as soon as possible: [chaire.educ.env@uqam.ca](mailto:chaire.educ.env@uqam.ca)

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