



Social Outcomes of Education: "Inspecting School Quality"

INVITATION

**International Conference & Workshop
Amsterdam, September 17-19 2014**

Dear colleagues, SICI members and guests,

It is my great privilege to invite you to the International Conference and Workshop **Social Outcomes of Education – "Inspecting School Quality"**, hosted by The Dutch Inspectorate of Education, The Standing International Conference of Inspectorates (SICI) and the University of Amsterdam. The conference will take place on 17-19 September 2014 in the historic centre of Amsterdam.

The conference is focusing on social outcomes of education and the latest developments in inspecting social quality in schools. We are very proud that well known scientists will share their knowledge and experience in this field of expertise with us. We expect to have lively discussions about current trends and challenges. The program offers a (limited) opportunity to visit Dutch schools who have implemented the wide-spread programme 'The Peaceful School', a curriculum for social education and citizenship.

Additionally, four countries who have worked together in the SICI Working Group Social Outcomes will present the results of their comparative study of models for inspecting social quality of schools. During various workshops you will have the opportunity to learn more about national frameworks, instruments and outcomes of inspections on social education. All presentations during the conference will be held in English.

The programme is attuned to members of school inspectorates, but most parts will be open to university colleagues, specialists, and policy makers as well. The first day of the conference will address the topic from a more general perspective. The workshop on the second and third day will concentrate on the inspection of social quality. Moreover, the Dutch Inspectorate of Education will host a conference dinner on 18 September especially for SICI members, key note speakers and invited guests.

Please find the on-line registration form for this International SICI Conference and Workshop in the invitation e-mail. Furthermore you will find the preliminary programme and useful practical and background information attached. The registration form will guide you through the registration procedures and programme choices.

If you wish to attend the conference/workshop, I would be most grateful if you could complete and return the registration form no later than **Monday 12 May 2014**. Due to hotel restrictions at this time of the year, we cannot guarantee hotel rooms after this date.

I look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful capital of Amsterdam and to exchange knowledge, promote improvements and discuss future challenges on "Inspecting School Quality" in the context of Social Outcomes of Education.

Yours sincerely,

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