

ENOHE-ACCUO/AOUCC Joint Conference 26-29 May 2020, Athens, Greece

Students' Rights and Ombuds' Values: Ensuring Democracy in Higher Education

Call for Papers

The Conference Planning Committee of the ENOHE (European Network of Ombuds in Higher Education ACCUO (Association of Canadian College and University Ombudspersons /AOUCC (Association des Ombudsmans des Universités et Collèges du Canada) Joint conference 2020 is now calling for presentations (including papers, workshops and roundtables). You may submit your proposal for the 16th Annual Conference to be held from the 26th until the 29th of May 2020 in Athen, Greece. **The deadline for proposals is 29th February 2020.** Email proposals to hello@enohe.net.

Conference participants and presenters are professionals from higher education institutions involved in dealing with issues between students and their institutions as well as from external regulatory and guidance bodies. They will engage with practitioners of varying levels of expertise in order to share ideas, collaborate, and explore new theories, concepts, and practices.

Based on past conferences, the Conference Planning Committee has developed a list of topics and areas of interest for the 2020 conference.

The ENOHE-ACCUO/AOUCC 2020 Conference will host two categories of topics:

General topics of interest, including:

1. ombuds values: how they work in practice
2. all aspects of conflict management and ombuds practice
3. new and/or alternative means of providing ombuds services
4. maximizing ombuds' impact on higher education institutions and their democratic development
5. working with other departments within higher education institutions, including legal counsel, human resources , relationship and risk management officials, among others
6. the ombuds role in preventing and addressing allegations of sexual misconduct
7. updates on respective legal and regulatory frameworks including restorative practices

Specific topics of interest including:

8. ombuds and shifting cultural norms and organizational regulationsombuds and equity, justice, and democracy work
9. self-reflection, personal growth, and self-care for ombuds
10. working with data: collecting, analyzing, communicating, effective and ethical reporting, leveraging for change
11. how to direct and/or work within an ombuds team: set-up, roles, challenges, best practices
12. ombuds' relations to leaders, decision-makers, and stakeholders

Program Formats & Content Levels

Each proposal should include:

- **Title:** this should succinctly reflect what is being proposed;
- **Presenter/s:** name, institution, position, country
- **Category:** case study, practice-oriented or policy-oriented;
- **Topic:** Selected from the above General or Specific topics (applicants can suggest an additional topic of their interest, connected to the work of ombuds)

Presentation Format:

- (a) a presentation as part of a round-table (60 minutes including questions and discussion time)
- (b) a good practice/special project session (90 minutes in total, shared with other speaker(s) on a complementary topic)

Abstract: core idea and objective of your proposal: 300 words maximum

Content level designation

Emerging (0-5 years of practice and/or knowledge)

Established (5-15 years of practice and/or knowledge)

Experienced (over 15 years of practice and/or knowledge)

The conference planning committee will consider all proposals during the first half of March and will communicate their decisions as soon as possible. The committee may ask for amendments to proposals and/or format changes, such as that an individual presentation become part of a collaboration or panel discussion among speakers on a related topic.

The committee will assign speakers to a specific time slot and session length (generally 60 or 90 minutes, including time for discussion and questions) at any point over the three session days of the conference, 27 – 29 May 2020.

Any informal enquiries should be sent by email to hello@enohe.net, who will respond as quickly as possible.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR PROPOSALS.