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International Conference of Catholic Teacher Training University Centres

EDUCATING IS WORTH IT

Valladolid (SPAIN), February 6th- 8th, 2026

COVER LETTER AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The University College of Education Fray Luis de León, the Catholic University of Avila and their partner universities are pleased to organize this conference devoted to the urgent and essential task of rescuing education. From our perspective, the expression to rescue education¹ should not be understood as a mere response to a temporary or structural crisis. Instead, it seeks to return to the root of this issue: to question the very essence of what it means to educate. What does it truly mean to educate a person? What vision of the human being, of life, and of society informs our educational models? How can the Catholic intellectual and spiritual tradition, particularly its rich anthropological and personalist heritage, offer a renewed, critical contribution to contemporary educational challenges?

We envision this conference as a space for thoughtful, rigorous, and hopeful dialogue among scholars, educators, and researchers who are committed to rethinking education in light of its deepest calling: to accompany each person in the discovery of their inherent dignity, their freedom, and their capacity for truth and meaning.

Thus, we welcome communications addressing, among others, the following topics:

- *Education and Anthropology*: Explorations of the anthropological foundations that shape educational theory and practice. What image of the human person is being conveyed in the classroom? How can education be centred on the full dignity, freedom, and openness to transcendence of the human person?
- *Foundations of Catholic Education and History of Catholic Education*: Critical analysis of dominant educational paradigms and engagement with classical or contemporary theories that support a humanistic and transcendent view of education.
- *Formation of Educators*: The role of the educator as a guide. Reflections and practical strategies for the intellectual, ethical, and spiritual formation of teachers and university faculty within Catholic institutions.
- *The Pedagogy of Faith*: Contributions that explore ways of cultivating interiority and openness to transcendence within higher education. Integration of faith, reason, and lived experience in university teaching and formation.

We particularly encourage contributions that combine theoretical depth with practical insight, and that offer research-based proposals for reimagining education today. Submissions may take the form of theoretical essays, empirical studies, case studies, or well-documented educational experiences, provided they meet the academic standards and the humanistic orientation of this conference.



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The registration deadline for the conference is **15 November 2025**. Participants submitting a paper must register before sending their paper.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPERS

A. GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Papers must be original and may be written and read in Spanish or English. All papers must be related to one of the thematic lines of the Conference.

Those interested in presenting a paper at the Conference must send an abstract of 500 words maximum, uploading it to the registration and access platform of this website before September 6, 2025.

In case the abstract is accepted, if they wish to qualify for publication, they should upload their contribution of 7000-9000 words in Word and Times New Roman 12, 1.5 pts. spacing before November 15, 2025.

B. GUIDELINES FOR ORAL PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The Scientific Committee will select the papers to be presented publicly during the Conference. Papers may be presented in person or synchronously online, i.e., in real time. Participants will have 10 - 15 minutes for their presentation. The reading of papers is personal and non-transferable. If a paper has several authors, at least one of the authors must be present, either in person or virtually. In order to present a paper in public, all authors must be registered as communicators at the Congress.

C. PUBLICATION GUIDELINES FOR SELECTED PAPERS

The best papers may be published in an edited volume published by *Peter Lang* (Q2) or in the journal *Cuadernos de pensamiento*. The Organising Committee reserves the right to select and distribute the papers to be proposed to the publisher or journal for publication. The publisher and the journal reserve the right to accept or reject papers according to their own scientific quality control procedures.

The publication languages will be Spanish and English. Authors will be informed of the publication guidelines in due course.

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With this letter, we would be grateful if you could disseminate and promote this initiative among professors and students at your university. We also invite all researchers and educators to attend the Conference and to send a paper proposal along the lines of the thematic axes mentioned in the "call for papers". Please find attached the programme and the call for papers.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your attention.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE