

**Second biannual conference of the Forum for Academic Writing
in Lucerne/ Switzerland, June 5 - 6, 2008**

Call for Contributions

Conference information

The Swiss Forum Academic Writing invites you to its second conference on June 5 - 6, 2008 on the topic of

Writing and Learning in Educational Contexts

in Lucerne/ Switzerland. The conference intends to connect people from different institutions and disciplines and will address a shared subject of all institutions in primary, secondary and higher education: Writing as a means of learning and a vital part of academic socialization. The conference is organized in cooperation with the

- University of Teacher Education Central Switzerland Lucerne
- University of Teacher Education Zurich.

Themes

We invite contributions that help us understand the changing role of writing programs and writing pedagogy in higher education. We would like to explore the role of writing in the future university and come to a better understanding by which pedagogical conceptions it may be guided. The conference will focus on the importance of writing as a

- means of self-organized, independent learning,
- form of training and acquiring critical thinking skills
- process of socialization into disciplinary knowledge communities,
- way of reflecting knowledge and constructing meaning
- part of knowledge communication in science and humanities
- key issue in the development of academic literacy.

The conference aims at reflecting new approaches to the teaching of writing in the light of international developments in writing theory and research. We invite writing teachers and researchers from Switzerland as well as from other countries. The opportunity for a peer-reviewed publication of the conference presentations will be provided.

Proposals are invited particularly in the following areas of interest:

- Tutoring and teaching of writing
- Interconnections of writing and learning at universities
- Understanding and changing disciplinary learning cultures through WAC/ WID programs
- Preparing academic writing at school and supporting the transitions from secondary to higher education

- Writing and learning in the context of digital media, e-learning
- Reflective and epistemic writing
- Multilingual aspects of writing
- Approaches and strategies to support writers typical for writing centres.

Conference contributions may be based on own empirical research, on conceptual work, or on reflections of practical experiences. They may also demonstrate new practical approaches in the teaching or counselling of writing or in the administration of writing programs.

Addressed audience

The board of the Forum Academic Writing understands writing as an interdisciplinary field to which all academic disciplines may contribute. Therefore, addressees of the conference are not only specialized writing teachers or researchers but all those who are involved in the teaching of writing and those who use writing as a mode of teaching like in seminar pedagogy.

Presentation formats

- Individual presentations (30 minutes): 20 minutes of presentation plus 10 minutes of discussion
- Workshop (90 minutes): Interactive presentation with active participation of the audience
- Round-table-presentation (1 hour): 3 participants discuss a common topic with short inputs. Time for discussion must be allowed.

Conference language

Conference language is German. English and French contributions are welcome.

Deadlines

Deadline for Proposals:	January 31, 2008
Notification of Acceptance of proposals:	February 28, 2008
Deadline for registration of participants	March 31, 2008

Registration after deadline may be accepted if the organisation allows it.

Conference fees

Members of the Forum Academic Writing:	CHF 100	EUR 60
Non-Members	CHF 150	EUR 90

Fees include lunch and coffee. Participants who are members of the Forum Academic Writing pay the reduced fee. This applies to you also if you become a member before registration (www.forumschreiben.ch).

Keynote speakers

Michael Becker-Mrotzek, University Köln

Mary R. Lea , Open University London

Urs Ruf, University Zürich

Gabriela Ruhmann, Ruhr-University Bochum

Conference location

Lucerne is one of the most beautiful and scenic cities, located at the very heart of Switzerland.

The conference will be held at the University of Teacher Education Luzern

<http://www.luzern.phz.ch/>

Abstracts

Please submit an abstract with a maximum of 200 words to Otto Kruse (Address see below) which provides information on

- The addressed theme
- The special contribution or thesis
- The relationship to the body of literature or research
- Conclusions and recommendations you may arrive at

Additional information for workshops should include:

- Kind and extent of interaction with audience like reflection, role playing, writing exercises and so on
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Contact and information

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Information and registration: www.forumschreiben.ch/conference2008