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The Aztec butterfly "papalotl", symbolizes the many transformations and spatial movements of the self. Butterflies, like humans, metamorphosis into new beings through the processes of migrations across space, ecologies, languages, national and political borders; much like the theory and research celebrated by ISCAR.

*La mariposa azteca "papalotl" simboliza las transformaciones y los movimientos del ser. Las mariposas, al igual que los seres humanos, se transforman por medio de múltiples metamorfosis que implican migraciones a través de diversos espacios, ecologías, idiomas, fronteras políticas y nacionales. De la misma forma en la que la teoría y la investigación promovida y celebrada por ISCAR, propicia la transformación y el cambio permanente en el individuo y la colectividad.*

## Welcome

The Southern California Planning Committee is proud to announce the Second Annual ISCAR Conference taking place at the University of California, San Diego in September, 2008. All those interested in theory and research on culture and activity are invited to attend. The conference is hosted by a coalition of six Southern California universities: CSSM, SDSU, UCLA, UCSD, UCSB, USD. We look forward to your visit.

## Meeting Place

University of California, San Diego

## Date

Sept 9-13, 2008

Sept. 8, 2008: Welcoming Reception and Pre-conferences

## Organizing ideas

We are born, inhabit and create multiple worlds reflecting our biological, sociocultural, and interpersonal roots. We are both the subjects and objects of the ecologies that constitute our existence and conscious capacities as humans. As humans, we create and are created by our social and cultural institutions as well as our mundane representations of our everyday world of actions and experiences.

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ISCAR 2008 is a celebration of this awareness and its potentials for understanding the human condition in today's liquid modernity and for resolving the challenges we face in creating conditions for a peaceful and prosperous world--a world that is in balance with our needs for respect, dignity, and harmony within and across social identities, cultures, languages, and nations. It celebrates variations of opinion, the old and the new, and what's to come.

## Call for papers

The program committee invites researchers to send proposals that correspond to one of the conference themes. A proposal may be submitted for:

- a paper that corresponds to one of the congress themes or subthemes
- a symposium that corresponds to one of the congress (sub)themes
- a poster that corresponds to one of the congress (sub)themes

All papers accepted will be grouped in coordinated paper sessions and assigned a chair and a discussant selected by the program committee.

Proposals must be submitted by e-mail and sent to: [iscar2008.com](mailto:iscar2008.com)

### **Theme A:**

**Theory and research approaches within and across local and global social contexts.**

- Social, cultural, linguistic and educational mediation
- Children's developments and childhood
- Celebration of human consciousness in cultural and social practice
- Multimedia and Internet resources for learning
- Curriculum design within and across communities, classrooms, and digital contexts
- Identity and transnationalism
- Learning and development of disciplinary knowledges
- Situated literacies and multimodal literacies
- Playworlds as cross-cultural method



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## ***Theme B:***

### **Contexts, Complexities, Challenges, and Collaborations of Culture and Activity**

- Learning and development in community spaces
- Identity, learning in new and diverse ecologies
- Individual and collective consciousness in community and classroom spaces
- History and the development of consciousness
- The social construction of [dis]ability and difference/homogeneity
- Cross-national explorations of sociocultural research on learning
- Intercultural-cultural communication and new forms of being
- Emotion and subjectivity in culture
- Dialogue and the co-construction of knowledge

## ***Theme C:***

### **Theoretical and Methodological Explorations**

- Theory as Method and Method as theory
- Methodologies/theories of/on diversity
- Multi-method approaches: Issues, Challenges and Promising Directions
- Unit of analysis: Historicity, Context, and levels of analytic scale
- New information and communication technologies
- Play pedagogies, art education and adult-child interactions
- Tensions, extensions, and new formulations in cultural-history theory and research
- Diversity and the making of mind

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## Lodging:

On-campus housing and meal plan will be available (500+ rooms).

Registration to follow.

Block of rooms at Special UCSD Rate have been reserved at:

The Del Mar Inn

Other Suggested hotels with special UCSD rates:

Marriot Residence Inn, La Jolla

La Jolla Sheraton Hotel

## Dates to Remember

Submissions for symposium, paper, poster proposals: January 31, 2008

b. Notification of acceptance/rejections: March 17, 2008

c. Final digital version of summaries: April 7, 2008

d. Deadline for early registration: May 16, 2008

e. Final day for cancellation w/refund (minus handling charges for both registration & hotel reservations):

July 2008

f: Conference days:

Pre-conference and Welcoming Reception: September 8, 2008. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Conference: September 9-13, 2008.

## ISCAR Pre-conferences: Limited capacity

Monday, September 8, 2008

a. Intent Participation Pre-conference Workshop:

"Organization of learning in Communities where schooling has not been prevalent  
(with a focus on the Americas)"

1 to 5:30 p.m.

b. CHACDOC (Cultural-historical approaches to children's development and Childhood)  
10 am to 4 pm "Conceptions and research from cultural-historical approaches"

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More detailed information about the Congress will be provided in the following announcement which will be issued by November, 2007 as well as on the Congress website: <http://www.iscar2008.com>

