



Press Invitation

11th HERA 2025 Conference The Future of Higher Education: Facing New and Old Challenges

The Faculty of Education at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) will host the **11th Higher Education Research Association (HERA) 2025 Conference**, titled “**The Future of Higher Education: Facing New and Old Challenges**” from June 9 to 10, 2025 (Monday and Tuesday). Leading scholars, educators, and students will gather to explore critical issues shaping the landscape of higher education today and into the future.

The Conference will address and propose innovative solutions for some of the most pressing challenges facing higher education institutions globally. Topics will span a wide range of areas, including equitable access and participation, governance and organisational structures, pedagogical and curricula adaptation, collaboration in teaching and research, contributions to sustainable development, and the integration of emerging technologies. Key issues to be discussed include:

- 1) Demographic Changes and Institutional Downsizing**
- 2) Constrained Public Funding for Higher Education**
- 3) Overqualification, Underemployment, and Credentialism**
- 4) Impact of Technology and Organisational Reform**

More information about the topic of the conference can be found here: <https://hera2025.hku.hk/copy-of-about-the-conference>

Members of the media are welcome to attend this event. Details are as follows:

Date:	June 9 – 10, 2025 (Monday and Tuesday)
Time:	8:10 am – 6:15 pm (Day 1) 8:00 am – 6:10 pm (Day 2)
Venue:	Rayson Huang Theatre, HKU (Map)

Programme: Please visit <https://hera2025.hku.hk/program> for details.

Programme Highlights:

Day 1

Conference Opening

Keynote Speech – Erosion of Trust and Higher Education Communities

By Maarja Beerkens, Vice Dean at the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs and Associate Professor in international governance at Leiden University, the Netherlands.

Dialogue: Future of Higher Education

With Ka Ho Mok, Provost and Vice-President (Academic & Research) of The Hong Kong University of Hong Kong and Simon Marginson, Professor of Higher Education at the University of Bristol and Professor of Higher Education (emeritus) at the University of Oxford.

Day 2

Keynote Speech – Open and Closed Spaces: Geopolitical Realignment and Changing Landscape of Chinese Doctoral Mobility

By Wenqin Shen, Associate Professor of Higher Education at Peking University.

Closing Ceremony

Language: English

For more details, please visit <https://hera2025.hku.hk/>.

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