



## **Press Invitation**

### **Academy for Leadership in Teacher Education (ALiTE) International Webinar Series for Exemplary Scholarship**

#### **“Reach for Greatness: Personalisable Education for All”**

The Faculty of Education of The University of Hong Kong (HKU) proudly presents the **Academy for Leadership in Teacher Education (ALiTE) International Webinar Series for Exemplary Scholarship** on “**Reach for Greatness: Personalisable Education for All**” to be delivered by Professor Yong Zhao, a Foundation Distinguished Professor in the School of Education at the University of Kansas, USA and a professor in educational leadership at Melbourne Graduate School of Education at University of Melbourne, Australia in November 2020.

In this lecture, Professor Zhao will call for paradigm shift in education. He will bring extensive evidence to show that every child has both potential and need to become great. To help each and every child achieve his/her greatness, we need a different kind of education that focuses on enhancing the unique strengths and passion of each child. Education is to help each and every child discover and develop their strengths and passions with the goal to create value for others and the world. To do so, we need to make education personalisable by the child, instead of personalised for the child.

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

- Date:** November 23, 2020 (Monday)  
**Time:** 10:30 am - 12:00 nn (HKT)  
**Speaker:** Professor Yong Zhao  
Foundation Distinguished Professor  
School of Education  
University of Kansas, USA and  
Professor in Educational Leadership  
Melbourne Graduate School of Education  
University of Melbourne, Australia  
**Language:** English  
**Format:** To be conducted by ZOOM Webinar  
**Registration:** [https://hku.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_KsPluX2KTFeJz88hnc1jxQ](https://hku.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KsPluX2KTFeJz88hnc1jxQ)

**Professor Yong Zhao** is a Foundation Distinguished Professor in the School of Education at the University of Kansas, USA and a professor in educational leadership at Melbourne Graduate School of Education at University of Melbourne, Australia. He previously served as the Presidential Chair and Director of the Institute for Global and Online Education in the College of Education, University of Oregon, where he was also a Professor in the Department of Educational Measurement, Policy, and Leadership. Prior to Oregon, Professor Zhao was University Distinguished Professor at the College of Education, Michigan State University, where he also served as the founding director of the Center for Teaching and Technology, executive director of the Confucius Institute, as well as the US-China Center for Research on Educational Excellence.

Professor Zhao's works focus on the implications of globalisation and technology on education. He has published over 100 articles and 30 books, including *Counting What Counts: Reframing Education Outcomes* (2016), *Never Send a Human to Do a Machine's Job: Correcting Top 5 Ed Tech Mistakes* (2015), *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Dragon: Why China has the Best (and Worst) Education System in the World* (2014), *Catching Up or Leading the Way: American Education in the Age of Globalization* (2009) and *World Class Learners: Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students* (2012). For more information, please visit: <http://zhaolearning.com>.

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