

SWG Mapping the Discipline History of Education

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The growth, increasing complexity and internationalization of higher education and research inspired the founding of this Standing Working Group (in London, 2014, Ische36) in order to map the history of education since the early 1990s. Our goal was to create a current and retrospective assessment of the discipline's institutional grounding and of the knowledge produced by its practitioners, reaching beyond national and cultural borders.

The SWG has already organized ten symposia with 43 presentations: 3 symposia in London in 2014, 3 in Istanbul in 2015, 3 in Chicago in 2016 and one in Buenos Aires in 2017. You can find further information about these previous conferences in 2015 et 2016 SWG reports.

The 2017 session in Buenos Aires gathered mainly researchers from latin and central America, as well as from iberian peninsula, allowing us to question "History of education in context". The panel focused actually on comparison between spanish and portuguese speaking countries, about doctoral thesis, journals or curricula in history of education, according to our main questioning: To what extent can be specified boundaries for this field? How does the internationalization of academic work affect the research orientation?

It was very interesting to pursue, in Buenos Aires, the discussion engaged during the previous conferences. The Portuguese case showed, as a very relevant example, how interesting is a cumulative work. Otherwise, the discussion initiated about curricula including history of education courses in spanish speaking countries will feed a large part of our panels in Berlin.