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The drive towards greater integration and interdependency is one of the most significant social trends of recent decades. Arguably we have seen the emergence of a "global" civil society, where a wide range of social structures and processes (security, healthcare, ecology, education etc.) are becoming increasingly integrated and connected across different national, regional and local contexts. The emergence of collective solutions for global questions and challenges, often driven by transnational bodies who seek to maximise their impact through the provision of all its prescriptive policy interventions, has resulted in greater drive towards homogenisation across many areas of society. In education this movement can be seen in, for example, the impact of large scale assessments, increased coordination of government policies across regions, the dominance of research discourses from specific cultural, linguistic and methodological discourses to name but a few.

Perhaps in reaction to this drive towards integration there has been a parallel, and increasingly important, assertion of the particular and a demand that researchers and practitioners in education be allowed to take into consideration local specificities. The host country for ECRE 2022, Armenia, is a fascinating exemplar of the way in which these parallel drives towards integration and fragmentation play out. As a country at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, it incorporates various cultural, research and policy traits, in terms of educational provision, recent decades have seen the Armenian educational system move from a Soviet model to one that consciously seeks to integrate itself into a broader "European" structural and policy area. This transition is ongoing and continues to pose opportunities and challenges for educational researchers and practitioners. Arguably our recent experience of global dislocation brought about by the pandemic has resulted in educational researchers across Europe and beyond facing similar types of challenges. For this reason ECRE 2022 in Yerevan seeks to explore how we as researchers are engaging with a changed and changing reality. How does EERA, an organisation committed to engaging in educational research for the benefit of society, carry out this mandate in such a world? What, for example, do we mean when we speak of society? Has it really been radically changed by our recent experiences or have we "returned to normal"? What do we mean by "educational research"? How do we now "do" this research? Has this changed and if so how and why? Does the drive to integrate and share beyond previously defined borders enhance our potential as researchers to improve educational provision? Have we lost the contextual richness of our work in the drive to develop global solutions or are we managing to successfully integrate the global with the local? We look forward to welcoming you to Yerevan to discuss these and other questions.
Yerevan

A city with over 2800 years of history, yet one of the most modern and dynamic capitals, situated at the crossroad of Europe and Asia.

Yerevan is the capital and largest city of Armenia and one of the world’s oldest continuously inhabited cities. Situated along the Hrazdan River, Yerevan is the administrative, cultural, and industrial center of the country.

The history of Yerevan dates back to the 8th century BC, with the founding of the fortress of Erebuni in 782 BC by King Argishti I at the western extreme of the Ararat plain. Erebuni was "designed as a great administrative and religious center, a fully royal capital."

The current population of the city is 1,073,700. Yerevan was named the 2012 World Book Capital by UNESCO. Yerevan is an associate member of Eurocities.

Yerevan is the capital of free water. Everywhere around in the city you can find waterworks with drink water or drinking water fountain. So that here you do not need to buy water bottles anymore and spent money on plastic. Everywhere is well hydrated. And even you can see here in "singing and dancing fountain". The famous singing fountains are also situated on Republic Square right next to the History Museum and Art Gallery.

Yerevan State University

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Yerevan State University was founded in 1919. Today the main building of Yerevan State University is situated in the heart of the capital of Armenia, in the center of Yerevan.