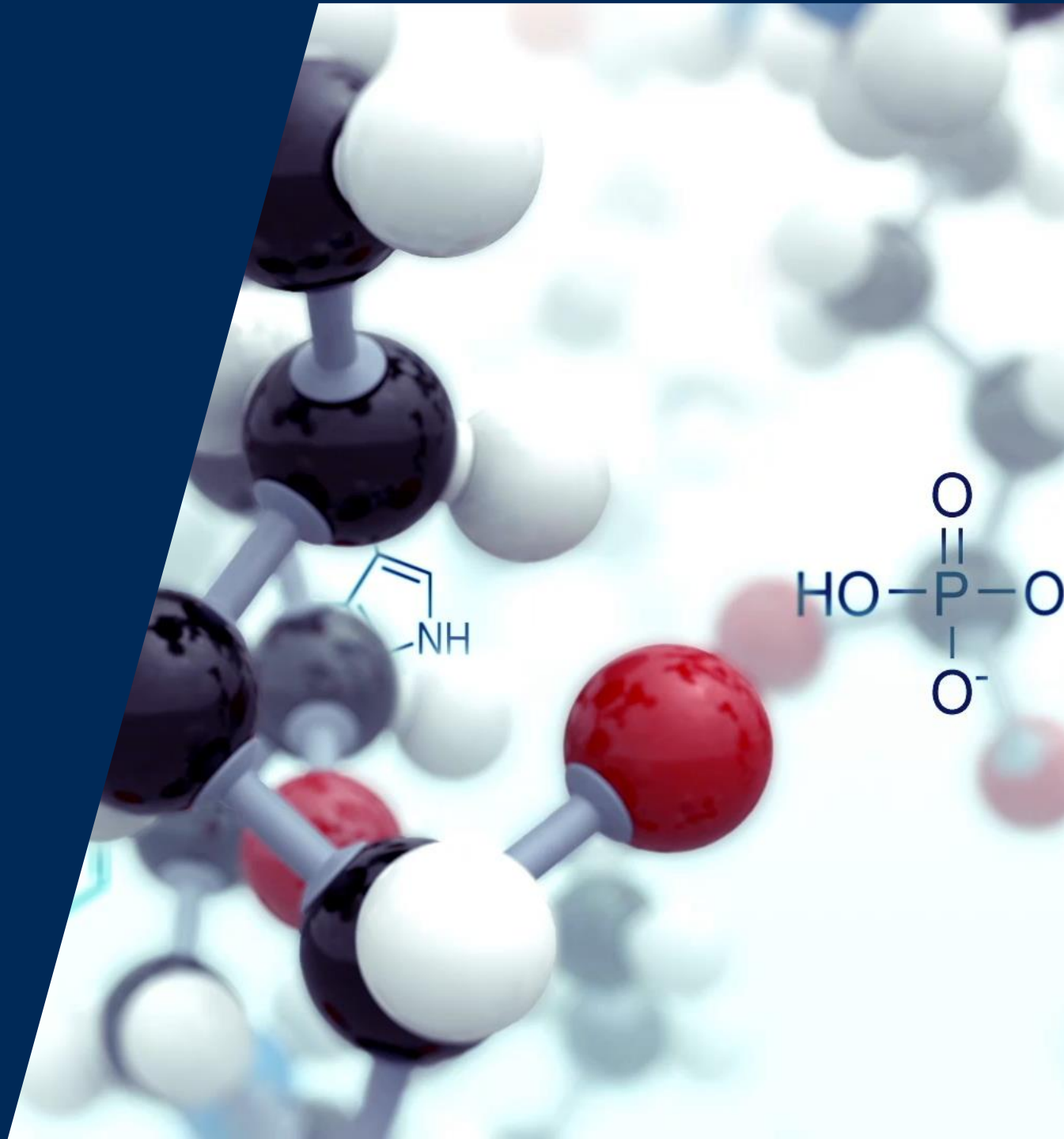


ILRF EC International Leadership Research Forum in Early Childhood Education

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Aim and Objectives of the International Leadership Research Forum in Early Childhood Education

- to provide a learning space to bring together those interested in early childhood leadership research from around the world.
- To learn from each other through the sharing of ideas, knowledge, and experiences about the work of educational leaders.
- It presents opportunities for members to ask questions, engage in critical reflection and provide constructive feedback. It is anticipated that engaging in collaborative research and writing will enable the generation of new knowledge and understandings about leadership in ECE.
- Since its establishment in 2011, members have attempted to meet face-to-face at least once a year.
- It is anticipated that these gatherings will include a mix of learning strategies including presentation of current research, development of new international research proposals and opportunities to visit and interact with educational leaders in the host country.
- These gatherings also provide networking opportunities for novice and experienced ECE leadership researchers to meet and discuss matters of common interest.



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ILRF EC Conferences

1. ILRF 2011 Tampere, Finland
2. ILRF 2012 Porto, Portugal
3. ILRF 2013 Sydney, Australia
4. ILRF 2014 Trondheim, Norway
5. ILRF 2015 Savonlinna, Finland
6. ILRF 2017 Hamburg, Germany
7. ILRF 2019 Pretoria, South Africa
8. ILRF 2022 Baku, Azerbaijan
9. ILRF 2024 Jyväskylä, Finland
10. ILRF 2026 University of South-Eastern Norway ! Celebrating, ILRF EC 15 years !



ILRF EC Publications

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Discourses of leadership in the diverse field of early childhood education – research group

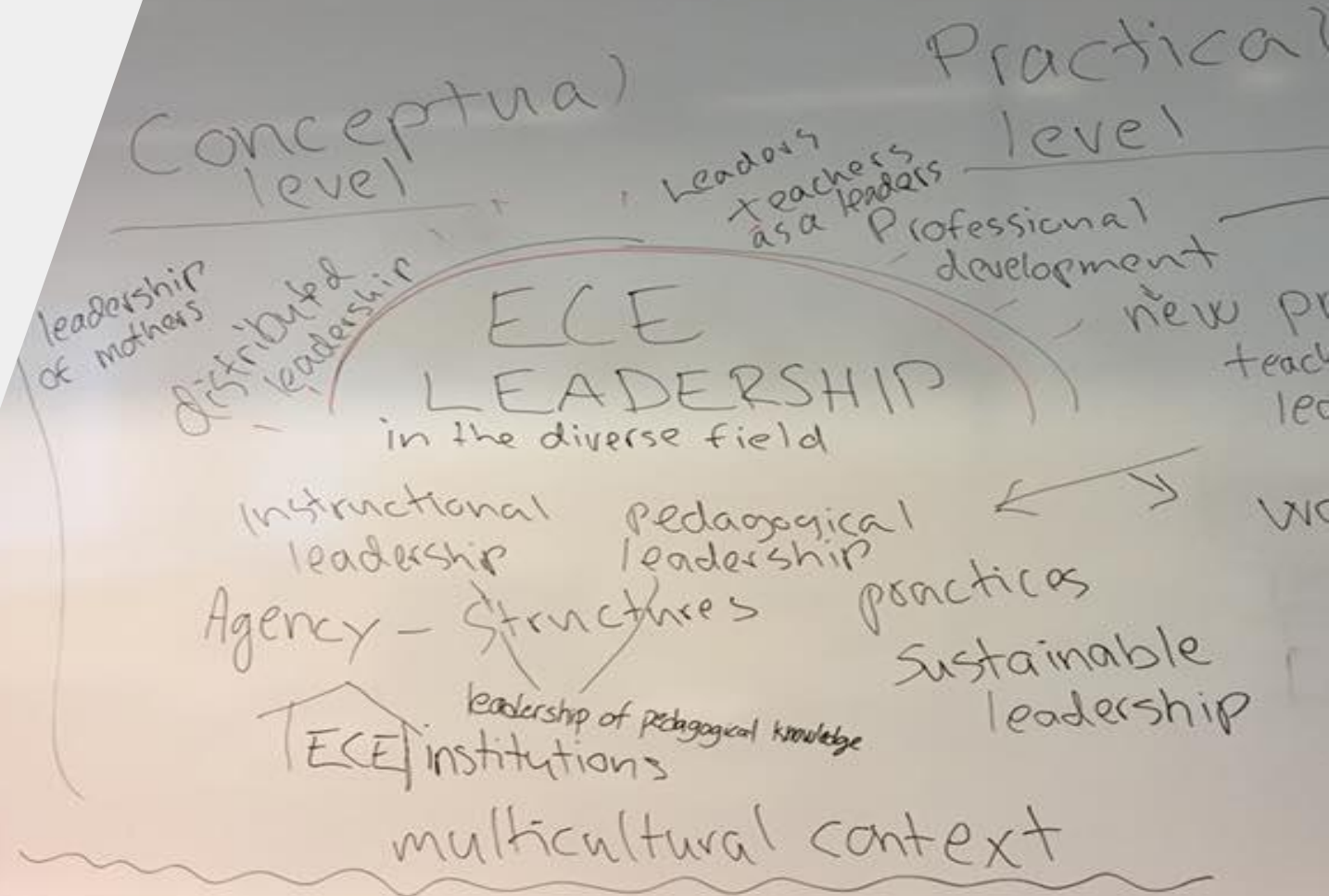
April 21st 2017: The founding meeting of research group at University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

September 5th -6th 2017: The planning meeting together with 6th ILRF EC conference Hamburg, German.

August 7th - 10th 2018: Research seminar Lammi, Finland

September 26th 2019: Research meeting together with 7th ILRF EC conference Pretoria, South Africa

31st August 2022: Research meeting Baku, Azerbaijan





Discourse research group's publications

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An other book project in process:

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New book from Baku conference?

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