

30th Congress of the German Educational Research Association (GERA)
March 22nd – 25th 2026, Munich

Disruptions

Call for AdHoc Groups

From March 22nd to 25th 2026, the 30th Congress of the German Educational Research Association (GERA) will take place in Munich, organized by Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich in cooperation with the University of the Federal Armed Forces Munich and the Technical University of Munich. Under the overarching theme “*Disruptions*”, around 1,800 researchers from Germany and abroad will discuss current issues in education, upbringing, and socialization, and exchange new scientific insights. The congress offers participants a variety of formats for exchange, controversy, and information. The submission of proposals for working groups, symposia, research forums, and thematic forums has already been completed. With this call, we invite submissions for AdHoc Groups.

As part of the congress, AdHoc Groups will take place on Wednesday (March 25, 2026, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm), parallel with the research forums. Unlike symposia, which must have a strong connection to the congress theme, AdHoc Groups address disciplinary and/or science policy issues. The particular topicality and societal or (educational) political relevance of the AdHoc Group’s theme is a mandatory requirement for successful acceptance.

The content design of the contribution is the responsibility of the submitters; both classical and alternative formats are welcome. In your abstract, please explain why you are submitting your contribution as an AdHoc Group and not as a symposium, working group, or research/thematic forum. Rejected contributions from other congress formats (e.g., working groups or symposia) may not be resubmitted as AdHoc Groups.

The selection process and review of submissions will be carried out by the local organizing committee.

Submission Deadline

September 15th – November 28th 2025

Submission Guidelines

- Contributions must be submitted via ConfTool no later than Friday, November 28th 2025 (11:59 pm).
- The abstract may not exceed 4,000 characters. It must clearly outline the content and conceptual design of the planned AdHoc Group.

- In addition, a summary of the contribution (max. 1,000 characters) is required for the program booklet.
- Contributions already submitted in the context of the Call for Papers may not be resubmitted as AdHoc Groups.
- All data can be entered directly in ConfTool. No separate file upload is necessary.
- Anonymization of names, research titles, etc. is not required. Instead, strict conflict of interest rules apply (see below).
- All presenters must register as congress participants from October 2025 and pay the participation fee.

Restriction on Multiple Submissions

Each person may submit only one AdHoc Group. This means that each person may appear only once as a presenter of an AdHoc Group in ConfTool. If you have already submitted a symposium, working group, research or thematic forum, or a poster, you may also submit one AdHoc Group in addition.

Conflict of Interest Regulations

Submissions are not anonymized. Instead, conflict of interest criteria apply, based on the regulations of the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Exclusion is generally required in the following cases:

1. Family relationship, marriage, civil partnership, life partnership, close (academic) friendship, conflict, or rivalry.
2. Professional dependency or supervisory relationship (including the postdoc phase) up to six years after the end of the relationship.
3. Membership in or anticipated/imminent move to the same department/institute or the same non-university research institution.
4. Current or planned close academic cooperation, joint grant applications, or publications (excluding editorships).
5. Close academic cooperation within the past three years, e.g., within joint project work or joint publications (excluding editorships).

Contact

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our congress office (contact person: Sabrina Grunau). Please note that the office is only staffed part-time and it may therefore take some time to respond to your inquiry.

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¹ DFG: Hinweise zu Fragen der Befangenheit; <https://www.dfg.de/re-source/blob/167400/3e690aba0e5f065761c6581e44278f1e/10-201-de-data.pdf>; 02.09.2024