



# ISCAR

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6th Congress of the International Society of Cultural-historical Activity Research

**Cultural-historical Activity Research in crisis contexts:  
challenges and perspectives**



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for Cultural-historical  
Activity Research

## WELCOME

The Local Organizing Committee is pleased to announce the 6<sup>th</sup> ISCAR International Congress, to be held in the city of Natal, state of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. The Congress will take place from August 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, in the campus of Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN) and at Praiamar Convention Center.

Founded in 1958, the UFRN is one of the most important academic training centers in Northeastern region of Brazil, housing several research groups in different areas of knowledge, including the Historical-Cultural, Sociocultural and Activity Perspective research groups. The 6<sup>th</sup> Congress is coordinated by the Group of Studies in Historical-Cultural Psychology, UFRN, composed by professors, graduate and under-graduate students from Humanities (mainly Psychology and Education) from UFRN, other local, national and foreign institutions of research and higher education.

Every three years, ISCAR International Congress creates a space for dialogue between researchers who dedicate their work to the legacy and advancement of cultural-historical activity theory. For the first time in its history, the Congress will be held in Latin America. Previous meetings, attended by Brazilians representatives, took place in Seville (2005), San Diego (2008), Rome (2011), Sydney (2014) and Quebec (2017). We now receive in Brazil our colleagues from all other participant countries with great enthusiasm. The sunny city of Natal invites everyone together to meet and share an unforgettable event in 2020!

We invite all colleagues to reflect on scenarios, issues, methodologies, practices that challenge us in crisis contexts, to produce knowledge based upon the legacy of Vygotsky, Leontiev and Luria. In this perspective, crisis is proposed as a fundamental theoretical construct to understand the transformations in the activity and the consciousness of the subjects, to understand society and social institutions, to understand the paths that the research in the Historical-Cultural and Activity theorization field have taken. A crisis that requires from us, ISCAR researchers, to propose a standpoint and a research perspective that reflects our commitment to a better world, where citizens are able to enjoy their human condition more widely. We plan to hold a Congress which broadens participation, contributing to settle the capacity and strength of Cultural-Historical Activity Research in crisis contexts. We all look forward to receiving you in Natal in the hope of collectively advancing and expanding Vygotsky studies!

## **Themes of the Conference**

- 1) Concept of crisis in the field of cultural-historical activity: development and transformations.
- 2) Epistemology and method.
- 3) Effects of economic and social crisis on human development: health, education, labor and human rights.
- 4) Contexts and working relationship: analyses and perspectives.
- 5) Health and human development.
- 6) Education: teaching, learning and human development.
- 7) Challenges and perspectives in Educational and School Psychology.
- 8) The constitution of subjects and subjectivity in different contexts.
- 9) Social inclusion and school inclusion of people with disabilities and with special needs.
- 10) Social media, new technologies, new languages in the transformation processes.
- 11) Art as a possibility for understanding and social transformation.
- 12) Challenges and prospects for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education).
- 13) Contemporary perspectives for Neuropsychology

## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 6TH ISCAR CONGRESS**

- The proposal must adhere to one of the themes of the Event
- Proposals can be submitted for poster, for paper or for symposium.
- Each proposal can have a maximum of 3 authors. (For symposium, the limit of 3 authors is for each paper that composes the symposium)
- Each participant can submit up to 2 proposals.
- For submission, access: <http://www.intelisoft.com.br/iscar/>

## Guidelines

### POSTER AND PAPER

The proposal must contain:

- 1) **Abstract**, according to the following standards: up to 2000 characters (with spaces), Times New Roman 12 font, single spacing, justified. Title in upper case, followed by the list of authors, affiliation, and e-mail. Three keywords must be indicated. The abstract should be sent in .doc or .docx. Please, [download the template here](#).
- 2) **Supplementary text** with further details to the abstract. It can be an unpublished text with up to 35000 characters (with spaces), or an article submitted that has been published or not. Authors must inform if the proposal has been published or submitted to a journal. The supplementary text should also be sent in .doc or .docx. Please, [download the template here](#).

### SYMPOSIUM

The submission of a symposium involves 3 to 4 papers about the same topic by researchers from different institutions. It is necessary to submit an abstract and a supplementary text for each paper and an abstract articulating the discussion

The proposal must contain:

- 1) **Abstracts**: Present the symposium abstract followed by the papers' abstracts. All the abstracts must consider the standards: up to 2000 characters (with spaces), Times New Roman 12 font, single spacing, justified. Title in upper case, followed by the list of authors, affiliation, and e-mail. Three keywords must be indicated. The abstract should be sent in .doc or .docx. Please, [download the template here](#).
  - 2) **Supplementary texts** with further details to each abstract. There is no supplementary text for the symposium abstract that articulates the discussion. The texts can be an unpublished, with up to 35000 characters (with spaces), or articles submitted that have been published or not. Authors must inform if the article has been published or submitted to a journal. The supplementary text should also be sent in .doc or .docx. Please, [download the template here](#).
- Only abstracts will be published – Book of abstracts.
  - It is not necessary to pay the registration fee for the proposal submission. However, for the presentation of the work and for the publication of the abstracts, the payment of the registration is mandatory for at least one of the authors.

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS - PHD DAY

- Only PhD students can submit a proposal
- Proposal for the PhD Day must be submitted with one author.
- The registration fee for PhD Day is independent from the registration for the 6<sup>th</sup> ISCAR Congress.

### Guidelines

Proposals must contain:

- 1) **Abstract describing the PhD research**, according to the following standards: up to 2000 characters (with spaces), Times New Roman 12 font, single spacing, justified. Title in upper case, followed by the author, affiliation, and e-mail. Three keywords must be indicated. The abstract should be sent in .doc or .docx. Please, [download the template here](#).
- 2) **Supplementary document describing the motivation and questions for the PhD Day**. A text that introduces the author (place of residence, university, research supervisor, title of dissertation and year of study, place of work and any other relevant information) and explain the motivation and interests for taking part in the PhD Day. It must be shared questions that the author would like to discuss at the PhD Day. Supplementary document should be sent in .doc or .docx. Please, [download the template here](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES

Registration	July 2019 – 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	
Registration with presentation (For the ones that will present paper, poster, symposium or PhD discussion)	July 2019 – 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	
Submissions	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2019 – September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2019	
Notification of acceptance	Up to December 30 <sup>th</sup> 2019.	
Pre-Conference Activities	Activities for local school teachers	August 24 <sup>th</sup> 2020.
	Phd Day and Workshops	August 25 <sup>th</sup> 2020.
ISCAR Conference	August 26 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> 2020.	

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Together with the 6<sup>th</sup> ISCAR Congress, we offer two days of pre-conference.

- On August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, activities aimed at teachers of local schools (activities in Portuguese)
- On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 workshops and PhD Day.
- From August 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the 6<sup>th</sup> Congress of ISCAR:
  - 4 main conferences,
  - round tables,
  - poster session,
  - paper sessions,
  - symposiums sessions,
  - launch of books,
  - thematic meetings of ISCAR,
  - ISCAR regional meetings,
  - Cocktail reception for the participants,
  - Conference Dinner – Gala (by adhesion).

### Conference Program:

	Mon. August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tue. August 25 <sup>th</sup>		Wed. August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thu. August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fri. August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sat. August 29 <sup>th</sup>
	Pre-congress			ISCAR 2020			
	Teachers' Day	Workshops	Ph.D. Day				
Morning	Symposia	Workshop Initial part	Ph.D. Day	Opening ceremony			Closing session
Afternoon	Symposia	Workshop final part	Pd.D. Day				
Night				Welcome reception		Dinner	

Detailed Program: <https://iscar2020ufrn.com.br/general-schedules>

# REGISTRATION FEES

## PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Venue: Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – UFRN

Primary and Secondary School Teacher's day		R\$ 50,00
PhD DAY (snacks included*)	Countries of regular income	R\$ 250,00
	Countries of low income	R\$ 150,00
Workshops (snacks included*)		R\$ 150,00

\* snacks: light lunch and coffee break

## 6<sup>th</sup> ISCAR CONFERENCE – ISCAR 2020

Venue: Praiamar Convention Center

CATEGORY		Up to December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2019	From January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020 to April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2020	From May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020 to August 24 <sup>th</sup> 2020
REGULAR INCOME	ISCAR ASSOCIATE	R\$ 1600	R\$ 1800	R\$ 2000
	NOT ASSOCIATE	R\$ 1800	R\$ 2000	R\$ 2200
LOW INCOME	ISCAR ASSOCIATE	R\$ 1200	R\$ 1400	R\$ 1600
	NOT ASSOCIATE	R\$ 1400	R\$ 1600	R\$ 1800
STUDENTS	ISCAR ASSOCIATE	R\$ 800	R\$ 1000	R\$ 1200
	NOT ASSOCIATE	R\$ 1000	R\$ 1200	R\$ 1400

fees include refreshments break.

### Important notes:

- Pre-conference activities and the 6<sup>th</sup> ISCAR Congress have independent registrations. You must enroll in each one if you want to participate.
- The registration fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawal.

- In order to participate in the events, receive materials, present the proposals, receive the certificates of participation and presentation, the payment of the registration is required.

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