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Update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and SRCD Meetings

Updated September 18, 2020 - **2020 Special Topic Workshops are Going Virtual.**

September 18, 2020 Update:

The ***Connecting Worlds: Studying Child Development in Low Resource Contexts*** Workshop, organized by Gianluca Esposito and Angelo Brandelli Costa will no longer be held on November 9 and 10, 2020, but in a virtual format on three rescheduled consecutive shorter days.

The workshop is now scheduled for:

- Tuesday, December 1, 2020: 9:30am–1:30pm
- Wednesday, December 2, 2020: 9:00am–1:00pm
- Thursday, December 3, 2020: 9:00am–1:00pm

The ***Strengthening the Evidence Base for Culturally Relevant Interventions in Early Childhood Care and Education*** Workshop, organized by Gilda Morelli, Nandita Chaudhary, Heidi Keller, Barbara Rogoff, and Tom Weisner will still be held on November 9 and 10, 2020, but with additional days added and in a shorter virtual format.

The workshop is now scheduled for:

- Sunday, November 8, 2020: 9:30am–1:30pm EST

- Monday, November 9, 2020: 9:30am–1:30pm EST
- Tuesday, November 10, 2020: 9:30am–1:30pm EST

The State of Research on Prevention of Child Maltreatment: Current Knowledge and Future Directions to Inform Policy and Practice Workshop, organized by Francesca Longo will no longer be held on November 9 and 10, 2020, but in a virtual format on three consecutive Friday afternoons.

The workshop is now scheduled for:

- Friday, October 23, 2020 from 12:00pm–4:00pm EDT
- Friday, October 30, 2020 from 12:00pm–4:00pm EDT
- Friday, November 6, 2020 from 12:00pm–4:00pm EST

The ***Addressing and Reducing Inequality through Developmental Science*** Workshop, organized by Margaret Echelbarger, Laura Elenbaas, Rashmita Mistry, and Matthew Diemer will still be held on November 9 and 10, 2020, but in a virtual format.

The workshop is now scheduled for:

- Monday, November 9, 2020: 11:00am–4:30pm EST
- Tuesday, November 10, 2020: 11:00am–3:30pm EST

September 9, 2020 Update:

The 2021 SRCD Biennial Meeting will be held virtually! New dates: April 7-9, 2021

- Read the full announcement from the Conference Program Co-Chairs and SRCD President
- Visit the FAQ page

September 1, 2020 Update:

SRCD is pleased to guarantee that there will be a virtual option at its 2021 Biennial Meeting in April. Virtual alternatives will be offered across the invited and submitted programs as well as for exhibitors and sponsors. Stay tuned for details.

August 25, 2020 Update:

Due to health and safety concerns related to the pandemic, the Governing Council of SRCD has decided to postpone both of the 2020 SRCD Special Topic Meetings to Spring of 2022.

- ***Learning through Play and Imagination*** - **April 1 - 2, 2022** | St. Louis, Missouri, USA
- ***Construction of the 'Other': Development, Consequences, and Applied Implications of Prejudice and Discrimination*** - **May 2 - 4, 2022** | Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, USA

Note to all registrants: If you had registered to reserve your spot for either *Learning through Play and Imagination* or *Construction of the 'Other': Development, Consequences, and Applied Implications of Prejudice and Discrimination*, our Meeting and Events Team will be contacting you regarding a full refund. Please allow three to four weeks for processing.

Note to presenters: If you had a presentation accepted for one of the Special Topic Meetings, please look for a separate email message from the Meetings and Events Team regarding options for your presentation.

For questions or concerns, please e-mail programoffice@srcd.org.

March 31, 2020 Update:

Learning through Play and Imagination, originally scheduled for May 28-29-2020, has been **rescheduled for December 1-2, 2020**. The meeting will still be held at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark.

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All Special Topic Workshops, originally scheduled for June 12-13, 2020, have been **rescheduled for November 9-10, 2020.** The workshops will still be held at the meeting will still be held at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark.

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March 24, 2020 Update:

Construction of the 'Other': Development, Consequences, and Applied Implications of Prejudice and Discrimination, originally scheduled for May 4-6, 2020 has been **rescheduled for December 10-12, 2020**. The meeting will still be held at the Wyndham Grand Rio Mar Puerto Rico Golf & Beach Resort, 6000 Rio Mar Blvd., Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, USA.

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Rescheduled dates for our other special topic meetings will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

March 20, 2020 Update:

Note for *Learning through Play and Imagination* registrants: We have been alerted by the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark that they are cancelling all reservations. If you had reservations at the Hilton St. Louis, you will receive an e-mail cancellation confirmation from the hotel. Reservations made at any other locations will need to be cancelled directly with the venue.

March 19, 2020 Update:

Note for *Construction of the 'Other'* registrants: We have been alerted by the Wyndham Grand Rio Mar Resort that they are cancelling all reservations and providing a refund of any deposit monies. If you had reservations at the Wyndham, you will receive an e-mail cancellation confirmation from the hotel. Reservations made at any other locations will need to be cancelled directly with the venue.

March 18, 2020 Update:

If you are currently registered for the special topic meeting or a special topic workshops meeting, and wish (or hope) to attend on the new dates, you can remain registered and need not take action with SRCD. If you prefer a full refund at this time, please email programoffice@srcd.org.

Note for *Construction of the 'Other'* registrants: If you registered for an additional Latinx Caucus-sponsored excursion, those fees will be automatically refunded to you.

March 16, 2020 Update:

The health and safety of our participants, members, and staff has been of the utmost importance to us as we make difficult decisions about our upcoming scheduled events. Following the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance, **SRCD is postponing its May and June Special Topics Meetings and Workshops until Fall/Winter 2020.**

Construction of the 'Other': Development, Consequences, and Applied Implications of Prejudice and Discrimination, originally scheduled for May 4-6, 2020 will now be held in early December 2020. Exact date to be announced.

New dates for *Learning through Play and Imagination* and the *Special Topic Workshops Meeting* will be announced soon.

We are pleased that these events will take place as envisioned, albeit on a slightly different timetable. Those who are currently registered for the meetings and wish (or hope) to attend on the new dates can remain registered. Once new dates are posted for each meeting, those unable to attend will be able to request full refunds. Cancellation deadlines will be extended appropriately for all meetings.

Thank you for your support and flexibility as we all do our best to navigate this unprecedented situation. If you have immediate questions or concerns, please contact our events team directly programoffice@srcd.org.

March 6, 2020 Update:

SRCD is closely monitoring updates from the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the emerging public health concerns posed by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, neither organization has advised that travel restrictions are necessary for any of the locations where SRCD is holding special topic meetings (Puerto Rico and St. Louis). The CDC is working with state and local

governments in the United States to implement aggressive measures to prevent the spread of this virus, and we are fully committed to taking appropriate precautions to prioritize the health and safety of our participants. Based on current information, we plan to hold the meetings as scheduled and look forward to seeing you there.

We recognize that some registrants are -- or may become -- subject to international and institutional travel restrictions that could prohibit attendance. We ask that those affected by the travel restrictions contact SRCD directly at programoffice@srcd.org.

SRCD will continue to monitor the situation as the meeting dates approach, and will provide email updates to meeting registrants as conditions change. Updates will also be posted to the SRCD website *News* section and the respective event pages for the meetings.