



SIG gender online seminar March 2025

Thursday 13th March 2025, 12.00-15.00 GMT* (see time zones next page), **Online**

Bringing in new voices – global developments and gender in the ECEC work force

The EECERA SIG gender invites you to our 2025 online Spring seminar. SIG meetings are places for exchange and open-minded discourse. In the past years, the SIG has developed global perspectives by focusing on research and policy developments in Australia, East Asia, and South America. Now we want to include African perspectives and have invited several speakers from African countries. We also introduce a new international project on Mentoring of Men in Early Childhood Education (MoMEC). Finally, we will give more detailed information about the next SIG research conference in Bratislava, Slovakia, 25th August 2025.

The meeting is the biannual meeting of the EECERA SIG and open to all interested participants.

Proposed Program

12.00 Welcome & Introduction round

Tim Rohrmann (Germany) & Joanne McHale (Ireland)
Introducing the EECERA Special Interest Group Gender

12.30 Shaaista Moosa (Republic of South Africa)
Men who teach young children: Masculinity under surveillance

12.45 Vusi Msiza & Obakeng Kagola (Republic of South Africa)
Gender bias in leadership attitudes towards men in early years education in South Africa

13.00 Prince Laryea (Ghana)
The lived experiences of male early-grade instructors/teachers in a Ghanaian early childhood classroom

13.15 *Tea/coffee break (sorry, you have to bring your own tea/coffee...)*

13.45 Sanae Achag (Morocco)
Parental perceptions of male educators working in Moroccan ECE: Stigma or Inclusion?

14.00 Halah Elkarif (Egypt/Germany)
'In Germany, it's different': Perspectives of male ECE educators from MENA countries

14.15 **Mentoring for Men in ECEC – An international research initiative**

14.30 **Final round and outlook** on SIG & EECERA conferences in Bratislava, August 2025

We are looking forward to meeting you!

This year's SIG online seminar team: E. Birgitte Ljunggren (Norway), Joanne McHale (Ireland) and Tim Rohrmann (Germany)



Conference registration with full name, mail, and affiliation

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*** Conference times for some of the world time zones**

<i>EST</i>	<i>UTC/GMT</i>	<i>CET</i>	<i>EET</i>	<i>TRT</i>	<i>JST</i>
8.00-10.45 am	12 pm-14.45	13.00-15.45	14.00-16.45	15.00-17.45	21.00-23.45
NYC (USA) (Summer time)	IS, UK, IE	N, SE, DE, F, CH, AT, I	GR, ISR, RSA	TR	Japan

Please check if these times are correct. Different regulations of summer- and wintertime are not taken into account!