



# ECEL 2009



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### Call for Papers, Posters, Round Table Proposals, Practitioner Contributions and Product Demonstrations

#### Mini Track on eLearning in a global context.

**Track co-Chairs:** Anders Advic and Mathias Hatakka, Örebro University, Sweden.

This mini track is dedicated to research about e-Learning in a global context. Students are no longer restricted by the borders of their countries to receive education. International and global e-Learning courses and programs are now delivered from respected universities all over the world. The benefits of this are plentiful and of special importance for students from developing countries where education opportunities often are scarce. International degrees are highly sought after in developing countries, but the cost of travelling and living in other countries often restricts these opportunities to students with an already fairly high living standard. Students originating from poorer conditions often miss out on the opportunities and have to rely on highly competitive scholarships. Delivering global and international e-Learning courses has the potential to change this inequality, but global e-Learning is not without its own problems. Issues such as poor infrastructure, low IT literacy, and cultural mismatch are still major obstacles for global education. If e-Learning is going to live up to its potential these challenges need to be dealt with.

The purpose of this mini track is to share research in the field in order to gain more knowledge on how e-Learning in a global context can be improved. Authors are invited to share their research and experiences from international and global e-Learning. Both empirical research and conceptual articles are being sought.

This mini track seeks to address some of these questions, including:

- e-Learning issues specific for development
- Challenges with global education
- Pedagogical considerations
- Reusability, standards and learning objects
- Infrastructure and personal pre-requisites
- Social and cultural conditions

Papers are invited on these questions and a wide range of issues related to the use of ePortfolios in education. The Mini Track aims to share and bring together some of the innovative activities occurring across Europe and from a wider international perspective.

#### Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline:	<b>9 April 2009</b>
Notification of abstract acceptance:	<b>16 April 2009</b>
Full paper due for review:	<b>28 May 2009</b>
Notification of paper acceptance (with any requested changes):	<b>6 August 2009</b>
Earlybird registration closes	<b>20 August 2009</b>
Final paper due:	<b>3 September 2009</b>
Final author registration date	<b>24 September 2009</b>

This call for papers and full details of the conference can also be found online at via the conference home page  
<http://academic-conferences.org/ecel/ecel2009/ecel09-home.htm>