

**4th European Conference on Games-Based Learning
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Mini Track Call for Papers on Group Learning Processes in Game-Based Learning – Adults as Peer-learners

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Games accommodate complex and diverse approaches to learning processes and outcomes; allow for interactivity; promote collaboration and peer learning; allow for addressing cognitive as well as affective learning issues; and foster active learning. Several factors influence the effectiveness of peer learning, among them, the participants' experience of group processing, as well as individual and group accountability. Games as learning platforms are especially suitable for peer learning processes, as they allow participants to be working collaboratively with others, taking responsibility for one's own learning and deepening the understanding of specific learning contents. The potential benefits of peer learning have long been recognized, but this theme has not been thoroughly studied in the gaming context. To this track, we invite papers which deal with adult, game-based, group learning practices, analyses, and experiments. The papers may be both theoretical and practice-oriented. By practice-oriented papers we mean especially papers dealing with real-world game implementations in company/industrial settings.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Game-based learning
- Peer-learning
- Learning games for groups
- Collaboration in the gaming context
- Learning processes

Publication opportunity

Papers accepted for the conference will be published in the conference proceedings, subject to author registration. The proceedings have an ISBN and ECGBL proceedings are listed in the Thomson ISI Index to Scientific and Technical Proceedings (ISTP/ISI Proceedings), the Thomson ISI Index to Social Sciences & Humanities Proceedings (ISSHP) and the Thomson ISI Index to Social Sciences & Humanities Proceedings (ISSHP/ISI Proceedings); indexed by the Institution of Engineering and Technology in the UK and listed on the EBSCO database.

Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in a special issue of the Electronic Journal of e-Learning. The latest issue of the journal is available to [read online](#). Journal accreditations are listed on the [conference website](#).

Submission details:

- Abstracts:** All submission types (other than product demonstrations) require a 300-500 word abstract in the first instance, to be received by **1 April 2010**. Please read the guidelines at <http://academic-conferences.org/abstract-guidelines.htm>
- Submission:** Only accepted by [online form](#) submission at <http://academic-conferences.org/ecgbl/ecgbl2010/ecgbl10-abstract-submission.htm>
- Full paper:** Only required for academic submissions once the abstract has been selected, no more than 5,000 words to be received by **20 May 2010**. Papers should be submitted as .doc or .rtf file attachments by email to the Conference Manager, [Charlotte Hall](mailto:Charlotte.Hall@academic-conferences.org) (charlotte@academic-conferences.org).

Important information:

The selection panel of the conference committee will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline to ensure that the proposed paper is relevant to the Conference. The authors of abstracts, which describe a relevant paper, will receive a notification of abstract acceptance. All full papers will be blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, that the standard of English is adequate and that the paper is appropriately referenced. Papers that are accepted will be published in the conference proceedings providing at least one author registers and presents the work at the Conference (see the registration section of the conference website for more information about registration). Due to the large number of papers expected for this conference, the committee only allows an author to present one paper. Therefore if multiple papers are accepted for presentation different co-authors need to present each paper.

All full papers will be double-blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate and the paper is appropriately referenced.

Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline:	1 April 2010
Notification of abstract acceptance:	8 April 2010
Full paper due for review:	20 May 2010
Notification of paper acceptance (with any changes):	29 July 2010
Earlybird registration closes:	12 August 2010
Final paper due (with any changes):	26 August 2010
Final author registration date:	16 September 2010

Full details of all the mini tracks and a full call for papers are available on the conference website at

<http://academic-conferences.org/ecgbl/ecgbl2010/ecgbl10-home.htm>