CALL FOR PAPERS
Informal learning and digital media: constructions, contexts, consequences

22-24 September 2005
University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

A major international conference organised by DREAM (Danish Research Centre on Education and Advanced Media Materials).

School no longer holds a monopoly on education. Learning is distributed across a range of sites and settings, and media and ICTs hold important stakes in this process of diversification. This conference will present and discuss the most advanced and exciting research on informal learning, its mediatized constructions, socio-cultural contexts and educational consequences.

Conference goals
A major aim of the conference is to bring together an international forum of scholars from a range of disciplines including media and ICT studies, education, psychology, anthropology, sociology and cultural studies - and to promote dialogue within and across research traditions. We also aim to develop dialogue between researchers, educators and producers of new learning resources.

Conference themes
Topics of interest include but are not limited to:
· Informal learning between creativity and competencies
· Informal learning: digital divides or new citizenships?
· Repertoires of learning: aesthetics, genre and the meaning of context
· Media and ICT literacies and conceptual learning
· Planning and production of innovative learning resources.

Papers are encouraged from researchers with interests in any of these specific themes as well as the general issues of the conference.

Submissions
Papers will be limited to 25 minutes, which will include a brief presentation plus time for discussion and comments. If you would like to present a paper, please submit a 400 word abstract with an indication of which of the above themes you will address. Abstracts must include the title of your paper along with author name(s), affiliation, mailing address and email address. Abstracts (format: pdf, doc, rtf) should be submitted to mail@dream.dk.

After the conference, authors are invited to submit revised versions of their papers from which contributions will be selected for a volume focusing on the main themes of the conference.

Important dates
10 May deadline for submission of abstracts
10 June notification of authors
15 August deadline for submission of final papers.

Keynote speakers
Keynote speakers include professor James Paul Gee (School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison), professor Glynda A. Hull (Graduate School of Education, UC Berkeley), and dr. Julian Sefton-Green (WAC Performing Arts and Media College, London).

Resource day
The research conference is preceded by a resource day, 21 September, featuring new research and strategies for teachers, as well as workshops led by producers and practitioners of learning resources, such as games and web designers.

If you wish to present or organise an in-depth demonstration or workshop, please contact: mail@dream.dk no later than 10 May.

Conference language
The conference language is English.

Further information
For all further information, please direct your queries to the conference chair and director of DREAM, professor Kirsten Drotner, Centre for Media Studies, University of Southern Denmark, 55 Campusvej, DK 5230 Odense M, Denmark, or electronically to: mail@dream.dk.