

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Extended Abstract Submission	
First Call	March 31st, 2016

Notification of Extended Abstract Acceptance	
First Call	April 29th, 2016

Registration and Payment	
Early Bird	July 1st, 2016

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON YOUTH

(ICYOUTH) 2016

Youth as Global Leaders Today
for a Better Tomorrow

15 - 17 November 2016

**Mines Wellness Hotel, Seri Kembangan,
Selangor, MALAYSIA**

Organizer
Institute for Social Science Studies (IPSAS), UPM

OVERVIEW

The technological boom of the past two decades has elevated youth in their capacity as consumers and technological vanguards. Yet in many parts of the world young people continue to face tremendous challenges including high unemployment, political alienation, and insufficient access to affordable education and healthcare. These conditions, moreover, contribute to feelings of disempowerment and alienation, which, when ignored, can lead to major social unrest along the lines of what has occurred in parts of the Middle East and Africa over the past three years. In those countries, frustration from systemic disempowerment and lack of opportunities has led to a level of collective action that has permanently reshaped the political futures of those regions.

The traditional rhetoric of developing young people today for future leadership is giving way. Researchers and policy makers have begun to recognize the need for more meaningful roles for young people within leadership and governance structures. Evidence from a growing body of research and effective youth practice has shown that when young people are involved in meaningful leadership experiences early in life, they tend to be more engaged in community and nation-building as adults. In the process, they also acquire greater attachment to their societies, greater respect for diversity, and are more competent and confident in their everyday tasks.

This line of research has shown that the quality of early leadership experiences youth undergo plays an important role in determining future leadership competence. In light of these findings, concerned individuals in many countries are beginning to ask difficult questions, such as how is meaningful participation, leadership, and shared decision-making among youth operationalized currently. What are the barriers to meaningful participation and transformation? What experiences do young leaders need to help them develop sensitivity to larger realities and trends? How can institutions and nations move forward in building more systematic efforts to enhance meaningful participation for young people?

To lead effectively in the future, research tells us that young people need leadership development experiences that will allow them to make educated, informed decisions based on both local and global realities. The days of isolation and insularity are over. Today's interconnectedness of social, economic and political life requires young people to be critically aware of what is happening not only within their communities, but also regionally and globally.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE

The Third International Conference on Youth (ICYOUTH) 2016, Youth as Global Leaders Today for a Better Tomorrow aims to provide a forum for the presentation of research findings, issues and trends related to these ideas. Diverse perspectives are sought from those who work with and on behalf of young people from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds including researchers, practitioners, teachers, youth program participants and policy makers. Along these lines, the objectives of ICYOUTH 2016 are to:

1. Broaden participants' understanding of the critical importance of meaningful youth participation in leadership contexts, activities and forums.
2. Understand the perspectives and views of young people in relation to organizational, program and community participation.
3. Exchange ideas on issues, challenges and strategies related to the transformation of youth through meaningfully participation and leadership.
4. Create an effective forum for communication and cooperation among paper presenters and participants

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

We invite academicians, researchers, graduate students, stakeholders, youth professionals, NGOs and other interested parties to participate in ICYOUTH2016. The conference sub-themes include:

1. Youth involvement in community and organization leadership
2. Youth international engagement
3. Youth participation and leadership in volunteerism
4. Youth voice in decision making
5. Youth-adult partnership
6. Youth cultural and diversity management
7. Youth interpersonal, intrapersonal and transpersonal skills development
8. Awareness of International affairs
9. Conscious and sustainable competitiveness
10. Entrepreneurial involvement
11. ICT and intercultural communication
12. ICT for knowledge development
13. Critical, analytical and lateral thinking
14. Spirituality for global leadership
15. New thinking in agriculture
16. Youth and environmental leadership
17. Gender equality in youth leadership
18. Youth-adult values gap in community and organizations
19. Peace building among youth

There will be a **Best Paper** and **Best Presenter Award**. We look forward to your participation in ICYOUTH 2016!

CONFERENCE FEES

Registration Type	Fee Type	Local Participants	International Participants	Remarks
Regular (Individual)	Early Bird (Before July 1st, 2016)	USD 250.00	USD 250.00	The registration fee covers: Full participation in the conference, conference kits, conference pack (morning breaks, lunches & tea breaks during the conference).
	Full Price (After July 1st, 2016)	USD 300.00	USD 300.00	
Student* (Individual)	Full Price	USD 250.00	USD 250.00	
Group (min of 3 persons)	Full Price	USD 800.00	USD 800.00	*Please provide a copy of certified student ID as proof

**All conference fees are indicated in US Dollar (USD).*