



*Global Learning Cities: Empowering Citizens and Transforming Communities*

**Pre-Conference Program**

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018 (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM)**

The goal of the *Global Learning Cities* pre-conference program is to build a connection between Learning Cities and Transformative Learning, two areas of study that share common interests in Lifelong Learning, the Learning Society, and Adult Learning (formal and informal). Connecting these fields in a tangible way could spur new lines of research, help develop global and local partnerships, and strengthen a transformative learning focus in community development research and practice locally and globally. The theme of the pre-conference session, “Global Learning Cities: Empowering Citizens and Transforming Communities,” allows for discussion around transformative learning and intersections with power and marginalization, quality of life, leadership and mentoring, entrepreneurship, spirituality and mindfulness, and sustainability. There will also be an introduction to the forthcoming book, *Adult Learning and Quality of Life* (co-edited by Connie Watson, Leodis Scott, Maria Liu Wong and Aimee Tiu-Wu), making connections between lifelong learning, learning cities and societies, quality of life, and sustainable development.

*Morning Location: Teachers College, Columbia University (150 and 152 Horace Mann tbc)*

- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM      Networking Breakfast
- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM      Session I: Welcome and Keynote (Speaker TBD)
- 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM    Session II: Track A (Entrepreneurship, Learning Cities, and Transformative Learning) & Track B (Sustainable Development Goals, Learning Cities, and Transformative Learning)
- 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM    Conversation Partners - Walk to City Seminary (Central Harlem)

*Afternoon Location: City Seminary of New York / Walls-Ortiz Gallery (302 West 119th Street/ 2230 Frederick Douglass Blvd)*

- 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM    Networking Lunch
- 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM      Session III: Faith and Spirituality in the Learning City (experiential session)
- 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM      Session IV: Scholar/Practitioner Panel on Learning Cities, Empowering Citizens, and Transforming Communities
- 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM      Session V: Group Reflections, Action Steps, and Final Remarks

The pre-conference cost is **\$100 per participant including a networking breakfast and lunch**. The event is sponsored by LearnLong Institute for Education and Learning Research, City Seminary of New York, PASCAL Learnign Cities Networks and the International Transformative Learning Conference 2018. The event will be capped at 50 participants. **An additional one-day registration for ITLC 2018 for November 8, 2018, is available to pre-conference participants for \$125. Limited half-scholarships for students and international participants for the pre-conference gathering are available by application.**

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