

RISE Programme Annual Conference

Call for Papers (Deadline Tuesday 29 March 2016)

Thursday 16 June to Friday 17 June 2016
Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford, UK

We invite you to submit a paper or express your interest in attending the RISE Programme Annual Conference.

RISE is a new large scale, multi-country research programme developed to answer the question: “How can education systems be reformed to deliver better learning for all?” The first call for country research took place during 2015 and the chosen country research teams will soon begin work in the field. A second call for country research will open on 10 March 2016, with Expression of Interest submissions due on 10 May 2016. For more information about RISE see www.riseprogramme.org.

The objective of this year’s conference is to bring together high profile academics and policy makers to discuss the emerging RISE research agenda. The conference will feature a mix of invited and contributed talks, as well as a special session focusing on the research proposed by the country teams selected under the first call.

Submissions are invited in any area of research relating to education systems, although papers in the following areas are particularly welcome:

- **Information** (e.g. What changes occur when key actors in the system – civil servants, principals, teachers, parents – are given better information about learning outcomes?);
- **Financing and resources** (e.g. Do schools lack access to credit and/or support services? What changes occur when any such constraints are relaxed?);
- **Teachers** (e.g. How can the education system support individuals to become effective teachers and ensure that the best teachers remain in the schools that need them?);
- **Governance** (e.g. How do system features such as the degree of school autonomy and stakeholder engagement affect teacher behaviour, and learning outcomes?);
- **Politics of change** (e.g. What are the key political obstacles to adopting learning-oriented education reforms, and how have some systems overcome them? What problems of implementation arise during piloting and at scale, and how can these challenges be tackled?);

Papers and/or expressions of interest to attend should be submitted by noon (UK GMT) on Tuesday 29 March 2016. Please direct all email correspondence to Jake McBride at the RISE Communications team (rise@bsg.ox.ac.uk). Authors of accepted papers will be notified no later than 8 April 2016. RISE can cover travel costs and up to two night’s accommodation in Oxford for all speakers. Limited funds may also be available for other academic participants. Please indicate in your response whether you wish to be considered for this funding; priority will be given to junior researchers.