

2024 ARRUPE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Theme: Education and Climate Action

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS, INNOVATIONS AND ARTWORKS

Date: 31 January - 2 February 2024

Each year Arrupe Jesuit University holds an academic symposium as part of its academic knowledge formation, research and innovation. This important annual event is held in honor of Fr. Pedro Arrupe. The aim of this symposium is to review steps made in academia and in industry to encourage original research, innovation and industrialisation among AJU's staff and students. The 2024 Symposium will therefore increase the competence of students and staff through the analysis of the role of education in the face of the unusual global challenges brought about by climate change based on the theme: *Education and Climate Action*. Climate action refers to efforts taken to combat climate change and its impacts. The symposium will enable participants to explore the critical role that education plays in encouraging climate literacy, knowledge, and action, acknowledging that informed and involved communities are necessary for sustainable development. It will allow for the sharing of networked and researched knowledge, facts and case studies whereupon participants could build their resilience in realising a united, developed and conscious continent at peace with itself and with others in the face of the ongoing ecological crisis and climate change. Therefore, the symposium intends to establish a forum for collaborative conversations, knowledge exchange, and the development of workable initiatives to harness the potential of education in the global struggle to address climate change. This theme underscores the idea that education is a transforming force that may shape a resilient and sustainable future, in addition to being a vital instrument to promote climate change awareness. General topics and/or research areas could include the following:

- The global status of climate literacy.
- Efforts being made to combat climate change and its impacts.
- Climate science and innovative practices, technologies, and instructional techniques.
- Youth and environmental stewardship.
- National, regional and global cooperation in climate education, programs and initiatives.
- United Nations and climate action i.e., COP 28.
- Climate change and primary, secondary and/or higher education curricular.
- Assessing how programs, projects and initiatives on climate have worked to bring about real change.
- International, regional and national policies on climate change and their application.
- Role of ICT in climate change monitoring.
- Emerging ICTs and climate change in developing countries.
- Climate change mitigation, ICTs and education.
- Virtual reality and the climate change awareness
- Efficacy of virtual reality in climate change education.
- Augmented reality and environmental education.
- Leadership in climate change mitigation.
- Climate change and responsible leadership.
- International climate change law and policy.
- Climate change, environmental law, and good governance.

- Regulating climate change in the courts
- Causes and effects of climate change

Staff and students who would like to showcase their innovations, inventions, posters or artworks are also encouraged to make submissions. Students and full time staff members can submit their abstracts, draft papers or full papers between now and 20 January 2024. *Those who would like to present on themes/topics that are not in line with the 2024 Arrupe Symposium theme are also encouraged to submit their abstracts for presentation.* The Arrupe Symposium is one of the greatest events of our academic calendar. It ordinarily takes the place of all lectures and all full time students are required to attend physically. Papers presented at the 2024 Symposium will be published after undergoing the peer-review process.

Modes of Presentation

- Oral
- Posters
- Innovations, Inventions and Artwork Display

Important Dates

- Deadline for receipt of abstracts and innovations – 20 January 2024
- Notification of successful abstracts and innovations – 25 January 2024
- Arrupe Symposium Date: 31 January - 2 February 2024

Venue of the Symposium

- Loyola Multipurpose Hall, Arrupe Jesuit University
- Virtual attendance: TBA

Envisaged Outputs of the Symposium

- Symposium Abstracts Booklet
- Symposium Proceedings Report
- Journal Articles
- A Book

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