



## CALL FOR PAPERS

**What:** Research papers, theses, abstracts and proposals dealing with the broad topic of convergence

**Who:** Students, graduates and young scholars

**When:** 20-21 November 2015

**Where:** Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen

**Deadline for submission:** 31 September 2015

**Contact:** ppe-conference@zeppelin-university.net

This year's **PPE Conference** deals with the topic of convergence. The question of **convergence – in Latin “to incline towards each other”** – is a transdisciplinary, if not interdisciplinary question that **various academic disciplines are interested in:** Can we observe a convergence of values and norms on a global scale and what are its consequences? Do international governance mechanisms, currency areas and political unions lead to policy convergence? Is there a convergence in living standards or ways of life? East and West, developing and developed countries – are these dying categories in a converging world? What about inequality - the divergence of low-skilled vs. high-skilled workers, income and wealth, classes and other groups in society? These and many more questions surround the topic of convergence. Check out our panels to see whether your own ideas and works fit into one of the categories.

**We welcome any research work from abstracts, seminar papers, bachelor and master theses to research projects & proposals**, which deal with the phenomenon of convergence in its many facets. **Check out our panels** and **apply with your research contribution**. We are delighted to hear from You!

If your work should be chosen, you will have the possibility to present it in a **10-20 minutes presentation**, discuss your ideas with other like-minded research enthusiasts from a diverse background and benefit from an **international environment** at a scientific conference. **Plus: If chosen, you will earn a free ticket to the conference!**

You choose a suitable panel and **submit your work to: ‘ppe-conference@zeppelin-university.net’ until the 31st September**. A student review board, then, selects from all submissions in a so-called “double blind procedure” the contributions that will be presented at this year’s conference **“Convergence in a Complex World: Social, Political and Economic Perspectives.”**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at ‘ppe-conference@zeppelin-university.net’.



## **Panels:**

### **1. Macro-Convergence**

Can we see a convergence between states or regions, between East and West, between the Global South and the Global North? Is there a convergence of norms and values, of income and wealth, of happiness, of rights, civil society or communication? And what are the consequences thereof? How can we facilitate convergence or is it even desirable?

### **2. Micro-Convergence**

How does the differentiation of society and further subsystems play out? Can we see a convergence or rather a divergence between different groups, fields, or classes? And how does society deal with these processes and drivers of convergence and divergence?

### **3. Methodology of Convergence**

What are the pillars of the debate about convergence? What are its implications and its assumptions? Can we dismiss the debate about convergence as an aberration of modernization theory and naïve optimists? Is distinguishing between processes of convergence and divergence the right heuristic to look at phenomena in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? How do we incorporate teleology and forecasting?