



CIDEC East Asia Special Interest Group (EASIG)
2026 Asian Heritage Month Symposium Program

Building Shared Knowledge to Strengthen Educational Societies in Changing Global Realities

Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 9 AM – 2 PM | Eastern Daylight Time

Registration

<p>9:00 AM – 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Welcome & Introduction of EASIG Executive Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nancy Hsiung, President of EASIG <i>PhD Student, Educational Leadership & Policy</i> ● Yuchen (Suey) Zhang, Vice President of EASIG <i>PhD Student, Developmental Psychology and Education</i> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Carly Manion, Associate Professor, CIDEC Director
<p>9:30 AM – 10:10 AM</p>	<p>Keynote Talk</p> <p>Dr. Ruth Hayhoe, Professor <i>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto</i></p>
<p>10:10 AM –11:10 AM</p>	<p>Practitioner Panel</p> <p>Moderator: Yvonne Chan, Doctoral Candidate <i>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) / University of Toronto</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keyun (Chloe) Lin, Doctoral Student <i>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto</i> ● Ifat Razzaque, Doctoral Candidate <i>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto</i> ● Dr. Azima Thakor, EdD <i>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto</i>
<p>11:10 AM – 11:20 AM</p>	<p>Stretch Break</p>

<p>11:20 AM – 12:20 PM</p>	<p>Academic Panel</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Zuhra Abawi, Assistant Professor <i>York University, Faculty of Education</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Lin Fang, Professor <i>Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto</i> ● Dr. Taeyeon Kim, Associate Professor <i>Department of Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</i> ● Dr. Ryuko Kubota, Professor <i>Department of Language and Literacy Education, University of British Columbia</i>
<p>12:20 PM – 12:50 PM</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>12:50 PM – 1:50 PM</p>	<p>Graduate Student Panel:</p> <p>Moderators: Erica Sung, MA Student & Tin Yuet (Tiffany) Tam, MA Graduate <i>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) / University of Toronto</i></p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Janan Chan, <i>PhD Student</i> <i>Department of Integrated Studies in Education, McGill University</i> “Within, Around and Beyond the Institution: Organic Literacies and Multilingual Creative Writing” 2) Karina Feng, <i>PhD Student</i> <i>Population Well-being Lab, University of Toronto</i> “Racial Composition and Population Well-Being across Counties in the United States” 3) JLCC Team: Ryuichi Suzuki, Vitor Yano, and Aya Ceilidh Halliday, <i>PhD Students</i> <i>Department of Education, Concordia University</i> “Cultural Practice as a Site of Learning and Meaning-Making: Insights from a Community Workshop Series” 4) Amelia Pitchay, <i>Graduate Student</i> <i>OISE, University of Toronto</i> “Balancing the Scales of Success: How Teacher Candidates Navigate Aims-Based and Goals-Based Curriculum in Ontario”
<p>1:50 PM – 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>

We sincerely thank CIDECE and its director, Dr. Carly Manion, for their ongoing encouragement and guidance to our group.



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Keynote Speaker

Dr. Ruth Hayhoe

Professor
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Graduate Student Panel



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PhD Student
McGill University



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