



THE UNIVERSITY
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Postgraduate Virtual **Open Days**

MSc in Comparative Education and International Development



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xtraordinary futures await

What is the MSc CEID?

- 1 year full time
- Combines Comparative Education with Education and International Development
 - Compulsory introductory courses and research methods means students can choose half of their courses from our options
- Culminates in dissertation – independent research project



What are the big questions in CEID?

- How do education systems compare?
- What is the relationship between education and development?
- What disparities exist between and within countries?
- What is the relationship between the global and the local?
- How does the context of education affect its inputs, outputs, and outcomes?



Who is interested in the MSc CEID?

- Individuals that want to explore:
 - Education systems across the world
 - The relationship between education and other aspects of development (gender, citizenship, peace)
 - The connection between the global and the local
- Individuals from:
 - Undergraduate degrees in education and social or political sciences
 - The development sector
 - Educators looking for a global perspective
 - Other professions looking to change careers

What are the courses in the MSc CEID?

Courses: Required Courses

- Introduction Courses
 - Introduction to Comparative Education (20 Credits)
 - Introduction to Education and International Development (20 Credits)
- Methods Courses
 - Sources of Knowledge (10 Credits)
 - Conceptualizing Research (10 Credits)
- Dissertation (60 Credits)



What are the courses in the MSc CEID?

Courses: Option Courses

Choose at least 2

- **Education Policy and the Politics of Education (20 Credits)**
- **Anthropology of Education and Learning (20 Credits)**
- **Comparative Analysis in Education (20 Credits)**
- **Education and Conflict (20 Credits)**
- **Social Inequalities in Education Worldwide (20 Credits)**
- **Global Governance and Education (20 Credits)**

Choose up to 1 outside list with approval

- **Examples: Global Childhood & Human Rights, Gender & Development, Comparative Approaches to Special & Inclusive Education**



What makes the MSc CEID unique?



Top 6 Reasons to Pursue a MSc CEID Degree



What makes the MSc CEID unique?

World Class Experience

The University of Edinburgh's Moray House is consistently ranked as one of the **top 30 education schools in the world.**

The MSc CEID programme is driven by passionate faculty committed to their students: over half of the programme faculty have been nominated for Teacher of the Year. Aliandra Barlete won 2024 Supervisor of the Year.



**RANKED #17 IN
THE WORLD FOR
EDUCATION**
(QS Rankings, 2025)

What makes the MSc CEID unique?

Unique & Flexible Programme

The MSc CEID is one of the few programmes in the world that combine the areas of comparative education and international development.

In this 1-year programme, **students can choose half their coursework, based on their own passions and career interests**, from option courses, including education policy, anthropology, and education and conflict.



Practical Opportunities

The MSc CEID foster student's practical skills while providing space to network with experts in the field. To prepare students for their careers, Students can opt for a **placement-based option** allowing them to complete their dissertations with select local, regional, or global organisations.

The **spring semester trip** also enables students to learn more about the field through visits to international and non-governmental organisations.



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Career Options

We aim to **develop students as critical and reflexive researchers and practitioners** equipped with the mindsets, skills and confidence to engage with some of the largest challenges in education and international development. Beyond continuing to a PhD, the diverse range of career options include work in:

- Development agencies – ex: The Asia Foundation, FCDO, USAID
 - International organizations – ex: UNESCO, OECD
- International finance institutes – ex: World Bank, Asian Development Bank
 - NGO/CSOs – ex: Save the Children, Oxfam
- Think tanks – ex: Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Brookings Institution
- Higher education – ex: International education offices, Aga Khan Foundation

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AGA KHAN FOUNDATION



**Save the
Children**



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

What makes the MSc CEID unique?

Edinburgh: A Magical City

Edinburgh combines nature, historical charm, and a bit of Harry Potter.

As a mid-size city, Edinburgh has consistently **ranked in the global top 20 on multiple best places to live lists**, including Best Student Cities, the City Wellbeing Index, and Sustainable Cities Index. Amongst all cities in the UK, Edinburgh also holds the top position in the Green Cities Index, taking the top spot due to its abundance of green spaces and low pollution levels.



Photo credit: <https://planetofhotels.com/guide/en/united-kingdom/edinburgh/edinburgh-castle>



What makes the MSc CEID unique?



Thriving, Dynamic Community

All our activities happen as part of the CEID Community based at the Moray House School of Education and Sport.

Beyond the MSc CEID programme, students benefit for participating in other activities, such as the **CEID Research Group** – bringing together over 30 researchers across the university – and the **CEID Student Society** – one of the few, student run societies focused on the graduate student experience, and holding regular social, academic, and networking events.





What are students saying about the CEID Community?

We have so many opportunities and events for students to get connected

The CEID community is **like a large 'family gathering'**

Together we shared and co-shaped the direction of the community

Not only a place to be connected to peers, but where different voices are heard

I always have this connection with this group, they are like my family



What are the benefits of the CEID Community?

- Additional Support
 - **Town Halls:** Regular community meetings based around a theme and often with a guest speaker, where we shape the community as a community.
 - **Virtual Mentor Programme:** Aims to provide students with an alternate form of support which is better positioned to provide student-only insight, while further strengthening the CEID Community.
- Social Events
- Academic Events
- Networking and Next Steps

Spring Festival

-a joyous Festival filled with rich Chinese traditions and togetherness.

Invitation

Let's make dumplings and celebrate together!

Bring along your family or friends to share in the warmth, as we come together under the beautiful decoration to embrace blessings and the promise of a bright year ahead.

Time : Jan. 30 , 5-9PM



The SDGs, UNESCO, and the Post-2030 World: A Conversation with Jordan Naidoo

October 22nd from 9:00 to 10:30 UK Time
Online + In person 'viewing party' for students in
Patterson's Land 1.19

<https://buytickets.at/morayhouseceidcommunity/1898855>

Join us for a discussion with **CEID Guest Dr Jordan Naidoo**. Dr Naidoo is a global education policy expert with over 25 years of experience in the field. He has held positions in UNESCO, UNICEF, and Save the Children, amongst others. Between 2015 and 2020, Dr Naidoo was the UNESCO Director for SDG Education Support and Coordination making him uniquely positioned to discuss the relationship between UNESCO and the SDGs and help us consider what might be next in the post-2030 world.



Hosted by the Comparative Education and
International Development (CEID) Research Group
at Moray House School of Education & Sport,
University of Edinburgh



CEID 2025 CAREER PANEL-2

Join us for the second part of our two-part panel series on
careers in education and international development.

14 April, 14:00-15:30 BST,
Online - MS Teams

FEATURED PANELLISTS

Kate Linkins

Advocacy and Partnerships Officer
UNESCO Global Education
Monitoring (GEM) Report

Zeina Azar

Operations Officer
The World Bank

Xinyi Ge

Programme Specialist
UNICEF Pakistan

Raju Kendre

Founder & CEO; Visiting Fellow
Eklavya India Foundation
& CeMIS, University of Göttingen

Yuri Belfai

Head of Division, Early Childhood and
Schools, Directorate for Education and Skills
Organization for Economic Co-operation
and Development (OECD)

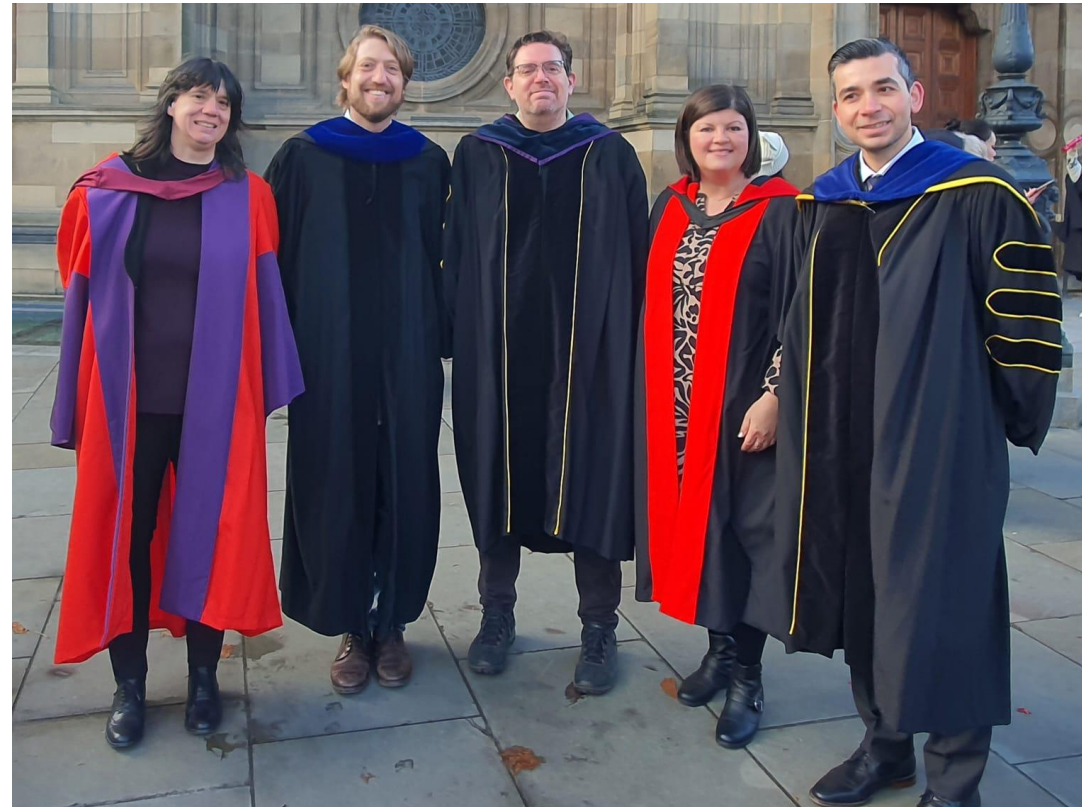


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Who teaches in MSc CEID?

- Lindsey K Horner (Programme Director)
- William C. Smith
- Fatih Aktas
- Aliandra Barlete
- Daniel Shephard
- Cristina Iannelli





STUDENT EXPERIENCE

ELENA PEREZ RAMIREZ

INTRODUCTION



SAN JOSE (COSTA
RICA)



MASSACHUSETTS
(USA)



GRENOBLE
(FRANCE)



EDINBURGH
(SCOTLAND)

LOVE FOR EDUCATION

- CISABROAD
- Assistant Site Director





WHY UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

- Rigorous institution (push myself to challenge myself)
- Size of the University (opportunities)
- Edinburgh as a city (home away from home)
- International students (learn more from different cultures)

WHY CEID PROGRAM

- 2 in 1 (Comparative Education + International Development)
- Active Community (Research Group, Student Society)
- Placement Based Dissertations
- Diverse students and faculty (felt welcomed right away)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Everything you need to know is on the website
- Faculty and alumni are willing to go on a call with you if you have any questions
- 3 months for them to respond to my application
- Started the visa process early because you never know what can happen



REFLECTION

- My cohort feels like family
- Townhalls make CEID different from other master programs
- Have been given many opportunities to grow (Programme Representative + Research with Prof Allie + Student Ambassador Role)
- Curriculum is well structured and globally diverse
- I love Edinburgh



LAST TIPS



Read

Read before you come
(this masters is heavy
reading; better be
prepared)



Get

Get ready for the cold



Choose

Choose housing near
Moray School of
Education



Buy

Buy a Rail-card so you
can travel around 1/3
discount



Contact

Contact alumni in
advance to learn about
their experiences

Interested in the MSc CEID?

- Applications for the 2025-2026 school year close 30 July 2026!
- Website: www.ed.ac.uk/education/msc-ceid
- LinkedIn: Comparative Education and International Development (CEID) Community
- Programme Email: MHSES.CEID@ed.ac.uk
- Programme Director Email: LHorner@ed.ac.uk
- Read About Alumni:
<https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/morayhouseceid/category/alumni/>
- Read about the CEID community:
<https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/morayhouseceid/>



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Thank You

More about MSc CEID (www.ed.ac.uk/education/msc-ceid) & Research Group (www.ed.ac.uk/education/ceid)

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