

Dear *IEJEE* reader,

With this special issue of *International Electronic Journal of Elementary Education (IEJEE)* you will get the opportunity to be informed about the state-of-the-art in the field of *Out of school education*.

Dr. Christian W. Beck and Dr. Thomas Spiegler are two of the active researchers within the field in their countries. They have a close contact with many other active researchers internationally. Their collaborative research network within the field of *Out of school education* challenges the many existing conceptions of *education*. As the editors of this special issue of *IEJEE*, they have succeeded in getting researchers from different countries together. By focusing on social justice, human rights, respect for the individual, parental rights and fundamentalism in the *home education movement*, the authors inform us about the contemporary approaches and perspectives, but also about the challenges the field of *Out of school education* is being facing in different countries. The content of this special issue is not only about education outside the public or private sector. Articles present several principal approaches to education that all of them can be considered as important questions for a societal debate in each society.

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