

# Aesthetic Education from the Beginning

the 7th Annual Conference of AMI China



Aesthetic Education from the Beginning - The 7th Annual Conference of AMI China and Montessori Localization Academic Symposium is set to take place in Beijing, the capital city, on September 23-24, 2023, in a grand manner.

This conference will center around children's aesthetic education, providing a comprehensive perspective on its vast realm. It will delve into the forefront of theories and practical innovations in children's aesthetic education from multiple angles.

Expect an engaging exchange of ideas among esteemed experts in early childhood education, both from domestic and international spheres. AMI trainer teams will offer their professional guidance, while leaders in the early childhood education industry will share their wisdom. For front-line early childhood education practitioners, it will be an inspiring journey of pursuing their dreams.

## During the conference, you will:

- Have the privilege of meeting esteemed scholars who will impart their profound knowledge and insights on early childhood education;
- Experience the international quality of Montessori education in the prepared environments on-site;
- Encounter the precious heritage of Chinese culture and appreciate the wonderful integration of traditional culture with Montessori education;
- Create wonderful moments of early childhood education, together with outstanding teachers;
- Meet entrepreneurial elites and discover the wisdom and inspiration for innovative development in early childhood education.



## Highlights

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### Masters' Forum

Get ready for a star-studded event featuring renowned figures in the field of early childhood education. The lineup includes Alain Tschudin, the esteemed President of AMI; Lynne Lawrence, the dynamic Executive Director; Louise Livingston, the dedicated Coordinator of China Faculty; esteemed scholars from The Chinese Society of Education and the early childhood education field; as well as skilled AMI trainers specializing in age groups 0-3, 3-6, and 6-12. Prepare to be dazzled as they share their expertise through captivating presentations, engaging academic salons, and more, unveiling the forefront of academic research and educational insights in early childhood education.

## Alain Tschudin



Alain Tschudin was appointed President of Association Montessori Internationale in April 2022. He is Professor of Peace Studies and Director of the International Centre of Nonviolence at the Durban University of Technology, South Africa. Prior to this he served as lead consultant to the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa on the nexus and fast-tracking the SDGs and has extensive humanitarian experience, having worked with UNICEF and Save the Children in child protection in Africa and the Middle-East. He was formerly Executive Director of a pan-African governance NGO. He is a registered psychologist and holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Natal and a Ph.D. in moral philosophy and theology from the University of Cambridge.

# Lynne Lawrence



Lynne Lawrence has been the Executive Director of AMI since June 2008, and prior to this held the position of AMI General Secretary ad interim (2007). She was also head of the AMI Human Resources Committee. Lynne was Director of Training and Schools at the Maria Montessori Training Organisation (MMTO), now known as the Maria Montessori Institute, since 1989. In her role as AMI Executive Director, Lynne actively promotes AMI's involvement in Montessori educational projects in developing countries, alongside the many other areas of the association's work, including teacher training programmes globally and ancillary Montessori programmes, research and development supported by the AMI board, committees and staff.

# Louise Livingston



## **AMI Trainer and the dedicated Coordinator of the AMI China Faculty**

Louise Livingston first developed an interest in understanding children through her work as a counsellor for abused children with the UK charity Childline. She gained her Montessori diploma at the 3-6 level at the Maria Montessori Institute in London and worked for many years in Children's Houses latterly running one of the Maria Montessori Institute's own exemplar schools. Louise is presently Head of Training at the Maria Montessori Institute in London, where she also directs the 3-6 courses. She is the coordinator of the AMI faculty delivering Montessori training in China and has been training Montessori teachers in China since 2011 and co-ordinates the AMI China Training of Trainers programme. She is an AMI Examiner, an AMI Trainer of Trainers, a school mentor and lectures both in the UK and internationally. She is a member of the AMI Training Group, which directs the AMI Training of Trainers Programme, and a member of the AMI Global Research Group. Louise is managing editor of the AMI parent support initiative Aid to Life and was responsible for co-writing and editing all the audio visual and printed resources, as well as overseeing their translation into multiple languages, including Chinese. She holds a MSc and MPhil in Pharmacology and an MSc in Educational Neuroscience, having submitted a dissertation exploring the interplay between Executive Function and engagement in activities in a Montessori Children's House. She is now undertaking a PhD. Her doctoral studies address the role of motor skills and executive function in development.

## Environmental Aesthetics

Immerse yourself in a captivating experience at the conference venue, where authentic Montessori learning environments for children aged 0-3, 3-6, and 6-12 will be brought to life.

Step into a world that seamlessly blends science and logic with sensibility and romance, allowing you to truly feel the perfect harmony.

Prepare to embark on a sensory journey that unveils the aesthetic beauty of Montessori education, both in its philosophy of living and its holistic approach to the learning environment. Get ready to be fascinated by the enchanting fusion of aesthetics and education in Montessori pedagogy.



## Chinese Intangible Heritage

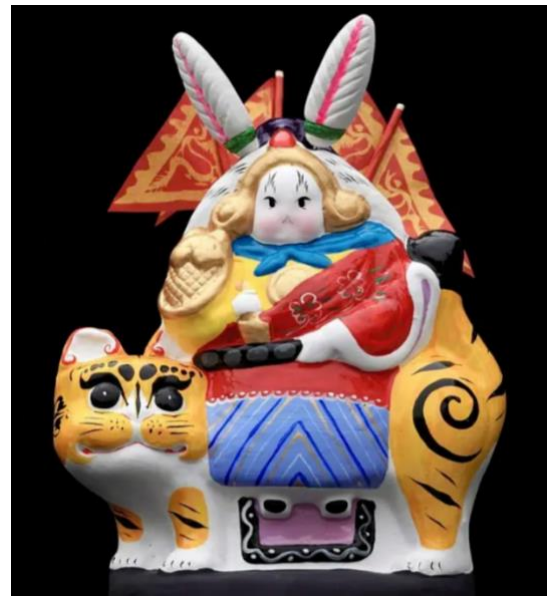
Experience the splendid showcase of numerous traditional Chinese aesthetic and cultural treasures, such as Peking Opera and the art of flower arrangement.

Through the professional interpretations of renowned experts and the exquisite skills of artists, the conference will seamlessly integrate Eastern aesthetics with early childhood education, delivering an extraordinary audiovisual feast of art and education.

Prepare to be captivated by the harmonious fusion of art and education, where the rich heritage of Chinese intangible culture unfolds before your eyes.



**Peking Opera**



**Clay Sculpture-Rabbit**



**Cloisonné porcelain**



**Papercut**

## Highlights of Early Childhood Care and Education

Aesthetic education begins from the very beginning of life. In the context of early childhood care and education for children aged 0-3, the integration of aesthetic education will be showcased through engaging workshops.

This special program is designed to provide valuable insights and address your inquiries regarding the development of early childhood care and education.

Join us to unravel the mysteries and gain a deeper understanding of the significance of aesthetic education in the field of early childhood care.



## Practical Experience

In the "Gathering of Aesthetic Practices," which focuses on on-site experiences and interactive learning, we will bring together ingenious ideas and inspirations to showcase a variety of teaching practices in children's aesthetic education.

You will have the opportunity to explore the essence of Eastern aesthetics through the 24 solar terms and experience the beauty of world cultural education.

This immersive experience in the early childhood classroom will provide you with a unique perception of aesthetic education and leave you with a deeper understanding of its impact.



## Industry contacts

This conference will bring together over 900 experts, scholars, teachers, and parents who are passionate about children's education.


Additionally, renowned domestic and international vendors of early childhood education books and materials will also be present. Roundtable salons to exchange ideas and promoting cooperation will be also held.

**Date**


**September 23-24, 2023**

**Venue**

**HUALUXE BEIJING XINAN (IHG)**

**Participant Target**

- AMI graduates and trainees
- All staff involved in Montessori education
- Parents/individuals interested in Montessori education
- People from the early childhood education industry and various sectors of society

**Conference Guests**

Mr. Alain Tschudin, President of AMI; Ms. Lynne Lawrence, Executive Director of AMI; Ms. Louise Livingston, Coordinator of China Faculty; and relevant experts from The Chinese Society of Education, among others...

More relevant experts and conference information will continue to be updated. Stay tuned to the BMI (AMI Beijing Center) WeChat public account.

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