The main features for developing an equitable, high-performing education system underlie in social and economic transformation of a country. Education especially plays a highly significant role in this kind of ongoing period. New ways of thinking about curricula have become necessary. This is also because education now needs to pay greater attention to how it uniquely spans the cultural, economic and interpersonal dimensions of global relations. Schools and colleges need to recognize their transformative power, and their capacity to become responsive to contemporary global changes. The context in which education now occurs has been re-shaped by globalization. The traditional links and anthropological ties between knowledge and culture are also changing, with a greater recognition that knowledge creation and use is mediated by cultures. The changing nature of the knowledge economy involves an intricate global-local relationship. At this point, ICOINE – “International Conferences on Interdisciplinary Research in Education” is held every year in a different state to deeply discuss the educational and social research topics under an interdisciplinary fashion.

The main goal of the conferences is to present and discuss new trends in interdisciplinary in education. ICOINE 2014 - conference was supported by many universities and organizations and closed with a success at Milano, Italy. ICOINE - 2014 had already formed a large, multinational and friendly community of colleagues who loved to share their ideas. Many academicians submitted their papers, involved panels, round tables, posters/demonstrations and workshops. This special issue of the Anthropologist includes the selected highly quality papers from ICOINE Milano Conference 2014.

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