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As the importance of education and care in the early years has been increasingly recognised, there has been a growth in demand from families of different social backgrounds. In the global scenario, there is also pressure for all nations to meet quality goals for early childhood education and care (ECEC). Within this context, academic research plays an important role in identifying mismatches between what is announced in official documents and what is actually implemented. Research points out challenges and formulates recommendations for more effective policy actions for the education of young children and their families. This special edition will present new research on ECEC in Latin America. Key issues include: How have governments responded to demands for high-quality ECEC in terms of statutory policies and curriculum guidelines? How has quality in ECEC been understood? To what extent do policies and guidelines effectively inform ECEC curriculum provision and day-to-day practices? How do different countries approach the training of ECEC practitioners and what are the existing curricular programmes for both initial and continuing training?

We welcome papers that focus on what has been done and what is lacking in ECEC in Latin America; disparities between public policies and what is actually in place; what academic research identifies as high-quality practice in ECEC; and how quality is officially defined. We are especially interested in articles that discuss approaches to pedagogy in ECEC settings and in the curricula of ECEC professional training programmes.

Articles can be up to 6000 words in length, including references and tables. Accepted papers will be published online as soon as they have been processed and are planned to appear in the June 2020 print issue. Please email your abstract (up to 500 words) to the Guest Editors by 11 March 2019. The submission date for full papers will be 9 September 2019. All papers will be blind peer reviewed.

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