

## Preface

Nikolay Popov

### *Modern* in the 2018 BCES Conference

This volume contains selected papers submitted to the XVI Annual International Conference of the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society (BCES), held in June 2018 in Golden Sands, Varna, Bulgaria. The XVI BCES Conference theme is *Education in Modern Society*.

The book includes 32 papers written by 67 authors. The volume starts with an introductory paper written by the keynote speakers Hennie Steyn, Deon Vos and Louw de Beer. The other 31 papers are divided into 6 parts: 1) Comparative and International Education & History of Education; 2) Teacher Education; 3) Education Policy, Reforms & School Leadership; 4) Higher Education, Lifelong Learning & Social Inclusion; 5) Law and Education; 6) Research Education & Research Practice.

*Modern* is the main concept used, explained and analyzed in this volume. Most papers directly or indirectly present and discuss modern education systems, modern society, and modernity in general. *Modern* is viewed as something in the present day, a currently existing society in change, an education system currently being reformed, or a set of innovations that relate to all aspects of our life. *Modern* is viewed from philosophical, sociological, and educational angles.

As always, and this is a typical feature of each BCES Conference, educational topics in countries from all over the world are discussed – from South Africa on the South to the United Kingdom and Baltic countries on the North, from Japan on the East to the United States and Canada on the West.

The volume contains a colorful mosaic of educational issues, descriptions, analyses, syntheses, target groups, research methods and approaches, national and ethnic specifics, objective judgments, and emotional comments.

Over the years the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society has had the privilege annually to attract researchers from all continents to visit Bulgaria and present their interesting, challenging and provocative studies.

May 2018

Prof. Dr.habil. Nikolay Popov, Sofia University, Bulgaria  
BCES Chair, Editor-in-Chief, npopov@bces-conference.org