

ESERA Early Career Researcher Travel Award 2023

Recipient: Carolina de Barros Vidor, Department of Educational Sciences at Uppsala University, Sweden

Host: Prof. Dr. Lucy Avraamidou, Institute for Science Education & Communication (ISEC) at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands

Visit Dates: 12th to 18th of June, 2023

To the ESERA President's Travel Award Committee, Board of Directors, and Early Career Researcher Travel Award Committee,

I am pleased to present this travel report detailing my research stay at the Institute for Science Education & Communication (ISEC) at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, during the period of 12nd to 18th of June 2023. My stay at ISEC was only made possible through the generous travel grant I received. The main purpose of this travel was to present and discuss my current doctoral research, engage in feedback sessions with research members of the ISEC team, and establish valuable connections with fellow early stage researchers in the field of science education. This report highlights the significant academic and networking opportunities I encountered during my time in Groningen.



Undoubtedly one of the most valuable aspects of my stay at ISEC was the opportunity to present and discuss in details my current research work and partake in feedback sessions with the research team. These sessions provided individualized guidance, suggestions, and critiques on my doctoral research. The team's impressive diverse constitution (both in terms of research experiences and academic backgrounds) provided multiple perspectives on my work, thus enabling me to refine my research questions, strengthen my theoretical framework, and identify potential areas for further investigation. This opportunity allowed me to receive constructive feedback, suggestions for improvement, and engage in intellectually stimulating discussions that enriched the depth of my research.

Besides that, my research stay at ISEC provided an exceptional platform for networking with fellow doctoral students from diverse cultural backgrounds and nationalities. Through group discussions and social events, I had the chance to establish connections

with peers from different European and non-European countries (as for example, Brazil, Chile, Greece, Iran, the Netherlands, Spain, Singapore, and the US) who share similar research interests and passions. These interactions not only fostered potential collaborations but also broadened my horizons by exposing me to alternative viewpoints and research frameworks.

In conclusion, the opportunity to join the ISEC research team was an invaluable experience. I am sincerely grateful to Prof. Dr. Lucy Avraamidou for allowing my visit and personally mentoring me during my time in Groningen. I am grateful for the ESERA Travel Award funding, as it enabled me to engage meaningfully with other science education researchers, strengthening my research network and facilitating new international academic connections.

Warm regards,

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