**International Comparative Research Group in Mathematics Education**

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**Aim:**

The aims of this research group are:

1. Cultivate the culture on the study of mathematics teaching and learning, mathematics curriculum, and mathematics teacher education.
2. Strengthen ties, exchanges and cooperation with local and international scholars and mathematics institutions.

**Themes:**

Globalization and technological progress have created far more opportunities for international comparative studies. The internationalisation of research on mathematics education has led to collaborations and studies that involve perspectives and practices from otherwise very distant contexts of teaching. International comparative studies not only intend to compare different educational systems and different traditions and cultures of mathematics education but also to create awareness of different possibilities for teaching mathematics and improving students’ learning of mathematics. Thus, from the international comparative perspective, the research group aims at

1. Understanding students’ mathematics learning and thinking;
2. Examining the mathematics curriculum including the textbooks;
3. Seeking an understanding of good practice in mathematics teacher education;
4. Making global research locally meaningful.

**Activity Plan:**

Conduct 2-3 research seminars; facilitate collaborative research work among members