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School Play and Children's Social-Emotional Development: Cross-Cultural Perspectives

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Message from the Guest Editor

Drawing on various theories highlighting the importance of play in children's social-emotional competence, early childhood curricula in many countries and cultures adopted play as one of the core approaches to promote children's social and emotional development.

The articles in this Issue will examine the empirical evidence in relation to the roles of play in children's early social and emotional development through a cultural lens. We also welcome investigations of how various sociocultural factors (e.g., children's voice, parental belief and support, school environment, practitioners' ideologies, social policy) impact the implementation of play-based curricula, using qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods approaches.









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