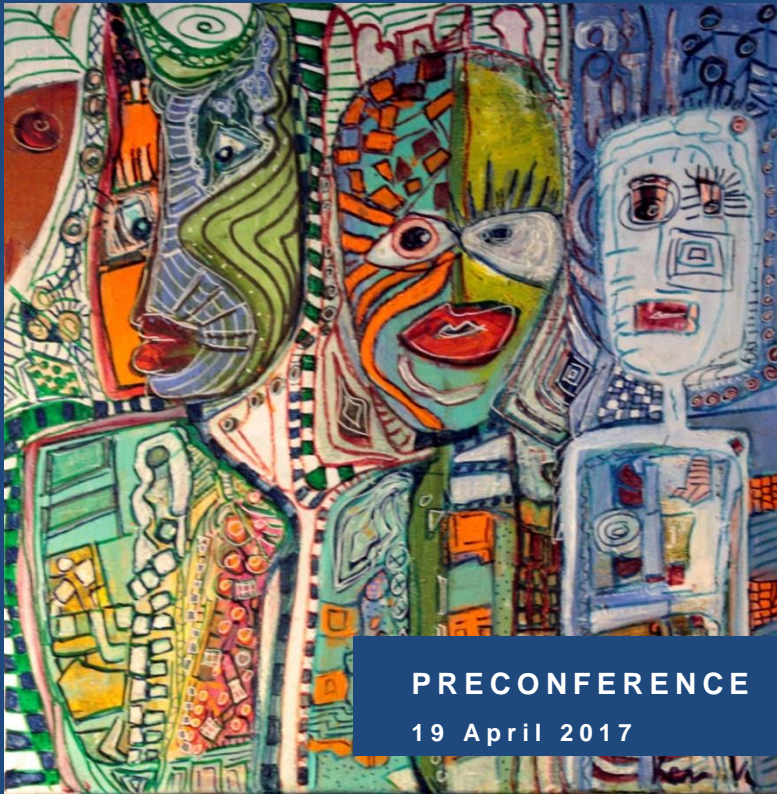


7TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE FOR SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH

*Challenges in social work research – conflicts,
barriers and possibilities in relation to social work*



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Together with

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Time: 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Room: 10.15, Nordkraft

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Time: 9.00 a.m. to 12.15p.m.
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Time: 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
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Time: 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Room: 6.7, Nordkraft

11. RESEARCH ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Time: 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Room: 3.3.17, Nordkraft



1. CRITICAL REALISM AND SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH

Critical Realism as a Framework for Tackling Challenges in Social Work Practice & Research

Time: 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm
Room: 5.237, Rendsburggade

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Social work is defined by its complexity and variety of different relations. This complexity causes challenges in solving social dilemmas and promoting wellbeing for people both in social work research and practice. This year the European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR2017) focuses on challenges that arise from the diversity of interests and different stakeholders within the fields of social work.

Social dissonance does not have to be an emergency or crisis situation; in fact, it is the daily bread of discipline of social work. It can also be regarded as a steppingstone for a better future. In order to analyze these challenges, however, one needs theories to define and evaluate the situation at hand. Critical realism is a philosophy of science that is particularly suitable for studying complex social situations where viewpoints are contradictory, interests overlapping, and motives conflicting. Critical realism offers ontological, epistemological and empirical frameworks for tackling the complex nature of social reality.

Critical realism has been a subject of three symposiums and one workshop during the six ESWRA-conferences that have been held. 2013 in Jyväskylä, 2014 in Bolzano, 2015 in Ljubljana, and 2016 in Lisbon, dozens of researchers in social work gathered together to discuss the philosophy of critical realism together with empirical presentations from different parts of Europe. This year the special

interest group of critical realism and social work research holds a pre-conference,

which focuses on tackling the contradictions, challenges, and complexity in social work. The pre-conference offers top-quality presentations, lively discussions, and an opportunity to connect with people interested in the philosophy of critical realism.

Confirmed presenters: Hannah Jobling (University of York), Gry Cecilie Høiland (University of Stavanger), Mansoor Kazi (University of Albany) and Elina Pekkarinen (Finnish Youth Research Network).

Program:

12:00 - 12:15

Welcoming by Monica Kjørstad

12:15 - 12:45

Hannah Jobling: *"Exploring causality in mental health policy and practice - A qualitative case study"*

12:45 - 13:15

Gry Cecilie Høiland: *"When implementation stops - tracing a top down implementation process in a complex multi-leveled public service organization"*

13:15 - 13:30

Break

13:45 - 14:15

Mansoor Kazi: *"Critical realism and big data in human services evaluation"*

14:15 - 14:45

Elina Pekkarinen: *"Exploring the Position-Practice System"*

14:45 - 15:00

Summing up



Presenters

Hannah Jobling is a Lecturer in Social Work at the University of York. She researches and writes on mental health policy and practice, social work with young people, the policy-practice relationship, ethics in everyday practice, and critical realism as a framework for social work research.

Gry Cecilie Høiland (University of Stavanger) is a sociologist with specializations within organizational sociology of work and welfare and with a special interest in the framework of critical realism as well as innovation and implementation processes in complex organizations. She is currently a Ph.D. researcher at the Center for Innovation Research at the University of Stavanger Business School in Norway where she is working on a case study exploring a specific implementation process in the Norwegian Labor and Welfare Administration.

Mansoor Kazi is assistant professor at the School of Social Welfare at University of Albany. For the time being, he is evaluating human services in US, UK and in Finland. Books: 'Realist evaluation in practice', Sage (2003); 'International perspectives on evidence-based practice in social work', Venture press (2004) (with Bruce Thyer).

Elina Pekkarinen is a Senior Researcher at the Finnish Youth Research Society, and president of the Finnish Society for Childhood Studies. Her research themes include childhood and youth studies, child welfare issues, and questions of exclusion and marginalization. She co-ordinates the Special Interest Group 'Critical Realism and Social Work Research' within ESWRA together with Monica Kjørstad.

Monica Kjørstad is Associate professor in social work at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences. Her fields of interests are implementation issues in social work and social policy, social administration and planning, leadership and theory of science. She co-ordinates the Special Interest Group 'Critical Realism and Social Work Research' within ESWRA together with Elina Pekkarinen.

2. SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE RESEARCH

Time: 9.00 am – 3.30 pm

Room:6.1, Nordkraft

Contact persons:

Mirja Satka (mirja.satka@helsinki.fi)

9.30 a.m.

Welcome to social work practice research pre conference, Laura Yliruka

9.45 a.m.

Sara Serbati, Italy: P.I.P.P.I. program for vulnerable families - a new conceptualization

10.30 a.m.

Martine Ganzevles, Netherlands: How to optimize practice oriented social work?

11.15 a.m. -12.15p.m.

Lunch break

12.15 p.m.

Judith Metz, Netherlands: Living Labs in Youth Work

13.00 p.m.

Mirja Satka, Aino Kääriäinen and Heidi Muurinen, Finland: Learning Lab - a concept under development

13.45 p.m. -14.00p.m.

Coffee break

14.00 p.m.

Short presentations of practice research in Europe, organized by Tor Slettebo

15.00 p.m. -15.30p.m.

A concluding debate for the pre-conference on 2018



3. SOCIAL WORK, HISTORY AND RESEARCH

Forgotten voices from the history of social work?

Time: 10.15 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Room: 10.14, Nordkraft

Contact persons:

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The session will be divided into two parts:

The first made up of three papers on the following topics:

1. stories of children from residential care
2. stories social work students and educators
3. stories from social movements

The second will begin with a panel to encourage discussion about connections between the three papers, other related topics, an opportunity to network and thinking ahead to 2018 conference.

There will be refreshment available and a break for lunch (this is at an extra cost when booking)

4. SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACROSS EUROPE

Exploring methodologies to address the challenges and dilemmas of effective social work with children and families across Europe

Time: 10.15 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.
Room: 4.105, Rendsburggade

Contact person:
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Aim of the SIG: A World Café method will be used to enable participants to explore ways in which research methodologies could enable us to explore and address the dilemmas and challenges of effective social work with children and families across Europe. Discussion in small groups will build a picture of the gaps in knowledge and what is known about helpful methodologies, to explore and consider new approaches to address these questions. In the final part of the SIG, there will be an opportunity for those interested in taking forward similar questions across countries to network together and begin to develop ideas for collaborative research projects.

Convenors: Michelle Lefevre (University of Sussex, England), Karen Winter (Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland), Silvia Fargion (Free University of Bozen, Bolzano, Italy), Gillian Ruch (University of Sussex, England).



Programme:

10.00 a.m.

Welcome and brief introductions from the SIG convenors. An introduction to the world café method and its etiquette.

10.15 a.m. -11.15 a.m.

World café, with four rounds, to enable all participants to have an opportunity of speaking with everyone. Themes for discussion:

- What are the key dilemmas and challenges for social work with children and families in your country, and where are the gaps in knowledge?
- What kinds of research methodologies are known to be successful with these kinds of dilemmas and challenges? (i.e. what are people already using?)
- Are there gaps in methodologies which mean we are struggling to answer these key dilemmas and challenges?
- What methodologies could be trialled to bring new insights? (new methodologies to old questions? Old methodologies to new questions?)

11.55a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Sandwich lunch and opportunity to network

12.30 p.m. -1.30 p.m.

Sharing insights from each table with the larger group. Exploring whether potential networks are emerging of individuals who would be interested in working together to develop new projects.

1.30 p.m. -2.30p.m.

Network formation and planning: an opportunity to meet within nascent networks to share information and consider developing new collaborative projects.

5. SOCIAL WORK AND EXTREME EVENTS

TOGETHER WITH SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH ON INTEGRATION POLICIES WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Environmental and political refugees' A fake distinction? Questions and answers from social work

Time: 12.30p.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Room: Body and Mind, Nordkraft

Contact person:
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Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano
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Presentations

12.30-13.30

Natalia Farmer

'Rethinking immigration controversies and social work entanglements in climate of chaos'

Emilio Jose Gomez

'How to manage the migration and refugee flows?'

Reima Ana Maglajlic

'Organisation of social services during and after natural disasters – lessons from social work research' (10 mins presentation followed by 10 mins for Q&A)

13.30-14.00 Break

14.00 – 15.30

Whole group discussion

Social work in extremis - Current good practices, concerns and implications for future social work research (facilitated by Emilio and Rea)



6. DOCTORAL AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

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Time: 9.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Room: 6.2, Nordkraft

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Program:

09.00 a.m. - 09.10 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

09.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

Getting Published, Professor S. Braye, Editor of the European Journal of Social Work, and Professor M. Preston-Shoot, former editor of Social Work Education and the European Journal of Social Work, and founding editor of Ethics & Social Welfare, offer this workshop with practical advice about writing for publication in academic journals, either as part of the doctoral thesis or following its completion. Through a mix of presentation and group discussion, ways of overcoming the key challenge of writing, and tips on how to be successful in your submission will be explored. Also, there will be a chance to share your own ideas and to ask questions about the process of submission and peer review.

11.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Coffee Break

11.15 a.m. - 12.00 a.m.

Doctoral Defence Day ('3D'), Professor P. Nurius, University of Washington and Professor S. Hojer, University of Gothenburg, discuss on how to prepare for the '3D' and defend successfully the PhD thesis.

12.00 a.m. - 13.00 a.m.

“After the PhD, What?” - Early Career Development, Dr J. Symonds, University of Bristol and Dr M. Humme, University of Münster, share their experiences, challenges and opportunities after completing a PhD in Social Work. In addition, Professor C. Kjeldsen, University of Aarhus, discusses grants and funding available for postgraduate research in Europe.

13.00 a.m. - 13.15 a.m.

Coffee Break

13.15 a.m. - 14.15 a.m.

3Minute Thesis Competition, 3MT is an awesome opportunity for PhD students to share their thesis in progress or under submission with broader audience, get feedback by a panel of academics and engage with others further. The winner will also get the prize of 100 euros!

14.15 a.m. - 15.15 a.m.

Group discussion and SIG goals, convenors, members of the Special Interest Group and other participants give updates and discuss future goals for the Doctoral and Early Career Researchers SIG.



7. ARTS-BASED RESEARCH IN SOCIAL WORK

Challenges and possibilities for using arts as a different methodological approach in social work research

Time: 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Room: 10.15, Nordkraft

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Dear all,

Since Ephrat Huss, who intended to share a workshop with us, is not be able to visit the conference, we have to modify the program for this SIG.

So we invite you to give a presentation of your recent research about art in social work.

Will you please be so kind to let us know if you intend to do so, and what subject you want to address.

We will draw up a program, based on your reactions.

With Best regards,

Dr. Mike de Kreek , Prof. Dr. Eltje Bos

8. SERVICE USER INVOLVEMENT

Best Practices and Challenges for Research and Education

Time: 9.00 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.

Room: 6.8, Nordkraft

Contact person:

Jean Pierre Wilken (jean-pierre.wilken@hu.nl)

Programme

9.00 a.m. - 9.15 a.m.

Welcome and introduction by prof. Jean Pierre Wilken, Utrecht University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands and member of the ESWRA board

9.15 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.

Presentation by prof. Hugh McLaughlin, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
Overview of current developments and challenges

9.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Short presentations, followed by discussion: short presentation of project, one lesson and one challenge for the future.

9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.

Cecilia Heule MSw, ass. prof. Arne Kristiansen, Lund University, Sweden; prof. Ole-Petter Askheim, Lillehammer University College, Norway and service users

The PowerUs network: mending the gap – strategies for user involvement in social work education

10.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

coffee/ tea break

10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.

Sascha van Gijzel MSw, Utrecht University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands

Working on inclusion. The involvement of persons with an intellectual disability in research and education in Utrecht University of Applied Sciences.



10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Ass prof Sidsel Therese Natland, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Norway
Conflicts between users and practitioners – lessons learned in a collaborative research project

11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Prof. Kristel Driessens, Gent University, Belgium and Cecilia Heule, Lund University / PowerUs.
How to develop collaborative networks (cost) and projects; sharing and spreading experiences and knowledge
A transnational ESF project to compare educational projects working with service users

11.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

prof. Hugh McLaughlin
Discussing a plan for a book on Service User Involvement in Social Work research and education

12.00 noon – 12.15 p.m. Wrap up

9. DECISIONS ASSESSMENT AND RISK

Time: 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Room 6.3, Nordkraft

Contact person:

Brian Taylor (bj.taylor@ulster.ac.uk)

Program:

09.00 a.m.

Welcome and introductions

09.15 a.m.

What does risk mean for social work in your client group and country context?

Presentation by Professor Brian Taylor (Ulster University, Northern Ireland) and Dr Johanna Hietamäki (<TO ADD>) followed by group discussion.

10.30 a.m.

Coffee break

10.45 a.m.

Opportunity to discuss potential collaboration in research or publishing. Choice of topics will be agreed in the group, and we will then divide into small groups according to participant preferences.

12.00 noon

Sandwich lunch and opportunity for networking

12.30 p.m.

Finish

The aims of the Decisions, Assessment and Risk Special Interest Group of the European Social Work Research Association are to support the development of research on decision making, assessment and risk in social work and to promote the use of research on these topics to inform practice, management and teaching in the profession. This pre-conference event at the ECSWR 2017 in Aalborg is to support DARSIG members in these aims.



10. GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIAL WORK

Time: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Room: 6.7, Nordkraft

Contact person:

Mo Ray

Marjaana Seppänen (marjaana.seppanen@helsinki.fi)

Program

10.00 a.m.

Welcome and presentation of participants

10.30 a.m.

The present situation of gerontological social work in Europe: Presentation of results of mapping and discussion

12.30 p.m.

Lunch break

13.30 p.m. – 15.30 p.m.

Possibilities for research co-operation

- What are your current research priorities?
- What do you identify as the unanswered research questions in GSW?
- Potential overlaps and collaborations

11. RESEARCH ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Time: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Room: 3.3.17, Nordkraft

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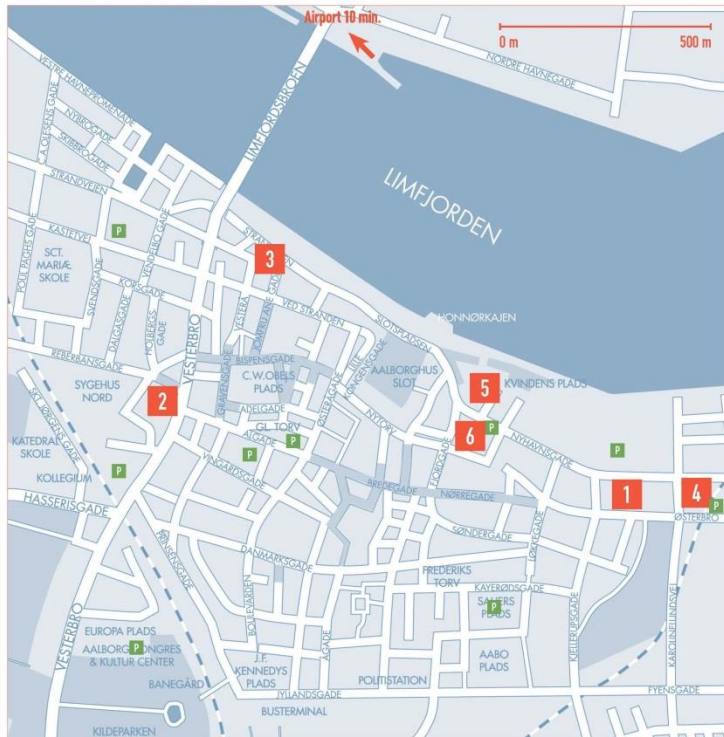
The purpose of our pre-conference workshop is for

- a) members of the SIG to share their research interests
- b) members to determine goals for SIG
- c) members to begin to plan collaborative research projects.



LOCATION MAP

ENJOY AALBORG ECSWR 2017



1 Nordkraft
Conference venue
Welcome Reception - Kedelhallen
Conference Dinner - DGI-Hallen

2 Helnan Phoenix Hotel
Accommodation

3 Radisson Blu Limfjord Hotel
Accommodation

4 Hotel Aalborg
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