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The 15th ESHMS conference: 'Health and Welfare Challenges in Europe: East, West, North and South'

The 15th Biennial Conference of the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology took place at the Helsinki University, 28-30th August, 2014. The conference attracted altogether 217 participants from 24 countries to discuss key challenges around health and welfare in all regions of Europe. The scientific programme comprised three renowned key note presentations, eight parallel sessions with a number of organized symposia, and 13 different streams providing excellent opportunities to discuss an up-to-date sociological and comparative research. Keynote presentations covered neo-liberal epidemics (prof. Ted Schrecker), health inequalities in Southern Europe (prof. Carme Borrell) and the challenges of marketization policies on professionalism of care (dr. Sirpa Wrede).

During the conference two awards were granted by the ESHMS. The poster of Jens Hoebel from the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin on 'Measuring subjective social status in social epidemiology: construct validity of the MacArthur scale' was awarded. The best paper prize was endowed to Veerle Buffel from Ghent University for a paper on 'Employment status and mental health care use in times of economic contraction'.

The 15th conference was organized by the National Institute for Health and Welfare, the Hjelt Institute and the Department of Social Research of the University of Helsinki, and the Finnish Society for Social Medicine.

Annex to the conference was a preconference organised by the European Sociological Association, Research Network for Sociology of Health and Illness (ESA RN16) in cooperation with the ESHMS and International Sociological Association (RC15) under the coordination of Ema Hresanova from the University of West Bohemia, and the present Chair of ESA RN16. The PhD workshop 'Ethics and methodological pitfalls in health research' took place on 27th August.



During the closing session of the 15th conference, the chair of the ESHMS announced that the 16th Biennial Conference of the ESHMS will take place in 2016 in Geneva. Claudine Burton-Jeangros will chair the local organizing committee.

Piet Bracke, ESHMS president 2011-2014



Call For Papers:

ESHMS 3rd Special Interest Meeting: Europe in a Global Perspective

Free registration for PhD students!



Trondheim, Norway

Department of Sociology and Political Science

Norwegian University of Science and Technology

September 3-4, 2015 (pre-conference September 2)

Social inequalities in health are a global phenomenon. At the same time, it is increasingly recognized that health is influenced by global processes such as trade liberalization and financial deregulation. The main aim of this Special Interest Meeting is to examine European public health, both its determinants and specific health outcomes, in a global perspective. The ESHMS was founded in cooperation with the World Health Organization, however comparative European sociological research is often limited to European countries. Sociologically informed contributions are sought which examine how societies and social change influence population health. Priority will be given to work which compares at least one European country with at least one country of a different world region, although we welcome contributions limited to European countries as well. The format of the Meeting will be in-depth discussions of full high-quality paper presentations. The conference will also focus on providing opportunities to create new globally-oriented research collaborations.

Format

The workshop is limited to 30 presentations (and a maximum of 40 additional participants) in three parallel working groups. Each paper will have a 30 minute time slot, with 15 minutes for the presenter, 5 minutes for a discussant, and 10 minutes for the general audience to ask questions.

Participants

We are especially interested in postdoctoral researchers and advanced PhD students in the final stage of their research. Starting PhD students are welcome too when accompanied by their supervisor.

Since the format of the workshop is in-depth discussion of full paper presentations, we kindly invite you to consider participation as presenter and/or discussant.

Pre-conference September 2 from 13.30 to 18.00

We will arrange a pre-conference at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) at Dragvoll University Campus. This will be announced later. Please check the ESHMS.eu website regularly.

Conference venue

The conference will take place at Scandic Nidelven (nidelven@scandichotels.com). Scandic Nidelven hotel is one of Trondheim's most modern and popular hotels. It is close to the city centre with sights and attractions within walking distance. The Restaurant Nidelven has been awarded Norway's best hotel breakfast the last 8 years. Please mention the ESHMS conference or NTNU when you reserve your stay at the hotel. You may already reserve your stay at the hotel now.



The programme

The conference starts September 3 at 08.30 with a keynote lecture from Prof. Johan P. Mackenbach. (preliminary title: "Progress in reducing health inequalities in Europe"). The second day will be opened by Prof. Ronald Labonté with a keynote lecture on the political economy of globalization and health. The programme, which will be made official during May 2015, should in particular attract PhD students who seek careful evaluations of their work and senior researchers who are looking for partners and funding opportunities in Europe. Eurohealthnet will speak just before the dinner on Thursday and will make an effort to initiate joint proposals (i.e. HORIZON2020) among the participants.

How to register?

The deadline for submission is **April 1 2015**. Submissions should be sent by e-mail to Courtney McNamara (Courtney.McNamara@ntnu.no).

Submission for participants who wish to present should include:

- An extended abstract (word limit: 800 words)
- Contact details of the author (name, affiliation, e-mail, postal address and telephone)
- Notification of whether you are willing and able to be discussant for (an) other paper(s)

Submission for discussants should only include contact details (name, affiliation, e-mail, postal address and telephone).

Acceptance of the abstract

Selection is based on the quality of the abstract and acceptance will be announced before **April 15 2015**.

Accepted presenters should send in full papers by **June 1 2015** (APA style, word limit: 7000 words, tables and references not included) by e-mail to Courtney McNamara (Courtney.McNamara@ntnu.no).

Costs of registration

The costs of registration are 0 € (free!) for PhD students (who have paid their ESHMS membership) and for ESHMS members outside Europe. The costs are 100 € for other ESHMS members (in Europe). The costs for non-members are 200 €.

How to pay

The registration fee should be paid to the ESHMS account by bank transfer. Please use the same guidelines as for the ESHMS membership fees. We would therefore kindly ask you to use the payment information from the ESHMS website: <http://www.eshms.eu/membership>. If you have not paid your ESHMS membership fee, you may pay for registration and membership together. We do not accept payments on-site. If you have not paid up front of the conference, we will kindly ask you to transfer the proper amount during the conference.

Lunch and conference dinner

All participants will receive lunch on Thursday (11.30-12.30) and Friday (12.00-13.00) and a meeting dinner (including aperitifs) on Thursday evening (from 19.30) at Rockheim with a panorama view of the Trondheim fjord, all included as part of the registration. Rockheim is Norway's national museum of pop and rock music. Before the dinner, we will get a guided tour, which begins in the spectacular "Top Box" (see picture below). From the main exhibit on the 6th floor we will proceed down floor by floor. The music and stories are communicated by means of interactive exhibit technology and objects from the museum's collections.



Please feel free to contact Dr. Courtney McNamara (Courtney.McNamara@ntnu.no) or Professor Terje A. Eikemo (Terje.A.Eikemo@svt.ntnu.no) for further information or see <http://www.eshms.eu/>.



Call for papers

Unequal families and relationships

·13th – 15th June 2016,
John McIntyre Conference Centre,
The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh

We look forward to welcoming you to our 5th international conference, offering delegates opportunities to attend [seven streams](#), [skills taster sessions](#) and take part in a dynamic closing session on [creating research impact](#), taking place in the beautiful, vibrant city of Edinburgh.

The conference will address key questions relating to 'unequal families and relationships' and we invite applicants to submit papers across the seven conference streams:

- Global social change: personal life, global inequalities and environmental issues
- Health and caring: inequalities and relationships
- Generation and lifecourse inequalities: childhood, older age, intergenerational relations
- Technologies and inequalities: work, family and relationships in a digital age
- Personal life and social divisions: disability, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, social class

- Researching and understanding unequal families and relationships: methodological and theoretical debates
 - Work, institutions and civic society: inequalities of work and worklessness

The call for papers is open until Monday 31st August 2015.

<http://www.cfr.ac.uk/eventsandtraining/current-events/cfr-international-conference-2016/abstracts/>

Keynote Speakers Include: Julia Brannen, Kathleen Gerson, Lynn Jamieson, Chang Kyung-Sup, David Morgan and Peter Moss.

We have a limited number of subsidised places at £160.00 available and these will be granted in the first instance to PhD Students who are presenting at the conference.

Early Bird Delegate Fee of £325.00 includes 3-day conference attendance, all refreshments & lunches during the conference plus Monday evening drinks reception.

*Delegates who are presenting at the conference are expected to pay the appropriate delegate fee.