

Healthscapes

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Joint conference of the ESHMS and DGMS in Hannover, Germany

Health inequalities over the life course

August 30th to September 1st 2012

This conference dedicated to **Health inequalities over the life course** took place at the Hannover Medical School in Germany from 30th of August until 1st of September 2012. This was a joint congress between ESHMS and the German Society for Medical Sociology (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medizinische Soziologie), organized under the lead of Siegfried Geyer, former president of ESHMS. Highlights of the conference included the opening keynote presentation by David Blane and the symposium Social influences and health, organized in honour of Johannes Siegrist. Over 250 participants, from 25 countries, attended a large amount of parallel sessions, mainly focused on health inequalities, but also representing the main fields of medical sociology.

ESHMS awarded a best paper prize and a best poster prize during the conference.

The paper prizes were assigned to: Sarah Missinne (Ghent University) for her paper on *Inequalities in preventive health care reconsidered: impact of early life conditions on mammography screening initiation in Belgium*; Liubov V. Borisova (Bremen International Graduate School of Social Science) for her paper on *Determinants on subjective health in transition countries: A multilevel approach*; Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe (Ghent University) for his paper on *Individual Social Capital, Neighborhood Deprivation, and Self-Rated Health in England*.

The poster prize was assigned to Barbara Schaan (Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Germany), *The association between quality of work and depressive symptoms before and after retirement*.



The 15th ESHMS conference will be held on August 28th-30th 2014 in Helsinki

Health and Welfare Challenges in Europe: East, West, North and South

http://www.thl.fi/en_US/web/en/whatsnew/events/15th_eshms_conference

European Social Survey

An international team, largely consisting of members of the ESHMS, has been chosen to design a new health module into the European Social Survey (ESS) in round 7. The ESS has already been extensively used by members of the ESHMS and the new health module will open a wide range of opportunities for comparative health sociology in the future.

In each round of this high-quality cross-national survey, multinational teams of researchers are selected to design two rotating modules for the questionnaire. This rotating module will focus on '**Social inequalities in health and their determinants**', and will include about 30 items on health measurements (e.g., mental health, BMI, and self-reported diagnoses) and social determinants (e.g., childhood conditions, working environments, psychosocial factors, and lifestyle factors).

The new module is led by **Terje A. Eikemo** from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Norway). Co applicants are Johan P. Mackenbach (The Netherlands), Olle Lundberg (Sweden), Clare Bambra (UK) and Tim Huijts (The Netherlands). The new data from the new health module will become publically available in October 2015.

For more information on the team and the full accepted proposal of the rotating module, please visit :

http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=355&Itemid=658

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