

## ***RN 16 Sociology of Health and Illness***

### **CALL FOR PAPERS (Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities**

#### **13th Conference of the European Sociological Association**

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29 August – 1 September 2017 Athens, Greece

Abstract deadline: 1st February 2017

#### **RN 16 GENERAL CALL**

Europe can be made or unmade, which is especially true after the economic and social crisis of 2008. European societies and the idea of Europe have been challenged: contradictions of capitalism, fragmented solidarities and subjectivities have resulted in protest by some citizens and apathy from others. How is this context affecting the health of European societies, their populace and their health policy systems? The Board of Research Network 16 Sociology of Health and Illness invites abstract submissions that will be considered for presentation at the next ESA conference in Athens (29 August – 1 September 2017). These proposals might focus on health issues and/or aspects of health system in relation to the themes of the conference: 'Capitalism', 'Solidarities' and 'Subjectivities'. Capitalism might be investigated in relation to resources allocated to health care in terms of cost, market dynamics, the role of different actors in health policies, or the impact of health policies in terms of health inequalities. Solidarities within European boundaries and with the rest of the world form a key aspect of European societies. Therefore these solidarities might be investigated in relation to the health of migrants, older people, people with disabilities etc in a variety of contexts. Subjectivities affect the relationship between health professionals and citizens as well as the cultural aspects of health issues. Moreover the subjective perception of individual health is affected by structural data, socio economic conditions as well as by biographical experiences. Submission of abstracts focusing on these themes is welcome. The board strongly encourages the submission of abstracts with a comparative European perspective, although national or local studies will also be considered.

*Abstract might be submitted in response to this RN 16 general call or to the RN 16 following specific session or joint session proposals. Thank you.*

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR SPECIFIC RN16 THEMATIC SESSIONS

### **RN16\_b: Loneliness, social relations and health**

(organiser: Keming Yang, Research Institute, Durham University, UK - [keming.yang@durham.ac.uk](mailto:keming.yang@durham.ac.uk))

The key objective of the session is to examine loneliness as a social problem from different aspects, including the various prevalence of loneliness across European countries, the effects of ethnicity/race on loneliness, religion and loneliness, immigration and loneliness, socio-economic status on loneliness, etc.

### **RN16\_c: Coopetition in health and welfare systems: Cooperative practice in capitalist societies**

(organisers: Roberto Lusardi, Dept. of Human and Social Sciences, Università di Bergamo, Italy - [lusardi@unibg.it](mailto:lusardi@unibg.it); Elena Spina, Dept of Economic and Social Sciences, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Italy; Stefano Tomelleri, Dept. of Human and Social Sciences, Università di Bergamo, Italy).

This session will explore the way in which cooperative and competitive practices coexist in the everyday work of organizations, professionals and other actors who compose the European welfare systems. Both *theoretical and empirical papers*, particularly focusing on coopetition, are *welcome*.

### **RN16\_d: Unemployment, precarious work, and health (care) from a comparative perspective: Contributions to the development of an institutional approach.**

(organiser: Buffel Veerle, Ghent University, Belgium - [Veerle.Buffel@Ugent.be](mailto:Veerle.Buffel@Ugent.be))

The focus in this session will be on exploring the relations between health, care use, employment status and precarious work across different institutional contexts (and changes therein) at different levels, such as the country and/or the regional level.

### **RN16\_e: Chronic diseases and new health policies in the capitalist era**

(organisers: Pietro Paolo Guzzo, Provincial Health Authority of Cosenza and University of Bari, Italy - [p.paolo\\_guzzo2@libero.it](mailto:p.paolo_guzzo2@libero.it); Giuseppina Cersosimo, Department of Medicine, Surgery and Dentistry - University of Salerno, Italy)

This session will provide an analysis of the relationship between chronic diseases and the new health policies including, policy integration, innovative ICT services and their impact on family and health professionals.

### **RN16\_f: Analysing the relationship between migration, health conditions, health care access and utilization in a time of crisis**

(organisers: Marco Terraneo, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano –Bicocca - [marco.terraneo@unimib.it](mailto:marco.terraneo@unimib.it); Mara Tognetti, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano-Bicocca)

The focus in this session will be on analysing health and health care use inequalities, barriers to healthcare access/utilization and supply side factors. Papers taking a comparative perspective are particularly welcomed, including those focusing on different models of welfare regime that in varying degrees may mitigate social vulnerabilities and overcome barriers.

### **RN16\_g: Precarity and health in the wake of the crisis**

(organisers: Annemette Nielsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark - [anmn@ifro.ku.dk](mailto:anmn@ifro.ku.dk); Kia Ditlevsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

This session will provide opportunities to investigate how the collapse of the capitalist economy affected and affects health in Europe through precarity – both in terms of solidarity within welfare systems and between nations, and in terms of individual capacities to cope with health issues.

**RN16\_h: Ethical implications of a sociological approach to health and illness**

(Organisers: Joana Zózimo, CES-University of Coimbra, Spain - [joana.zozimo@gmail.com](mailto:joana.zozimo@gmail.com); Carlo Botrugno, L'AltroDiritto, University of Florence)

The focus here will be on the relationship between ethics and sociology of health: the ethical implications of research on subjectivity, fundamental rights and ethics in sociological research, ethical patterns and practical decisions, sociological research and the institution of legitimation, ethics and research's epistemology.

**RN16\_i: The pharmaceuticalisation of performance: Consumption practices across generations**

(Organisers: Noémia Lopes, CiiEM-Centro de Investigação Interdisciplinar Egas Moniz; CIES-IUL, Portugal - [noemia.lopes@iscte.pt](mailto:noemia.lopes@iscte.pt); Hélder Raposo, Escola Superior de Tecnologia da Saúde de Lisboa; CIES-IUL, Portugal)

This session will investigate the pharmaceuticalization of the management of performance in daily life - be it at a physical, cognitive or social level - for young and elderly people, opening new avenues for the consumption of pharmaceuticals, diverting them from their original use in the management of sickness and health.

**RN16\_j: Neoliberalism and challenges to medical professionals**

(Organiser: Borozdina Ekaterina, European University at St.Petersburg, Russia -[eborozdina@eu.spb.ru](mailto:eborozdina@eu.spb.ru))

Papers are invited on: analysing context-specific particularities of doctor-patient, doctor-state (and society), and doctor – market relations; and reconstructing established hierarchies between lay people and medical specialists. Attention will be on local, international and transnational perspectives as well as on professionals' responses to these developments.

**RN16\_k: Health and disability: Health policy for autism**

(organisers: Angela Genova, University of Urbino, Italy [angela.genova@uniurb.it](mailto:angela.genova@uniurb.it); Hanna Bertilsdotter-Rosqvist – editor of Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research)

Papers in this session will concentrate on health policies for people with disabilities with a specific focus on autism spectrum disorder, in comparative perspective, at a local, national and international level. It is organised in collaboration with the editors of the Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research in order to foster European debate on autism policy.

**RN16\_l: Violence against women as a public health issue in European patriarchal societies**

(organisers: Angela Genova, University of Urbino, Italy - [angela.genova@uniurb.it](mailto:angela.genova@uniurb.it); Alba Angelucci, University of Urbino, Italy)

Attention here will be on investigating violence against women as a public health issue, focusing on stereotypes, policy and services in a comparative perspective at local, national and international level. The aim is to develop European studies on gender inequalities and gendered violence framed in terms of European patriarchal societies.

**RN16\_m: Health of Roma in Europe: Gender perspectives and inequalities**

(organisers: Angela Genova, University of Urbino, Italy [angela.genova@uniurb.it](mailto:angela.genova@uniurb.it); Kàtia Lurbe i Puerto, Université Paris-Descartes V, France)

This session will investigate the health of ethnic minority groups by applying an intersectional approach focusing on gender, class and generation. The specific focus will be on Roma in Europe, in comparative perspective, at local, national and international levels. The aim is to contribute to developing the academic debate about Roma health inequalities.

**RN16\_n: Forced migration, health, policy: Challenges for Europe**

(organiser: Lia Lombardi, ISMU Foundation, Milan; University of Milan, [rosalia.lombardi@unimi.it](mailto:rosalia.lombardi@unimi.it))

Papers are welcome on theoretical and/or empirical contributions to policy, debate and governance models concerning physical, mental and psychological health of migrants and forced migrants to Europe. Care and care management of vulnerable migrants facing an emergency situation, human rights and health-care right will be considered.

**RN16\_o: Making publics and building solidarities in 21th century public health**

(organisers: Ekaterina Borozdina, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia - [eborozdina@eu.spb.ru](mailto:eborozdina@eu.spb.ru); Olga Zvonareva, Maastricht University and Tomsk State University, NL; Klasien Horstman, Maastricht University, NL)

This session will investigate the 'public' character of current public health practices in (mental) health promotion, antibiotics resistance prevention, urban health and other areas. The way the internet affects the making of new publics, new global relationships and their effect on new solidarities and sociological discourses in public health will also be considered.

**RN16\_p: Discussing mental health and illness**

(Organisers: Joana Zózimo and Fátima Alves, CES-University of Coimbra / CEF- University of Coimbra and CEMRI – Open University [joana.zozimo@gmail.com](mailto:joana.zozimo@gmail.com))

Investigating social meanings and social determinants of mental health/illness; ways of dealing with mental illness/promoting mental health; physical configuration of spaces for delivering care in mental illness; personal consequences of mental illness; health professionals and lay perspectives on mental illness.

**RN16\_q: Health, body-weight and everyday life: Studying subjectivities through time**

(Organisers: Christian Bröer, Gerlieke Veltkamp, and Mutsumi Karasaki, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam, NL - [m.karasaki@uva.nl](mailto:m.karasaki@uva.nl))

Attention here will be on investigating subjectivities in and of everyday and professional practices that are related to health, eating, and physical activity. Also considered will be body weight as an intersection of professional and everyday practices, moral imperatives, embodiment, habits and socio-cultural, political and economic conditions.

**RN16\_r: Citizen participation, genomics and bio-banking**

(Organisers: Gillian Martin, University of Malta, [gillian.martin@um.edu.mt](mailto:gillian.martin@um.edu.mt); Johannes Starkbaum, University of Wien, Austria; Madeleine Murtagh, University of Bristol)

This session will consider the subjectivities of research participants in the context of biobanks and genomic research, focusing on consent limitations, trust, sharing, commercialization, different models and practices of citizen- and patient participation, and cultural influence in relation to family, community, religion and IT accessibility.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR JOINT SESSIONS

### **RN01\_RN16: European health policy and ageing societies: Challenges and opportunities** (Joint Session with RN01 Ageing in Europe)

(Organisers: Angela Genova, University of Urbino, Italy [angela.genova@uniurb.it](mailto:angela.genova@uniurb.it); Edward Tolhurst, Staffordshire University, UK)

One of the key policy challenges in Europe is addressing the nature of ageing societies. When the number of people of working age is decreasing in proportion to older people then this presents substantial economic challenges, as a reduction in work-based taxation combines with increases in healthcare spending. This could place a strain on national economies and healthcare services, but also family members who often have to combine employment with caring responsibilities. Ageing societies are thus likely to lead to fundamental rethinking of the nature of old age, caring, and intergenerational relations - and accordingly require a thorough policy response. Recognition of these changes and challenges, however, should not lead to an excessively negative view of ageing societies being promulgated. The concept of a 'third age', for example, highlights how many older people are experiencing a healthy and active period of life following retirement. This is just one aspect of ageing that demonstrates the requirement for policy makers to also address the opportunities presented by ageing societies. This session will address these topics with reference to the diversity of ageing and health policy across Europe.

### **RN16\_RN19: Valuable health care? Curing and caring in the shadow of the social and economic crisis**

(Joint Session with RN19 Sociology of Professions)

(Organisers: Arianna Radin, Università di Torino, Italy - [arianna.radin@unito.it](mailto:arianna.radin@unito.it); Christiane Schnell, Institute of Social Research at the Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany)

Over recent decades health professions in general have experienced fundamental changes. On the one hand there has been a much more elaborate reflection on their relations with clients, patients' autonomy and the promotion of social justice in the healthcare system. On the other hand they increasingly have to deal with external control in particular with regard to what is meant by cost efficient performance. The rising pressure on public health care systems in the course of the economic crisis has exacerbated these demands and required professionals to counter allegations that they are merely watching "health care costs zoom out of control" (Brody, 2010). The joint session invites papers dealing with this tension, particularly focusing on the ambivalent nature of developments in medicine and health care professions. Phenomena such as the 'slow-medicine' approach might be of interest as well as new contributions to the discussion of hybridisation of professionalism. How far are new orientations and attempts to renew the image of medicine and health care driven by professional values and a will to enhance health care or are they more a reaction on economic pressure? How do both aspects interrelate and what are the implications for different health professions and their relation to each other? And last but not least it could be asked, how are these developments reflected in our sociological concepts of health and illness as well as of professionalism, professions and professionalization?

**RN16\_RN28: Promoting health through sports and physical activity** (Joint Session with RN28 Society and Sports)

Organiser: Oli Williams, Department of Health, University of Bath, UK - [O.S.Williams@bath.ac.uk](mailto:O.S.Williams@bath.ac.uk)

Increasing physical activity has a significant role to play in promoting health. There have been calls for inactivity to be relabelled 'sedentary death syndrome' while physical activity has been described as the 'best buy in public health' due to its association with disease prevention. Despite this large sections of national populations across Europe are performing a level of activity that is considered to be insufficient for promoting good health. Additionally, research has shown that physical activity follows an inverse socioeconomic gradient and thus contributes to the widening of health inequalities. Clearly reducing inactivity is a priority for health promotion but also, and importantly, it is an inherently social issue. This session will focus on the many social factors that influence sports participation and physical activity. Critical attention will be applied to the promotion of health through sports and physical activities with consideration given to the complex social relations at play and the appropriateness and effectiveness of this strategy. We invite empirical and theoretical papers addressing the following issues and other related topics: Social patterns and population trends in sports participation and physical activity; Policies and interventions attempting to reduce inactivity; Inequalities and the promotion of sports and physical activity; Experiences of (ill-)health and (in)activity.

**RN16\_RN35: Migrations and health inequalities in Europe** (Joint Session with RN35 Sociology of Migration)

Organisers: Angela Genova (Department of Economics, Society, Politics, University of Urbino Carlo Bo) and Meghann Ormond (Assistant Professor at Cultural Geography Chair Group, Wageningen University)

Migration flows within member states as well as from non European countries have shaped European societies over the last century. Nonetheless, in the last decade migration processes have challenged some of the main values of European societies: solidarity has declined in heterogeneous ways and new selective criteria have been introduced. Welfare systems have been affected by demographic changes as well by political debates defining new accessing criteria and therefore new boundaries between insiders and outsiders. The joint session will investigate the relationship between migration and health policy in European member states, encouraging a comparative approach. Moreover it will investigate the health inequality dimensions affecting migrant populations and the cultural dimensions of health issues related to migrants.



### Important Notes and Instructions

Authors are invited to submit their abstract either to a Research Network (RN), a Research Stream (RS) and/or a Semi-Plenary (SP). You can submit a maximum of two abstracts to the ESA 2017 conference, but only one submission per RN or RS is allowed. At the entire conference, each participant can only present one paper as first author (in case that two abstracts are accepted, s/he will have to decide which one to cancel). After abstract evaluation, coordinators will have the chance to transfer papers between sessions where applicable. Abstracts should not exceed 250 words (for semi-plenaries: 500 words). Most paper sessions will have the duration of 1.5 hours. Normally sessions will include 4 papers (15 minutes presentation time per paper) and discussion.

Abstracts must be submitted online to **the submission platform**, see below. Abstracts sent by email cannot be accepted. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and selected for presentation by the RN or RS coordinators. The notification of acceptance will be sent by the conference software system in early April 2017. Abstract submission deadline: 1st February 2017

Conference website: [www.esa13thconference.eu](http://www.esa13thconference.eu)

**Abstract Submission** Just as at the previous conference in Prague, ESA's 13th conference in Athens 2017 will also be managed via the online conference software tool called "ConfTool". Here, you will be able to submit your abstract, and Research Network/Stream coordinators and reviewers will be able to evaluate these abstracts and select them for presentation at the conference. Through the same online platform, all of you will be able to register to the conference as participants (from March/April 2017 onward).

STEP 1) In order to do so, you will have to create a user account in ConfTool. You will find the link to ConfTool at the conference website [www.esa13thconference.eu](http://www.esa13thconference.eu).

- ConfTool will be activated in December 2016. When registering to ConfTool, please provide a valid name and email address, since these will be used later for sending you relevant information about your submission and the conference! 13

- Please also note that the user name and the password are both case sensitive! This means that for example "peter" and "Peter" are two different user names and/or passwords. Furthermore consider that some letters and numbers look quite similar, for example the capital letter "O" and the number zero "0" look alike but are different symbols.

STEP 2) After you will have created a user account in ConfTool, you will be able to submit your abstract online to a specific RN, RS, or SP.

**Timeline:** 2017 1st February Abstract submission deadline

(for RN/RS coordinators: 15 March – peer-review end date in ConfTool)

1st April Notification of acceptance (sent to abstract submitters via ConfTool in early April)

1st May Early-bird registration deadline

1st June Paper givers registration deadline

1st August Printing of the programme

29 Aug. to 1 Sep. 13th ESA conference in Athens

Further rules • Please note, for abstract submitters (and conference participants in general) it is not required to be an ESA member while members of the Executive Committee, RN coordinators and RN board members, RS coordinators and RN/RS/SP session chairs must be registered ESA members.\*

- At the conference, session chairs cannot present in the session she or he is chairing. Chairs have an important role; they will guarantee that each speaker receives feedback and they will engage the audience in debate, too. \* Please note that ESA membership is valid for two years; membership includes a substantial reduction of the conference fee (roughly, 'membership fee' + 'membership conference fee' = 'standard conference fee')!