

**Object: Format of the Mid-term Symposium**

## **Childhood in (Climate) Change**

### **Mid-term Symposium**

**European Sociological Association RN04 Sociology of Children and Childhood  
Sion (Switzerland) 9-11<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Members of RN04 and potential participants,

We hope this message finds you all well. Following extension of the deadline for abstract submission, we now come back to you in order to specify the format of the Mid-Term Symposium. We have to adapt to the evolving situation regarding Coronavirus pandemic. ESA has asked Coordinators to consider to evaluate the likeliness of their respective mid-term conferences to take place in 2020 and to make decisions whether to maintain, cancel or postpone.

As Coordinators of RN04, the undersigned have consulted the Board, and the following decision has been **taken:**

The Mid-Term Symposium is **maintained**, it will be held on the same dates, 9-11<sup>th</sup> September.

While it is reasonable to think that crisis might be over by September, it might still be problematic to travel internationally.

Therefore, we are turning the Mid-Term Symposium into a **virtual** conference.

This allows delegates to present their papers and participants to interact online. Besides this also allows colleagues who had other meetings planned during these dates to reconsider participating (at least partially).

The tool that will be used for this virtual conference is Zoom. It is quite easy to handle and relevant for conferences. We will send you in due time instructions on how to use the app for the presentations (powerpoints) and the debates.

An optional possibility for this virtual conference is that delegates who are able to travel nationally meet together in a location agreed among them within their country, and hence participate as group (provided they can use a big screen). This would help not losing too much the collective strength of live exchanges.

We hope this information will help you make your choice to submit an abstract within the deadline that has already been extended until **30 April 2020**.

As also mentioned before, if you have not yet submitted an abstract, you may consider adding the topic of the Coronavirus pandemic and its impact in terms of social change. The exploratory nature of the papers that would be dedicated to this topic will be taken into consideration.

Please send your abstract to **RN04SION2020@unige.ch**

The notification of the evaluation of abstracts will be communicated by 31<sup>st</sup> May.

If you have any question please write to **RN04SION2020@unige.ch**

Keep safe and take good care of you and your loved ones.  
Best regards,

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