ESA RN33 Women’s and Gender Studies
Biennial Report 2019-2021

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1. Name and number of RN
RN33 "Women's and Gender Studies"

2. Names and e-mail addresses of Coordinators:
   a. Outgoing Coordinators and board members (past term 2019-2021)
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   b. Incoming Coordinators and board members (new term 2021-2023)
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   Vídú is also a member of the new Executive Committee of ESA (2021-2023)
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Currently (end 2021) RN33 is one of the biggest research networks of the ESA, counting 141 active members.

3. Activities and Events:
Activities and events implemented in the period 2019-2021:

Call for papers:
The event was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The text planned to celebrate RN33 ten years anniversary – based on face-to-face interviews with previous RN33 coordinators and founders – was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.
In 2020 RN33 initiated a collaboration with the Italian Journal *CAMBIO-Rivista sulle trasformazioni sociali* and encouraged all RN33 members to publish texts on gendered dimensions of the Covid-19 pandemics.

Call for contributions “Gender and the Coronavirus Crisis”:

CAMBIO has published texts from Iceland, Israel, Italy, Norway.

More precisely:

*We Need a Feminist ‘New Deal’ to Shape a Post-pandemic Society*, by Elisabetta Ruspini, University of Milano-Bicocca & Lise Widding Isaksen, University of Bergen. Published Online: 2021-04-19.


The article “We Need a Feminist ‘New Deal’ to Shape a Post-pandemic Society” was written by the two RN33 Coordinators and the article “Domestic Terrorism in 2020: a Report of the Israel Observatory on Femicide” by Shalva Weil, member of our board: https://oaj.fupress.net/index.php/cambio/openlab

In the first part of 2021, RN33 started to circulate a mini-Newsletter among its members. In September 2021, the new Coordinators started working on a proper Newsletter and asked RN33 members to send any information deemed useful for this purpose. The Newsletter will be a platform where all RN33 members can share news, ideas and insights (RN33 Newsletter n. 1 is attached).

RN33 also has a new mailing list including all the active members, and we use it as a way to communicate and exchange information regarding RN33 activities.

4. **Online RN33 board meetings:**

The RN33 board organized its first online meeting on March 25, 2021, 02.00 pm, to discuss distributions of RN33 related tasks among board members and to encourage greater participation in RN33 activities and plans. There was a general agreement that RN33 can re-organize the board – following the example provided by other Research
Networks (e.g., by adding an advisory board to the general board) – and expand the number of coordinators from two to four. This model can lead to a fairer share of the RN33 workload, a wider geographical representation and be a source for more enthusiasm and engagement in RN33 future activities. In the next period (2021-2023), members of the RN33 board will be expected to participate more actively in RN33 activities (like mid-term conferences) and to share more equally and fairly the evaluation of abstracts for the next ESA general conference. Indeed, the period 2019-21 has been very time-and energy consuming for the two Coordinators, also due to an overload of online activities (among these the activities related to the organization of the ESA2021 online Conference: evaluation of abstracts, organization of sessions, business meeting, etc.).

5. RN33 contributions to ESA2021 Conference (Barcelona):

- SP04 - The Future of Gender Equality in Post-Pandemic Societies
- RN33 - Women’s and Gender Studies
- JS_RN11_RN13_RN33 - New Disavowals? The Politics of Emotions and their Separating and Connecting Effects
- JS_RN13_RN33 - Visions for the Future: How is the Family?
- JS_RN16_RN33 - Covid-19 and Gender Inequalities
- JS_RN33_RN35 - Gender, Care and Migration: Policies, Mobilizations, and Resistances in the Context of the Health Crisis

In total: RN33 contributed with one semi-plenary and 35 sessions to the ESA2021 Conference. The semi-plenary session ‘SP04: The Future of Gender Equality in Post-Pandemic Societies’ (Anna Maria Rosińska & Beáta Nagy) was followed by a vast number of people (667 views).

6. Collaborations with other Research Networks:
In collaboration with RN11 ‘Sociology of Emotions’ and RN13 ‘Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives’, RN33 Coordinators sent a proposal to ESA to organize a homage to Arlie R. Hochschild on the occasion of her 80 years anniversary and organize a conversation with Arlie R. Hochschild and Gösta Esping Andersen on the theme Visions for the Future: How is the Family? Both of them were very positive and wanted to participate, however, the proposal was not accepted by ESA. RN33 and RN11 also proposed a conversation between Arlie R. Hochschild and Eva Illouz on the theme New Disavowals? The Politics of Emotions and their Separating and Connecting Effects. Both applauded the idea, but ESA did not approve this proposal either. Instead, these themes were organized as joint sessions at the ESA2021 Conference.

7. Involvement in general ESA activities:
Elisabetta Ruspini served on the ESA Nomination Committee (ESA Conference 2021).
Nilay Cabuk (Turkey), RN33 board member, was proposed as a new member in the ESA Executive Committee 2021-2023.

8. RN33 Mid-term Conference 2022:
RN33 Mid-term Conference 2022 will take place at the University of Milano-Bicocca (Department of Sociology and Social Research & ABCD-Interdepartmental Center for Gender Studies) - in collaboration with the University of Milano (Università degli Studi di Milano, Horizon 2020 Ithaca Project):
ESA-European Sociological Association RN33 ‘Women’s and Gender Studies’ Midterm Conference “NEW CHALLENGES TO FEMINISM AND GENDER RESEARCH”, 13 & 14 June 2022, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy.
The call for papers was circulated in November 2021:
We received a very high number of submissions: 75 abstract from 21 countries and 47 Universities, without extending the deadline (February 15, 2022).