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Welcome from the ESA Research Network 16 Chair

Dear Colleagues,



It is my great pleasure to introduce the **Ninth** issue of the ESA RN16 newsletter, the

fifth of the new series renamed "Waves of Sociology of Health and Illness" or in short "Waves of RN-16". Many thanks go to all who have contributed to its content and especially the newsletter coeditors Pietro Paolo Guzzo and Maria Światkiewicz-Mośny for their efforts in collating what is going on in our field. You will see in this edition there is an interesting interview with Professor Ted Shrecker, from the University of Newcastle, UK, on the Neo-liberal Globalisation of Health and Illness Policies. He discusses the history of neo-liberal policies and their impact on global health and also notes, briefly, an alternative to these austerity policies.

Also included is a short report of the ESA-Mid Term Conference "Health and Illness in the Neoliberal Era: Methodological Approaches" which was held in Turin between 18-20 April 2018 and a book review by Emilia Luigia Pulitanò of Gender Addictions and Web Society, edited by Pietro Paolo Guzzo et al. In addition there are announcements about other congresses, conferences and workshops and new publications in the sociology of health and illness by ESA members.

In particular please note the 14th ESA conference on *Europe and Beyond: Boundaries, Barriers and Belonging* in Manchester UK, 20-23 August, 2019. We hope that RN16 will have a strong presence in terms of sessions, and joint sessions with other RNs.

We also hope that you will contribute to the next issue of the Newsletter which is a special issue on *Health*, *Illness and Inequality in the context of Rescaling European Welfare*. The deadline for short papers (6 pages A4 format) on this topic is **15 November 2018**.

The newsletter is of course only viable if you, the members of RN16, make contributions to or send in comments about current or future activities of relevance to the Research Network. We very much hope that you will continue to send in copy which we can publish in the newsletter. Finally, if your membership of the RN and the ESA is about to expire please do renew them. That way RN16 remains an influential force in the ESA and is more able to represent your interests. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Manchester next summer!

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Welcome from the RN-16 Newsletter Co-Editors

Dear colleagues,

We are very pleased to present the **Ninth** Issue (Fifth of the New Series) of the Newsletter of the ESA Research Network on Sociology of Health and Illness, hereinafter renamed "Waves of RN-16". In this Newsletter you will find the announcement of Esa Conference 20-23 August Manchester (UK), a brief report of the RN-Board, on the last ESA RN-16 Mid Term Conference 18-20 April 2018 in Turin, an interesting interview on Neoliberal Era of Global Health Policies with Ted Shrecker (Newcastle University) and several alerts on different events (Congress, etc.) in our scientific area. This newsletter aims to be a tool for future collaboration between researchers working in the field of the Sociology of Health and Illness in Europe. Thus is for this reason that we have some information about the current Publications of RN-16 ESA members. In this issue we also continue to present publications relevant to our field of interest that were published in a Journal. We offer also a special opportunity for PhD students and young researchers to publish (on line) short article (see Call page 22) on a Special Issue (supplement) of Waves, scheduled in the early 2019.

Your collaboration is essential for our newsletter therefore we invite you to share your ideas or suggestions about our future activities. Please feel free to email us at the address below.

We would also like to invite you to **renew your membership for RN-16 and ESA**, as this is vital for the success of our Research Network, namely in the planning of future events and activities.

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14th ESA Conference

Europe and Beyond: Boundaries, Barriers and Belonging 20-23 August 2019 Manchester (UK)



THEME In encouraging presenters and other conference participants to think BEYOND EUROPE we wish to consider contemporary developments, processes, practices and subjectivities not only through the lens of Europe and European sociology, but also as central to the development of sociology, or sociologies, for the present and the future. We cannot and should not ignore the factors which are re-shaping Europe from within, such as the effects of globalization, nationalism, populism and migration and, of course, 'Brexit'. However, it is also crucial that we continue to look towards the possibilities of a global sociology which also takes account of the local without being parochial.

BOUNDARIES and boundary making spans the sociological spectrum, from how we create and reinforce the markers of distance and difference in social interaction, through the ways in which communities and groups are divided from each other by ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation and other dimensions of inequality. Boundaries are underlined through the extreme divisions of our living conditions: homelessness, ghettos and gated communities. Divisions are being reinforced between citizens and non-citizens as well as between Europe and the rest of the world. Social, symbolic and material boundaries affect us all.

We will also explore the *Barriers* which reinforce these boundaries: barriers to movement, whether for asylum, migration, work or education; barriers to reflection and understanding; barriers to better living conditions; barriers to cooperation and empathy; barriers created through politics and policy – intended and unintended.

BELONGING is an increasingly contested idea, reinforced as nationality through populism and the far right, disrupted by war, violence, racism and other forms of rejection. It is also created and re-created in communities of necessity and choice and through intimacies, transformations of the self, and our understandings of home. New types of belonging are emerging through virtual networks and communities which challenge both traditional and sociological thinking.

The 14th ESA conference will offer opportunities to engage not only with the content of sociological research and theorizing, but also with the ways in which our discipline has been and is being shaped, both in and beyond Europe. Where are the *boundaries* of the discipline? How can we address *barriers* to its development both inside and outside of academia? What does it mean to *belong* to the community of sociologists?

We are sure that the conference will give a wide range of sociologists, other academics, practitioners and fellow travelers, an excellent opportunity to present and engage with research and scholarship and also to explore the potential influence of sociology in the public sphere. The conference theme calls for thinking in new ways about persistent inequalities, for challenging dominant discourses and for taking a fresh look at abstract concepts in order to better understand how sociology can contribute, both in theory and practice, to the unmaking and rethinking of 'boundaries' and 'barriers' and to understanding 'belonging'.

DATES: 20 August 2019 – Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception; 21, 22, 23 August 2019 – full conference days 23 August 2019 – Closing Ceremony and Conference Party.

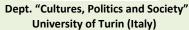
VENUES: The University of Manchester; Manchester Metropolitan University Manchester Central, the city's own conference centre (a historic railway station) The venues are all within walking distance of each other.

CALL FOR PAPERS: PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 2018











Italian Association of Sociology Sociology of Health and Medicine

ESA MID TERM RN-16 CONFERENCE REPORT Turin 18-20th April 2018



The Conference was held in Turin from 18th - 20th April 2018 in the splendid setting of the University of Turin at the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, in fruitful collaboration with the "Sociology of Health and Medicine" section of the AIS (Italian Association of Sociology) chaired by Prof. Mario Cardano. Many thanks for the impeccable organization and the warm hospitality. The day before the Conference (17th April 2018), a PhD Workshop was held, organized also by ISA RC15 and ESHMS for the Global Health Network. During the workshop, a group of PhD students and candidates who work in the field of Health and Illness presented empirical contributions, conducted at a global, European, national or local level. After the brilliant Opening lecture of Prof Cardano, the workshop focusing on methodology and precious advices and suggestion for publishing on sociological journal (closing lecture of Prof. Annandale). The subsequent day, after the illuminating reports of key note speakers (see photos), there were 11 session (including 4 doubles) in which 68 papers and 6 PhD papers were presented (see table 1).



Ellen ANNANDALE
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PHD Workshop
"Publishing on sociological journal"

Fig.1 -the key note speakers of Conference



Ted SCHREKER
(Newcastle University)
"Neoliberal epidemics: etiology, a bit of history, and a view from Ground Zero"



Guido GIARELLI (Magna Græcia University of Catanzaro) "The Italian nhs among definancing, corporatization and regionalization"



Here the table of abstract received for all session:

Table.1 -Session and abstract

Session	Title	#abstract
Rn16_a	"Body and Health" (double session) – Chairs: Lia Lombardi & Antonio Maturo	6
Rn16_b	"Health Organizations and Policy" (double session) - Chairs: Jon Gabe & Arianna	
	Radin; Angela Genova & Jon Gabe	
Rn16_c	"Health In Custodial Institutions" – Chairs: Mario Cardano & Luigi Gariglio	
Rn16_d	"Health Inequalities" (double session) - Chairs: Marco Terraneo, Carla Moretti	
Rn16_e	"Health Professionals" – Chair: Arianna Radin	5
Rn16_f	"Health And Spirituality" – Chair: Maria Swiatkiewicz-Mosny	3
Rn16_g	"Health Technologies and Biomedicine" (double session)- Chairs: Linda Lombi &	8
	Antonio Maturo, Lia Lombardi	
Rn16_h	"Illness Narrative And Narrative Medicine" - Chairs: Cristina Lonardi & Roberto Lusardi	4
Rn16_i	"Health In Adulthood And Elderly" (yet "Ageing") – Chairs: Cristina Lonardi & Roberto Lusardi	5
Rn16_l	"Mental Health" (double session) – Chairs: Mario Cardano, Luigi Gariglio, Arianna Radin	7
Rn16_m	"Chronic Illness And Integrated Care" - Chairs: Jon Gabe & Pietro Paolo Guzzo	5
Rn16_n	"Patients" - Chairs: Linda Lombi & Arianna Radin	
PhD_g1	Phd Workshop G#1 –Discussants: Jon Gabe & Angela Genova	
PhD_g2	Phd Workshop G#2 – Discussants: Mario Cardano & Cristina Lonardi	3
Total		

The number of abstracts received for each session was a sign of the wide participation of a large number of scholars and researchers across Europe.







The auditorium is wide: 91 participants +6 PhD students of the workshop; 32 PhD students/ early researchers + 41 ESA or AIS members + 18 non Members. The conference discussed the configuration of health and illness in the neoliberal era in Europe. The many Conferences participants extensively analyzed the impact of neoliberalism on the social construction of health and illness at three main levels: macro level in terms of European or national health policy, health care organizations and systems; meso level considering sub-national policy and the institutional level (regional or local health policy and practice), micro level considering the impact on the individual level from the point of view of patients and their family as well as the health care professions. The overwhelming majority of the papers received addressed



he effects of neoliberalism on health and illness discourses in Europe.Many abstracts offered a comparative European perspective, with global, national or local studies.

Fig.4- The hall of Venue: Cultures, Politics, and Society Department of Turin University



Many thanks to all RN-16 and AIS session organizers and members for attending the conference.



Some organizers of the Conjoint Conference:

Angela Genova (ESA RN16), Pietro Paolo Guzzo (ESA RN16), Mario Cardano(AIS SALUTE), Jon Gabe (ESA RN16), Arianna Radin (ESA RN16); Linda Lombi(AIS SALUTE), Lia Lombardi (ESA RN16).



Book Review

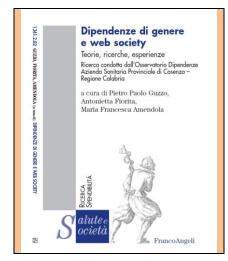
Gendering Addiction in Italy: an interprofessional reader

P.P.Guzzo, A.Fiorita, M.F. Amendola, *Dipendenze di genere e web society. Teorie, ricerche, esperienze* [Gender Addictions and web society. Theories, Studies and Experiences], Franco Angeli, Milano, 2018, 338 p. ISBN 978-88-917-6011-1: (Softcover €42,00) (Available also on E-book (PDF) per PC, Mac, Tablet).

By Emilia Luigia Pulitanò (University of Calabria)

This book is an interprofessional perspective on addictions in the web society through an Italian gender lens and their thought and urgent challenges. Recent studies and professional addiction's practices on the phenomenology require an interdisciplinary (bio-psycosocial) approach and a deep and continuous inter-professional work. The mainstream research on this topic has shown that gender influences addictions in terms of clear neuro-biochemical differences between men and women, especially in the use and abuse of psychoactive substances. Studying addictions using a sociological gender perspective is equivalent to providing effective tools in the prevention and contrast addictions from psychoactive substances. behaviors, and relationships. These tools are capable of evaluating biological differences (the different neurobio-chemical reactions of men and women to psychoactive (the social substances) and individual and collective consequences of the different gender social roles and their actions and experiences) and, above all, their intertwining

This key book offers a fresh Italian look at some dimensions of the gender social matrix of the addictions (drugs, alcohol. gambling, internet, sex, food, work, sport, stalking, dependencies, web-based treatments) and some best practices of gender-oriented interventions by public services for dependencies of Health Authorities in Italy, especially in the Central-Southern Italy.



So from different points of view (medicine, sociology, law, psychology, social work, pedagogy, etc.) the 34 authors of the book illustrate why and how gender serves to produce dependency cultures and not vice versa (Measham, 2002).

As clearly emerges from the text of this interesting and well-organized book, using a sociological lens the gender dimensions of addictions (from substances, behaviors, relationships), appear as cultural tools for the social exhibition of new gender role identities linked to some individual and collective illness experience.

All twenty contributions of the book try to elaborate adequate preventive and/or therapeutic strategies on the basis of the differences between men and women and the relations between the genders in terms of different:

- a) habits and causes of the consumption of substances;
- b) habits and causes generating dependency behaviors / relationships that can compromise health;

- c) mechanisms of establishing dependencies on substances, behaviors, relationships;
- d) motivations and abstinence process;
- e) experiences, situations and needs;
- f) media representations of addictions (individual, group, social, media).

This publication is the second issue of a multi-year research study (2014-2018) conducted, through book Editors, by the Observatory of the Provincial Health Authority of Cosenza, as part of the "Dialogos" Project of the Calabria Region, financed with the National Anti-Drug Fund (Law No. 45 of 1990). The first extract of the research, The future of public services of dependence between consumers socially integrated into the web society, (Guzzo and Fiorita 2016) has already been published in the n.2 / 2016 of Health and Society, the most prestigious Italian journal of sociology of health and disease. Both volumes originate from the conference "Salute fruitful dipendenze di genere al Sud. Teorie e buone prassi nella web society", organized by the same Observatory of Addictions with the Political and Social Science Department of the University of Calabria, in November 7th -8th 2014. However, this is not a volume of proceedings on a subject in Italy still on the border, but on the meditative synthesis of a fruitful debate continued for years at a distance between scholars. researchers and addiction service professionals.

In fact the twenty essays, whose contents have been widely reworked for the occasion of the publication, offer new theoretical perspectives and intervention on issues such as gambling, new addictions from the internet and food, alcohol, work, sports, over a series of experiences of gender-oriented projects carried out in the South and in the rest of Italy.

The book includes various aspects of gendering addictions including theoretical models, the potential impact of gender and web-based treatment (in some case also with Artificial Intelligence), networks of systems for services and observation (socio-epidemiology Observatories). gender-oriented research experiences, intervention in the different types of Italian health and social services (public agencies and Third Sector), the role of gender stereotypes in the newspapers social construction of addictions and, finally, research questions for future development.

This and other topics and have been covered appropriately. The book gives overviews of some of the understanding, treatment and control gender strategies of addictions needed in community as well as in hospital. The important area of codependencies, clearly discussed in a special chapter, requires further study and research, especially from the point of view of the web-based treatment of gender addictions. It is necessary to deepen the role of specific web-based intervention systems in the identification of a new of gender technological dependencies. In addition to these chapters on specific topics, the book compares and summarizes the opinions of scholars and professional experts.

The interaction between academic researchers and experienced professionals is very interesting. Overall, this is a complete publication on the subject and should be a useful source for a better understanding of the mechanisms of emergence and diffusion of gender dependencies and to formulate effective prevention and control strategies. Developing and implementing a genderoriented policy for addiction is a collective and inter-professional responsibility.

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In Conversation with...Ted Shrecker

Neo-liberal Globalization of Health

and Illness Policies

By Pietro Paolo Guzzo and Maria Świątkiewicz-Mośny

In *this issue* of Waves, we focus on the effects of Neoliberal policies in Health and Illness in the Neo-liberal Era, with special reference on the impact of these policies on European healthcare systems. We discuss this emergent social issue with **Ted Schrecker**, *Professor of Global Health Policy at the University of Newcastle*. He presented at ESA-AIS Mid Term Conference of Turin (Italy) a brilliant and perspicuous key-note lecture and we thank him very much for taking time to answer some questions about this topic.

Waves: «Professor Schrecker, could you describe neoliberal policies?»

Shrecker: « As my colleague Clare Bambra and I argued in <u>our book on 'neoliberal epidemics'</u>, there are three core propositions of neoliberalism: (a)Markets are the normal, natural, and preferable way of organizing most forms of human interaction; (b) The primary function of the state is to ensure the efficient functioning of markets, although this does not necessarily mean a 'rolling back' of state functions; and (c) Those who advocate redistributive policies must justify their positions against a 'baseline' outcome that would be generated by a market functioning as markets are supposed to in microeconomics textbooks. I have since concluded that we should add a fourth proposition: (d) Those who cannot 'pay their way' represent a disposable population, whose health and wellbeing can be treated as collateral damage from the larger neoliberal project of economic and social restructuring.....».

Waves: «How long ago were these policies launched and in which context?»

Shrecker: «To oversimplify a bit, one can map a trajectory that leads from the establishment of the Mont Pèlerin Society in 1947; through the well funded diffusion of core neoliberal propositions by way of a variety of think tanks and university institutes, including the neglected influence of actors on the far right of the US corporate ruling class starting in the 1950s; to the post-1973 influence of neoliberal cadres in Chile, the structural adjustment programmes (SAPs) promoted by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund; the elections of the Thatcher and Reagan government; and, much more recently, the austerity programmes that have been adopted by many governments after the financial crisis, despite advice from multiple Nobel laureate economists and, recently, the International Monetary Fund itself that these are counterproductive and delay economic recovery rather than advancing it. »

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Waves: « What is the actual main impact of these policies on Global health?»

Shrecker: «Depends on the context. An expanding body of multi-country studies of SAPs consistently shows negative effects on health. In Europe, we are now seeing the early consequences of post-2008 austerity in the form of rising economic inequality, insecurity, and (in some countries) suicide rates. As David Stuckler and Sanjay Basu put it, austerity kills, and if post-2008 austerity policies were a clinical trial they would have been abandoned long ago because of this fact. The most serious impacts are likely to be longer-term, if not intergenerational».

Waves: "How do these policies shapes the European Health Care System today?"

Shrecker:« My work focuses mainly on social determinants of health rather than health systems, but it is worth noting that after eight years of austerity, every serious observer in the United Kingdom now agrees that the National Health Service is in a state of crisis, and the Treasury feels it has to offer private medical insurance to recruit candidates for top positions in the Bank of England.»

Waves: "What type of studies and research do these policies today require? Do you favour specific empirical (quantitative / qualitative) or theoretical orientations?"

Shrecker: «I am not sure that most research will make a difference, since I agree with David Harvey that neoliberalism is about the restoration of class power, and that point is well understood by those in control of the relevant policies – many of which lie entirely outside health systems. The track record of austerity teaches us that public finance is a public health issue! Probably most important is research on the politics of health inequalities, and on why it is so difficult to get them on the policy agenda even in formally democratic states that still have a progressive political formation. (The United Kingdom is a case in point, with the Labour Party studiously ignoring health inequalities.) And the number of those states is shrinking! . »

Waves: «Could you describe some actual remedies for overcoming these effects?»

Shrecker:«First, do no harm. An end to austerity, financed by more progressive taxation and aggressive pursuit of tax avoidance and evasion, is an essential first step. If that doesn't happen, nothing else will make much of a difference. More detailed policy prescriptions would take up far more space than you have...».

Waves: « What is the role of ideas, values and ideologies in this direction? »

Shrecker:« Critical. Neoliberalism 'works,' in large measure, by convincing people that — as Thatcher infamously put it — there is no alternative. Stephen Gill refers to this as neoliberal common sense. And it now pervades much of our working and personal lives, including the university. Think how often we are told to make a 'business case' for new university initiatives... ».

Waves: « What do you think about the quality of work presented in the ESA Rn16-Mid Term Conference of Turin"? »

Shrecker:« Superb, although much of the work skirted or avoided the big questions about power in society. Younger academics, in particular, have been socialized to avoid these as the price of survival and career progress ... and I don't see that changing. »

Waves: «What kind of suggestions could you offer to younger sociologists interested to study the neoliberal policies in Europe and in rest of the World?»

Shrecker: «Don't do it. If you want to maintain your integrity, you will have much more impact as an investigative journalist.»

Waves: "Could you give some bibliographic suggestions on this topic?"

Shrecker: «These appear below.»





Waves: «Thank you very much, Professor Schrecker, for taking the time to answer our questions. Good work».

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Future Events

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By Maria Świątkiewicz-Mośny

3rd World Congress on Medical Sociology & Public Health

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Italian Society of Health Sociology -

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- Conference entitled "Elderly, Fragility and Cognitive Disorders. Which frontiers for socio-health assistance?", Milan, June 16-17, 2017;
- > Seminar entitled "Salutogenic paradigm: The role of the Health Sociologist and other strategic professions", Florence, 21 April ,2018
- > Training event entitled "The evolution of health systems 40 years after the establishment of the National Health Service", Salerno, 8 June 2018, 2018.

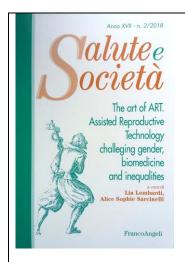
The end-of-mandate conference, entitled "The sociologist of health between new challenges and unresolved issues" (see below) is being prepared for next autumn. It will take place in Bologna, on 19th and 20th October 2018.

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Lia Lombardi

The art of ART. Assisted reproductive technologies challenging gender, biomedicine and inequalities, Salute e Società,
 2018 https://www.francoangeli.it/riviste/sommario.asp?IDRivista=107

This issue aims to provide a critical analysis of the development of ART (Assisted Reproductive Technologies) through a comparative investigation of different empirical studies in some countries in Europe, Africa and the USA. The authors investigate the impact of ART on social and family structures, gender relationships, parenting and parenthood, and legal and political approaches through different perspectives the medicalization of human reproduction and gender differences, and politics of ART. In this perspective ART is intended as a crossroads of analysis in which different disciplinary areas and geopolitical contexts interact, in order to investigate the impact the impact of ART on legal and policy issues, on reproductive culture, on family structure, on gender and on generational relationships. The questions behind this volume concern the aspects that are still central in the national and international debate: reproductive and individual rights; social inequalities that intersect with gender and health inequalities; the development of biomedicine and biotechnologies and their impact on social change affecting gender and generational relationships, family structures, law and policies; the space and time of

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reproduction, which is increasingly distant from physiological times and traditional private spaces.

Discussing human reproduction between health, gender and medicine means putting it at the center of reflection and analysis of social changes in recent decades. This is in fact the proposal of the book that collects and organizes twenty years of research and studies of the author on reproductive health (conception, birth, abortion, reproductive technologies and medicalization of reproduction) as an indicator of development and well-being, revealing processes of transition and change of structures and relationships between genders and generations. The volume offers a reading of social reproduction, and places reproductive health in a key dimension of the analysis of life courses, the medicalization process of reproduction and daily life, the rights of citizenship of welfare policies and the system of inequalities. - social, health and gender. The course takes place exploring the theoretical foundations of classical sociology, gender studies. of the sociology of health and medicine, in a global and gender-sensitive perspective, in which migratory processes and migrant women play a central role.





Pietro Paolo Guzzo, Antonietta Fiorita, Maria Francesca Amendola.

DIPENDENZE DI GENERE E WEB SOCIETY (Gender Addictiona and web society. Theories, research, experiences) 2018 https://www.francoangeli.it/Ricerca/Scheda_Libro.aspx?ID=24339

Today more and more men and women "play" dependencies in terms of gender identities (gendering addiction). The questions that arise from this are many: how gender influence the genesis and spread of old and new forms of dependencies in the web-society? What theories about gender dependencies (from psychoactive substances, from behaviors, relationships) can be distinguished? What experiences and gender-oriented interventions exists in public agencies for services against addictions, especially in the South of Italy? The volume address these and other questions in intense debate among researchers, scholars and professionals in the field of addictions in the aftermath of a special Conference "Health and Gender Addictions in the South", organized by Addiction Observatory of Provincial Health Authority of Cosenza, in the context of "Dialogos" Project (3d year), financed by the Region Calabria (FNLD L.45/1990 funds) in 2014. This key book reconstructs some dimensions of gender social matrix of today's "digital society of dependencies", where you benefit, also through the web intermediation, from activities (consumption of psychoactive substances, behaviors, relationships) considered to be individually and socially indispensable and rewarding although harmful to health.



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Le culture del cibo

Elementi di sociologia della condivisione alimentare

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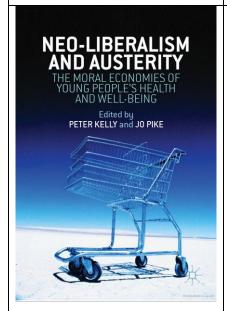
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Corposanto Cleto, Cipolla Costantino (a cura di), Le culture del cibo. Elementi di sociologia della condivisione alimentare (Food Cultures. Fundamentals of Sociology of Food sharing) Franco Angeli, Milano, 2018

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The sociology of food is increasingly oriented towards the cultural dimension. This text aims to deepen the relationship between food and body but, at the same time, to turn the gaze also towards the dynamics that are triggered with the identity aspects, placing particular attention in the link that is inevitably established between food and territory along a imaginary journey that embraces the period of childhood to adulthood.

Nutrition is a complex social fact which today corresponds to an increasingly vast, stimulating analytical space rich in links and "contaminations", in which voices, experiences and perspectives must necessarily be confronted and integrated. The volume aims to be an opportunity to reflect on the role that food education plays in the growth paths of the social actor, on the role aimed at healthy eating; and, again, the problems related to unhealthy lifestyles, food certifications and the relationship between food and religion.



Cersosimo G., Merico M. (2017) Chp7 Childhood and Juvenile Obesity in Italy: Health Promotion in an Era of Austerity. In: Kelly P., Pike J. (eds) Neo-Liberalism and Austerity. Palgrave Macmillan, London https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1057/978-1-137-58266-9_8

Over the last decade, Italy has witnessed a significant increase in the prevalence of childhood and juvenile obesity. The prevalence of childhood and juvenile obesity, common to most Western and European countries, produces important effects in the lives of today's younger generations and can engender, in a medium-to long-term perspective, serious consequences for the physical health and well-being of future generations. Since 2008, the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) has accentuated an already existing process, by contributing to a decline in food quality, a deterioration in eating habits and an evident decrease in investments in healthcare. In Italy, these developments bring new and unfamiliar challenges for health promotion.



Wagner A., Polak P., Świątkiewicz-Mośny M.. (2018) Who defines-who decides? Theorizing the epistemic communities of practice and interest group in the healthcare field: a discursive approach. Social Theory & Health, (June 2018), pp.1-21 https://doi.org/10.1057/s41285-018-0073-6

The aim of the paper is to propose a rethinking of the concept of epistemic communities in terms of their application in the discursive analysis of the field of healthcare. In the first part of the article, authors describe healthcare in the light of Pierre Bourdieu's theory, and then the knowledge-power relations are presented in the discourses in the field. It serves to propose a relational approach to the various discursive actions generated by the three groups—epistemic communities, communities of practice and interest groups which are distinguished analytically from each other. Authors conclude by illustrating a possible way of operationalization of the proposed categories using the examples of discursive actions in the healthcare field in Poland.

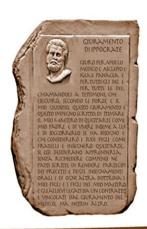


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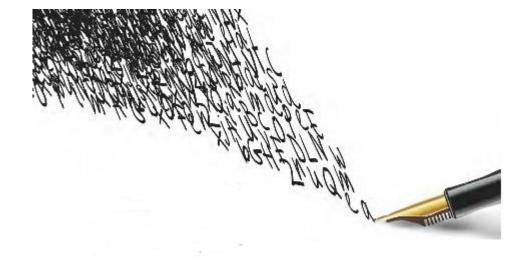
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"Social scientists have been invited several times to study the process of formation of various professions and to consult on this, with those organizing public policies" with the words Everett Hughes (1897-1983), Canadian sociologist, historical exponent of the first and second Chicago school, start one of its decisive contributions to the analysis of professions, their role in society, with particular attention to the sociology of medicine. Giuseppina Cersosimo, Professor at the University of Salerno, highlights this process in his introduction of the text of an essay, which she translated, unpublished in Italy by Hughes, The doctor's education. Ideas and issues, written in the middle of last century, modern, even at a distance of seventy years after its first publication, and the major work of the sociologist, The sociological eye, which gathers the main contributions. The essay, captures and confirms the ongoing transformation processes taking place in society as in the profession: "every great historic profession is linked not only to a group of techniques to perform some useful work, but in some aspect of life and/or in the same company ", which confirms the historicity, the evolution of time, internal processes to the profession as to its specialties and specializations, all evidently influenced by ideas about men and life in society. And that historical link of the profession, which is so important for its topicality, recalls Hughes, simultaneously also influences the pattern of patients and the character of interaction between health professionals and patients, only to have effects in condition the medical career and to continually renew the idea of care. A reality of this type requires then searches that "follow the various leaders present" inside, considering history and historicity of the doctor, in the growing social presence and







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This will involve short papers sent in by members of the ESA RN-16 Network (see below) to be submitted by 15 November 2018

It is scheduled for February 2019.

We also welcome Notices and Calls for Papers and information regarding relevant topics or events in our field that might be of interest to members of RN-16 (e.g. report of a conference, critical book review, etc.). Short papers reporting a topic/research note in our area of study are also welcome.

These entries must be sent as a word file (<u>see word Template on ESA RN-16 website</u>). Please note: no pdf files or email announcements will be considered!

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Best regards

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