



## **RN01 Research Network on Ageing in Europe – Biennial Report 2017-2019**

### Coordinators and Board:

#### *Previous (2017-2019):*

- Coordinator: Dirk Hofäcker, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- Co-Coordinator: Edward Tolhurst, Staffordshire University, United Kingdom
  
- Lucie Galčanová, Masaryk University, Czech Republic
- Jenni Spännäri, Helsinki University, Finland
- Justyna Stypinska, Freie University Berlin, Germany
- Anna Urbaniak, Cracow University of Economics, Cracow, Poland
- Amílcar Manuel Reis Moreira, University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal
- Kevin Gormley, School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies, Queen's University of Belfast, UK

#### *Current (2019-2021):*

- Coordinator: Edward Tolhurst - Staffordshire University, UK
- Co-Coordinator: Lucie Galčanová - Masaryk University, Czech Republic
  
- Jenni Spännäri - Helsinki University, Finland
- Justyna Stypinska - Freie University Berlin, Germany
- Anna Urbaniak - Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, Galway, Ireland
- Amílcar Manuel Reis Moreira - University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Konrad Turek - University of Amsterdam / Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI), The Netherlands
- Outi Jolanki - University of Tampere / University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- Oana Ciobanu - University of Geneva, Switzerland

### Activities:

#### **1) Midterm Conference**

**"Ageing in Europe: Agency, Citizenship and the Dynamics of Power", Brno, Czech Republic, 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The conference was co-organized by the Office for Population Studies and the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University in Brno. During the three-day event, the 58 participants from 13 countries (Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Turkey) gave 47 presentations representing various fields from ageing

scholarship (for details, see Appendix 1 of this report). The conference programme included four keynote speeches and a moderated closing discussion among the invited speakers: Paul Higgs (University College London), Jolanta Perek-Białas (Jagiellonian University), Thomas Scharf (Newcastle University), and Sandra Torres (Uppsala University). Photo-documentation and conference details can be found on the event webpage: <http://esaageing-conf.fss.muni.cz/>.

## **2) ESA Conference, Manchester, 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019**

We organized 20 Network sessions, with 74 scheduled presentations within the ESA conference. Our first semi-plenary on *Agency, Citizenship and the Dynamics of Power*, with presenters Bernhard Weicht and Ricca Edmondson, was very well attended. We will seek to include another semi-plenary at the next ESA conference.

We organized four joint sessions, with RN13 (Sociology of Family and Intimate Lives), RN16 (Sociology of Health and Illness), RN21 (Quantitative Methods) and RN37 (Urban Sociology).

## **3) Newsletter**

The RN's newsletter is published two or three times a year. The newsletter is received by over 1300 subscribers to our mailing list. All (recent and past) editions of the newsletter can be found at: <http://ageing-in-europe.net/newsletter.html>

## **4) Website**

The Network has its own website, which includes a repository for event information and newsletters. Some updates to the website will be undertaken, including profiles of Board members. <http://ageing-in-europe.net>

Core information and documents are also added to the ESA website.

## **5) Mailing List**

Apart from the receiving the newsletter, subscribers to the mailing list can also share other information on research on ageing, job offers or publications. More than 1000 people are signed up to mailing list.

<http://ageing-in-europe.net/maillinglist.html>

## **6) Social Networking**

The Board is engaged with a number of social networking platforms: Facebook (113 followers), LinkedIn (25 members) and Twitter (400 followers).

<https://www.facebook.com/ageingineurope/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559296/>

[https://twitter.com/esa\\_ageing](https://twitter.com/esa_ageing)

## **7) Membership**

The network has about 90 members and we actively promote membership, for example on

<http://ageing-in-europe.net/membership.html>

## **8) Event plans**

For the 2019-2021 period we are planning the following events:

- RN01 Midterm Conference, University of Jyväskylä - 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- PhD Workshop (in association with Centre of Excellence in Research on Ageing and Care), University of Jyväskylä, Finland – 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## **9) Board – designated lead roles, 2019-21**

- Edward Tolhurst - Coordinator
- Lucie Galčanová - Co-Coordinator, and website
- Jenni Spännäri – midterm conference and PhD workshop
- Justyna Stypinska - membership
- Anna Urbaniak – PhD liaison
- Amílcar Manuel Reis Moreira – social media
- Konrad Turek – newsletter (new member)
- Outi Jolanki - midterm conference and PhD workshop (new member)
- Oana Ciobanu – newsletter (new member)

## **10) Advisory Group**

The Research Network on Ageing in Europe has an advisory group. This includes previous Coordinators or Co-coordinators that have contributed substantially to the Network.

Members of the advisory group are as follows:

- Kathrin Komp, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Andreas Motel-Klingebiel, Linköping University, Sweden
- Harald Künemund, University of Vechta, Germany
- Jay Ginn, Kings College London, United Kingdom
- Ricca Edmondson, National University of Ireland Galway, Ireland
- Bernhard Weicht, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- Dirk Hofäcker, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany

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