

ESA RN26: Sociology of Social Policy and Social Welfare

Report on activities 2017-2019.

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New board (2019-2021):

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This report covers the period ranging from late 2017 to late 2019. Until the business meeting of the Research Network held during the ESA conference in Manchester, Janne Paulsen Breimo (Nord University [Norway]) had acted as the coordinator of RN26, while sharing all organizational activities with Hannu Turba (University of Kassel [Germany]).

The membership of RN26 has continued to grow, amounting now to 89 members. This gave the opportunity to organize a midterm seminar, which was held in Catania, Italy, in October 2018, on the topic: *New worlds of welfare services: The intertwinement of organizations, professions, users and the state*. Invited keynote speaker was professor Anneli Anttonen, from Tampere University, Finland. 27 papers were accepted for presentation at this seminar, which was warmly and elegantly hosted by colleagues at University of Catania by Teresa Consoli, in collaboration with the Italian Sociological Association and RN 27. ESA President Sue Scott kicked off the conference, and we also organized a round-table discussion on the topic: *"New perspectives from southern societies: disentangling the north"*. On the panel was: Prof. Sue Scott, ESA President, Prof. Enrica Amaturio, AIS President, Prof. Anneli Anttonen, University of Tampere, Finland, Prof. Ingo Bode, University of Kassel, Germany, Prof. Maurizio Ambrosini, University of Milan, Italy and Chair: Prof. Manuel Fernandez Esquinas, Institute for Advanced Social Studies, Spain.

During spring 2019, the coordinators prepared the proceedings of the RN in Manchester (evaluating and selecting abstracts, organizing the accepted abstracts into a thematically organised programme of paper sessions; recruiting and assigning Chairs to each paper session etc.). In all, around 44 abstracts were submitted to the RN26 streams in Manchester, and we accepted all of them. Unfortunately, some of them never registered for the conference, and a few more did not show up. Still, the conference in Manchester was a success with high quality presentations and interesting discussions. We also held our Business Meeting and elections of the coordinators and board members (for the next 2 year term). The new coordinators and board members are mentioned at the outset of this report.

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