



Biennial Report 2017-2019 of Research Network 30 Youth and Generation

1. Old and new board

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- Advisory board members:
 - Nuno de Almeida Alves, University of Lisboa, Portugal
 - Valentina Cuzzocrea, University of Cagliari, Italy
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2. Activities

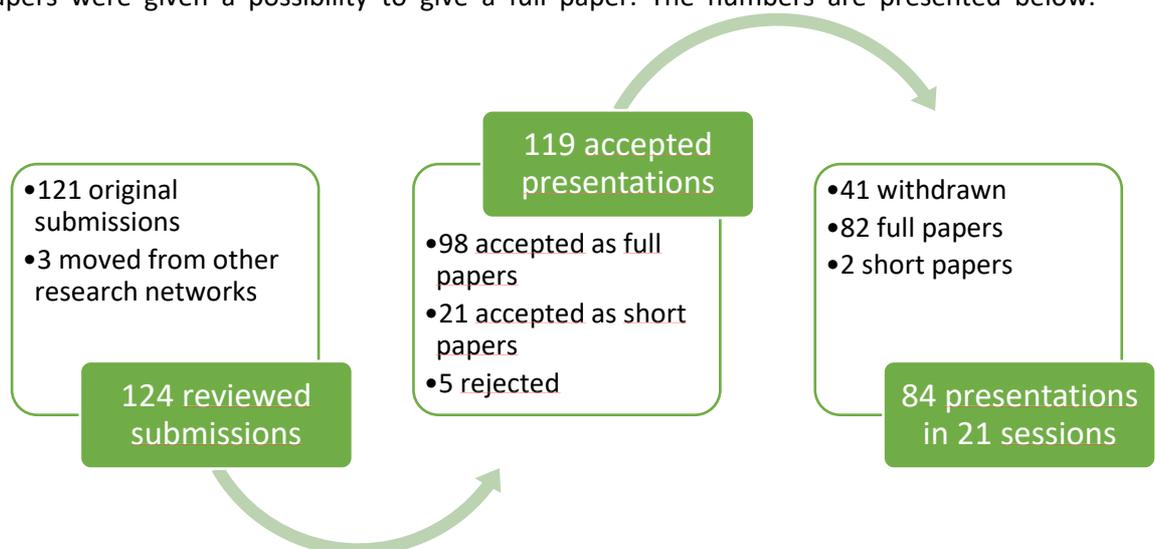
Mid-term conference

- The 7th midterm-conference of RN30 was entitled '(Being) Young in context. Concepts, contexts and comparisons in youth studies' and organised in Silver Lake, Serbia, 13-16 September 2018. The conference was organised following the tradition of finding a non-urban location, allowing 40 minutes for presentations and encouraging discussion on variety of

themes in an engaged atmosphere. While the board of RN30 was jointly responsible for drafting and distributing the CFP as well as reviewing the abstracts (2 reviewers for each abstract) Dr Dragan Stanojević (University of Belgrade) acted as a local organiser and was responsible for practical and financial matters related to the conference. The conference was organised in association with Sociological Association of Serbia and Montenegro – SUSCG. The invited keynote speakers were Professor Sarah Irwin (University of Leeds, UK) and Professor Smiljka Tomanovic (University of Belgrade). Out of 60 submissions 36 were accepted but due to late cancellations the final number of presentations was 31 and the number of participants 37. The presenters arrived from 16 countries across Europe which was reflected in the diverse and international program. At the same time, this variety allowed us to pinpoint themes that had regional relevance such as the specific questions around mobility of young adults coming from Central and Eastern European countries. Additionally, the keynote speakers complemented this variety by providing perspectives to young people’s lives from their respective standpoints. While the participants were not asked to evaluate the conference in a written form many were heard to praise the event for its content and the way it was organised.

ESA Conference 2019

- In the Manchester conference RN30 was again among the biggest networks that received over 100 submissions. Following the instructions of the ESA office some papers were accepted as short papers to accommodate as many presenters as possible. This meant that those accepted with a short paper -status had only 10 minutes time to present the results and distribute their paper in a thematic session. However, due to several withdrawals most presenters of short papers were given a possibility to give a full paper. The numbers are presented below.



- In addition to the 21 sessions there was a joint session organized by RN16, RN22 and RN30 initiated and co-chaired by Evelyne Baillergeau and entitled as “Adolescents and Obesity in Context: Moving Beyond Individual Choice” with 5 Presentations. Furthermore, a joint semi plenary session was organized by RN04 and RN30 initiated and chaired by Nigel Patrick Thomas and entitled as “New understandings of children and young people’s activism” with presentations by Sevasti-Melissa Nolas (Goldsmiths London), and Ilaria Pitti (Örebro University, Sweden)

Communication

- Information on CFPs and activities has been distributed through CiviMail to the members of RN30 as well as through ESA-YOUTH –mailing list (UK-based JISCMail) that has over 200 subscribers and is open to all youth researchers worldwide not just those affiliated to the RN30. Apart from occasional emails and an updated website under the ESA main site we have had no use for a separate newsletter or website. Two members of the previous board have

been in Twitter (Aaltonen and Franceschelli) and although we have not created a Twitter account for the RN30 the hashtag RN30 has been used in RN related tweets.

Publications

- A special issue of the Serbian journal Sociologija (Vol 61, issue 2, 2019) consisting of 7 peer reviewed articles written on the basis of the presentations of the midterm conference was published in June 2019. All paper presenters were given an opportunity to send their extended abstract for evaluation for the journal and some members of the board of RN30 acted as second reviewers of the manuscripts. Sanna Aaltonen and Smiljka Tomanović acted as guest editors and wrote the editorial. The open access online publication can be read here <http://www.sociologija.org/books/issues.php?lng=english>

Reaching PhD students and early career researchers

- To encourage PhD students to participate the midterm conferences they have been entitled to discount of the participation fee (40 € in 2018). Further, some junior sociologists were invited to chair sessions in the ESA conference. Many were positively surprised and pleased of the opportunity and stated that it was their first time to act as a chair in an international conference.

Attracting new members

- In October 2019 RN30 had 123 members and among Europeans there were also members from Australia, Georgia, Mexico, USA and Iraq. Organising a midterm conference in Serbia appeared to attract scholars particularly from Central and Eastern Europe and we hope that this brought good publicity for the ESA and our network. Further, our call for new board members worked as an opportunity to inform the members of our activities and although there were only two vacancies we were very pleased to get 8 letters of interest.

Collaboration with other RNs

- The collaboration with other RNs tends to take place during the ESA conferences through organizing a joint session or a semi-plenary. This kind of activity is encouraged but it often depends on the connections and interests of individual board members.

Plans for further activities

- There is a plan to organize the next midterm conference in Kuopio, Finland in August 2020. To better serve the junior researchers during the midterm conference we could consider incorporating some of the good practices of the ESA summer school that would support them to prepare papers for publication.