Dear ESREA member

Here is the first newsletter after the summer holidays. As you will find, there are many ESREA conferences planned for the autumn this year and for the spring next year. Call for papers are now available for one of the autumn conferences (working life and learning) and a couple of the spring conferences (Life history and the ethnicity/racism networks respectively). For more information see www.esrea.org.

Best wishes
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Forthcoming ESREA activities

October 25-27, 2011
The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network on the education and learning of older adults
University of Minho, Braga, Portugal.
More information available at www.esrea.org

November 9-11, 2011
The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network on adult educators, trainers and their professional development
Tallinn, Estonia.
More information will soon be available at www.esrea.org

November 21-22, 2011
Re-launch conference of the ESREA research network on Working Life and Learning
Linköping University, Sweden
More information at www.esrea.org
November 24-26
The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network on Access, Learning careers and Identities
University of Aveiro, Portugal
More information at www.esrea.org

10-12 February, 2012
The 2012 conference of the ESREA research network on Policy studies in adult education,
University of Nottingham, UK.
More information available at http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/education/research/have/seminars/transnationalisation/index.asp

1-4 March, 2012
The 2012 conference of the ESREA research network on Life history and biographical research
University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark.
More information at: http://www.sdu.dk/Om_SDU/Institutter_centre/Ifpr/Konferencer/konferencer2011/ESREA

April 19-20, 2012
The 2012 conference of the ESREA research network on Ethnicity, racism and xenophobia,
Karl-Franzens University Graz, Austria.
More information at www.esrea.org

The next issue of RELA will be available in mid October at www.rela.ep.liu.se. The theme is Adult education and the community.

There are also 2 calls for papers available at www.rela.ep.liu.se

Forthcoming conferences/seminars

3-5 October, 2011
The 2011 PASCAL international observatory conference, regional prosperity in a global era
Illinois, USA
More information at: www.pascal2011.org

5-7 October, 2011
8th international workshop on higher education
Humboldt university, Berlin, Germany
More information: http://www2.hu-berlin.de/her8/

11-13 October, 2011
International conference of the association for education and ageing
Maynooth national university, Ireland
More information contact: jim.soulsby@btinternet.com

27-29 October, 2011
EUROlocal conference/workshop
Loewenberg centre, Murten, Switzerland
More information at: http://pascalobservatory.org/pascalnow/pascal-activities/events/eurolocal-conferenceworkshop

4-7 December, 2011
The 7th international conference on research work and learning
East China normal university, Shanghai, China
www.rwlecnun.org

5-6 March, 2012
International conference on validation
Oslo, Norway
More information at: http://www.nordvux.net/object/29343/internationalconferenceonvalidation.htm

9-11 May, 2012
ProPEL 2012 international conference: Professions and professional learning in troubling times: Emerging practices and transgressive knowldges
Univeristy of Stirling, Scotland
Deadline for submission of abstract: October 21.
More information at: www.propel.stir.ac.uk/conference2012

21-24 May, 2012
14th annual international conference on education
Athens Institute of education and research, Athens, Greece

7-9 June, 2012
Laboratory for educational theory, School of Education, University of Stirling, Scotland.
Deadline for submission: November 11.
More information available at: www.theorylab.co.uk

New books in adult education/adult learning

Federighi, P & Torlone, F (2010) *Low skilled take their qualifications "one step up"*, Firenze University Press, Firenze.


**Ongoing research projects and announcements**

*Policy ethnographic studies of governmentalities: the learning adults*

Funder: Swedish research council - 350000 Euros for the period 2007-2011.
Project leader: Andreas Fejes, Division for studies in adult, popular and higher education, Linköping University, Sweden - andreas.fejes@liu.se. In some publications I have collaborated with Katherine Nicoll at the school of education, University of Stirling, Scotland.

The project aims at understanding how knowledge is at play in the constitution of adults as learners within educational and work related practices. More specifically, the project has focused on how care workers in elderly care (some of which participated in an in-service training programme in relation to the certificate from upper secondary school) are being shaped and governed through different governing technologies. The analysis is based semi-structured
interviews with more than 30 care works, managers and their teachers (at six nursing homes and at 3 educational providers) complemented with observations at one nursing home for elderly people during 13 occasions over a period of 9 months. The analysis was conducted drawing on a post-structural theorization inspired by authors such as Michel Foucault, Nikolas Rose, Mitchell Dean and Jonathan Potter. Central concepts are governmentality, technologies and confession. The results are reported as alternative stories compared to the ones we take for granted in everyday life. In articles and book chapters I provide analyses and stories as related to the technology of confession, the technology of activation and the technology care. The project is about to be reported back to the Swedish research council. For more information about the project, here are some of the publications:


**HOW to become a member of ESREA**

Membership in ESREA is open to either individual members and to institutional members. As a member you have a reduced fee at ESREA activities and you receive information in the field of research on the education of adults through the ESREA e-mail list and through the ESREA newsletter. As an individual member you have the right to vote at the general assembly which takes place each year (virtually through postal ballot). As an institutional member, all employees at the institution have the right to participate in ESREA activities to a reduced fee. However, the institutional membership allows only one vote at the general assembly.

If you want to become a member the process is the following:
1. Download the document at www.esrea.org
2. Fill out the form and e-mail to andreas.fejes@liu.se
3. Within one-two weeks you will receive a confirmation of your membership by e-mail
4. At the same time as membership is confirmed you will be invoiced the membership fee which for 2010 is 50 Euros for individual members (25 Euros for phd or Edd students) and
150 Euros for institutional members. Payment of membership fees can only be made through an international or EU bank transfer. **Cheques are not accepted.**

**Forthcoming Newsletters**

If you want to have some information included in forthcoming newsletters, here are the deadlines for the forthcoming newsletters 2011.

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