

Minutes of the Network Meeting „Social Justice and Intercultural Education – NW 07“ on Thursday, 6th September 2018, 12:00-13:00 at the Maretsch Castle, Bolzano

The link convenor of Network 7, Lisa Rosen (LR) opened the meeting by welcoming all network members and the co-convenors Ghazala Bhatti (Bath Spa University, United Kingdom), David Doubek (Charles University of Prague, Czech Republic), Yvonne Leeman (University of Humanistic Studies in Utrecht, Netherlands), Eunice Macedo (Porto University, Portugal) and Dana Moree (Charles University of Prague, Czech Republic). Honorary Member of NW 7, Francesca Gobbo (University of Turin, Italy) was absent due to other commitments in parallel events. Besides to that, the meeting was well attended by more than 30 members of network 7.

1st agenda item

LR started the meeting with a brief summary on this year's conference programme. She reported that 2897 applications (incl. 247 applications for the ERG) have been made to whole ECER. The number of proposals increased by 18 % compared to 2017. NW 7 has received over 130 proposals in 2018 which represents an increase by 30 % compared to 2017. In Network 7 all submissions went through a procedure of double-blind reviews, some of them even through a third review due to the introduction of new reviewers.

Besides the network convenors the following reviewers were involved in the reviewing process for ECER 2018: Helen Avery (Lund University, Sweden), Hugh Busher (University of Leicester, United Kingdom), Yacob Abraham Getahun (Karlstad University, Sweden), Sandra Girbes-Peco (Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain), Marc Hill (University of Innsbruck, Austria), Kathrin Huxel (University of Osnabrück, Germany) Claudine Kirsch (University of Luxemburg, Luxemburg), Carola Mantel (University of Teacher Education Zug, Switzerland), Sofia Santos (Porto University, Portugal) & Seyda Subasi (University of Vienna, Austria).

LR reported on the new design of the network homepage at the EERA website which is currently under construction. On this new version of the homepage the names of all reviewers will be published in order to give their efforts more public credit.

Furthermore, there will be a section on the new homepage which portrays the foundation of network 7. An article on this topic was published in 2011 by the former link convenors Ghazala Bhatti and Yvonne Leeman:

Bhatti, Ghazala & Leeman, Yvonne (2011). Convening a Network within the European Conference on Educational Research: a history of the Social Justice and Intercultural Education Network. *European Educational Research Journal*, 10 (1), 129-142.

It will be decided whether this article could be published as an additional open-access-content on the homepage.

2nd Agenda Item

New network members and those interested in becoming so were asked to subscribe to the network mailing list which has been handed out during the meeting. Furthermore, they were asked to subscribe to the official mailing list on the network homepage (via nw07-subscribe@lists.eera-ecer.de).

From now on there will be a newsletter sent via first mentioned mailing list twice a year, presumably in spring and in autumn. In the meeting it was suggested to use the mailing list more actively to exchange ideas and information, maybe even to share recent publications with the network. The network members were asked to contact Lisa Rosen in case they wish to share for example recent publications etc. via the mailing list so she can collect and forward relevant information. Seyda Subasi made the kind offer to look through the mailing list in order to remove outdated email addresses.

3rd Agenda Item

Afterwards LR presented some of the highlights of this year's conference programme regarding network 7.

As in previous years an opening session was held by the network (<https://eera-ecer.de/ecer-programmes/conference/23/contribution/45764/>). This session was held as a round table and was organised by Francesca Gobbo as honorary member of NW 7 and as well as an expert also for the discourse on intercultural pedagogy and social justice in Italy. Titled „Social Justice and Intercultural Education – Continuining the Conversation“ the round table was very well attended and focussed on questions concerning concepts such as diversity, equity, human rights and inclusion seen in the context of recent political developments in Europe. The session was jointly hosted by Francesca Gobbo, Ghazala Bhatti and Yvonne Leeman.

This concept of having an opening session at the ECER conference which is organised by network 7 in cooperation with local researchers from the respective host country will be continued in the future. The opening session will focus on questions concerning intercultural education and social justice in the national discourse of this country. The session should explicitly provide space to discuss controversial topics as well as other current issues.

As far as possible, members of the corresponding national association, as well as network members from the respective country will be involved in the preparation and realisation of the opening session.

From now on a preparatory team which organises the opening session at the upcoming conference will be established at each year's network meeting (upcoming ECERs: 2019 Hamburg, Germany; 2020 Glasgow, UK; 2021 Geneva, Switzerland). For next year's conference in Germany LR has already established a cooperation with Claudia Machold who is the spokesperson for the Network for Intercultural Education of the GERA (German Educational Research Association).

LR continued by pointing out some more sessions in this year's conference programme, such as a round table on inclusion of refugee students in Europe (<https://eera-ecer.de/ecer-programmes/conference/23/contribution/44457/>). She emphasised that the topic of forced migration is receiving continuous attention within the network, even more so since 'forced migration' was added as an additional keyword on the network homepage in 2016.

Furthermore, she pointed out several joint sessions organised by network 7 in collaboration with the networks "Curriculum Innovation – NW 03", "Ethnography – NW 19", 'Educational Leadership – NW 26' and three sessions organised in collaboration with "Research in Innovative Intercultural Learning Environments – NW 20".

LR reported that due to technical challenges regarding the „ConfTool“ the number of joint sessions will be limited in the future.

Nonetheless LR asks whether there are network members who are interested in preparing a special call for ECER 2019 in Hamburg. Two researchers from Germany and Iceland would like to prepare a special call in collaboration with network "Histories of Education – NW17" which will focus on the development of discourses and practices in educational contexts in relation to refugees in Europe since the Second World War. The idea to prepare a special call and a

symposia on „Research with and on NGOS, Associations and Non-Formal-Education“ came up during the meeting, network members who wish to join in are asked to contact Dana Moree.

4th Agenda Item

During the meeting two additional mailing lists were handed around. The first one is based on an initiative from Helen Avery who would like to establish a working group on refugee education within network 7. The other mailing list belongs to an interest group on the same topic which was founded during this year`s ECER conference and invites members from all networks.

5th Agenda Item

Afterwards LR pointed out to the topic of recent publications. Eunice Macedo is currently preparing a Special Issue in the EERJ on “Early school leaving“. LR encouraged network members to consider the realisation of ECER related publications as well and reminding them about the long standing cooperation with the journal “Intercultural Education“ (Routledge). Ghazala Bhatti and Yvonne Leeman are members of the editorial board. There is a tradition of publishing special issues inspired by ECER conferences.

LR furthermore points out that symposia in general offer a great opportunity to organize a Special Issue and that together with Henrike Terhart (University of Cologne) she is planning to prepare one on „(Recently) Immigrated and Refugee Teachers.“

6th Agenda Item

As a last topic on the agenda LR asks the participants of the network meeting for feedback on this year's conference.

Positive feedback is being made on the structure of having three parallel network sessions in each time slot, as well as on the good grouping of papers within the network's sessions.

Furthermore, the network members appreciated the conference`s time schedule which included several time slots for coffee breaks. These are seen as an important space for informal conversations and networking.

Regarding the conference Application mixed feedback is received from the participants. It worked well for some but not for others who were facing technical difficulties. The network

rooms for network 07 in the Maretsch Castle were appreciated for their great atmosphere, but many participants report that they were located at long distance from the other conference locations, thus making it difficult to attend the Keynotes and other conference events. Additionally it is pointed out that many participants faced difficulties in finding accommodation at Bozen.

7th Agenda Item

LR reminds about the Social Event on Thursday evening at Piazza Walther and informs about the next ECER conference in Hamburg, Germany, from 3rd to 7th September 2019.

Afterwards, the former link convenor Yvonne Leeman is officially bid farewell by Ghazala Bhatti and Lisa Rosen who both expressed their gratitude for her long-standing commitment and contribution to NW7. She received flowers, applause and much recognition as a thank you for her long term work as Link Convenor (2007-2016) and also a two-year phase during which Yvonne Leeman supported and coached the new link convenor (2017-2018).



A photo with Yvonne Leeman, who has been link convenor from 2007 to 2016, in the middle, carrying flowers.



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