

**EUROPEAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**  
**NETWORK 23: POLICY STUDIES AND POLITICS OF EDUCATION**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES AND REPORT**

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**Convenors**

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**Conference submissions**

Although the number of submissions remains sufficient, in 2024 the network staged less panels and symposia than in 2023. This datum will trigger further reflection.

- Panels and symposia: 21 in 2023, 12 in 2024.
- Papers: 113 in 2023, 110 in 2024 (rejection rate below 10%)
- Posters: 4 in 2023, 1 in 2024.

The special call ‘Education policy and the politics of education in an age of uncertainty’ attracted 23 papers and 4 symposia. This success will inspire future ideas, but the network will not issue these calls every year.

**Reviewing**

In 2024 the network met the ambitious goal to engage 30 reviewers. This figure seems a lot, but it is proportional to the number of papers received.

Since each reviewer assessed 10 papers, it is important to acknowledge their important contribution to the organisation of the European Conference on Educational Research.

The convenors and the participants were saddened to learn of the passing of Professor Martin Thrupp in January 2024. He has left an important legacy in education and will be missed by his colleagues in this network.

**Spring Online Seminars**

Florian Waldow: “Defuturing educational utopias: reference societies as projection screens for educational futures”, 30 May 2024 14:00h CEST.

**Network development**

The team of convenors has changed in the last years. The network thanks all the previous convenors for their work, which has greatly facilitated a variety of ongoing projects.

The network is progressively strengthening internal communication. The previous link convenor (Peter Kelly) opened channels to explicitly offer support during the edition phase and foster collaboration with emerging researchers. Internal communication procedures also encourage network members to contact the convenors to share ideas on activities and/or initiatives that will further promote inclusiveness and development of the network.

The network is continuously thinking about how to organise the conference better. Currently, chair arrangements are flexible so that presenters organise among themselves. In the last editions, rooms have been set in close proximity. The network attempts to organise a social event according to the local conference arrangements.

### **Network publications**

The network is preparing a handbook proposal for Bloomsbury. The book will be coordinated by Xavier Rambla (Autonomous University of Barcelona) and Anne Larson (Aarhus University). Several co-editors will lead sections on transnationalism (Marcella Milana, University of Verona), marketization and privatization (Sofia Viseu, University of Lisbon), education policy in uncertain times (Peter Kelly, University of Plymouth), social justice (Anna Traianou, Goldsmiths, University of London) and methodology (Tae-Hee Choi, University of Southampton).

Many specialists have sent an abstract to participate in the sections. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to include some of them due to the high amount. The selection will not entail an assessment of the quality of the abstracts but will have to prioritise how each chapter fits with the general outline. The editors expect to submit the proposal to the publisher by the end of 2024.