

EERA Network 23 Annual Business Meeting

Free University, Bolzano, 1200-1300, Thursday 6th September 2018

Attending

Anastasia-Theodora Samara, Anna Tsatsaroni (Convenor), Anne Larson (Convenor), Annette Rasmussen, Antigone Sarakinioti, Areti Vogopoulou, Beatrix Niemeyer, Chris Winter, Despina Tsakiris, Elena Revyakina, Emilee Rauschenberger, Filiz Keser Aschenberger, Janne Varjo, Li-Yun Wang, Linda Rönningberg (Convenor), Mira Kalalahti, Natalia Karmaeva, Ninni Wahlström, Palle Rasmussen, Peter Kelly (Link Convenor), Ruth Boyask, Sofia Koutsouri, Tae Hee Choi, Timothy Murphy, Ulrike Hohmann, Xavier Rambla (Convenor)

Agenda

Twenty-six (26) members attended.

The following issues were on the agenda:

1. Submissions
2. Reviewing
3. Conference programme and joint sessions with other networks
4. Presentations, chairing
5. NW23 Activities during 2017-2018
6. Liaison between ERG and NW23
7. Planning for the academic year 2018-2019
8. ECER 2019
9. Issues not initially on the agenda

Issue 1: Update and submissions

The chair thanked the network convenors for all of their work and support of NW23 over the past year, Anna Tsatsaroni who has helped Peter Kelly in his new role as link convenor, Palle Rasmussen for his considerable contribution to the network as convenor and link convenor over many years, the team of reviewers who have provided detailed and considered evaluations and feedback on submissions within tight deadlines, and the many chairs of paper sessions and symposia who have helped ensure sessions run smoothly.

NW23 in ECER 2018:

- 153 submissions, 12 redirections from other Networks
- 16 symposia, 103 papers and 1 panel discussion presented
- 10 rejections and redirections
- all reviewed by a team of 31 reviewers
- 27 withdrawals after acceptance

Issue 2: Reviewing

There were changes this year to the redirection process, where papers were reviewed and scored before redirection, which worked well and resulted in fewer redirections to and from the network. Overall, reviews were of a high quality and a number of those reviewed emailed thanks for the detailed feedback

provided. Some disappointment was expressed by reviewers, who were unable to see the second reviewer's scores and feedback after the reviewing process was completed.

Issue 3: Conference programme and joint sessions with other networks

Evaluations of this year's conference venue were very positive, particularly as NW23 sessions were all in close vicinity to each other and this gave a coherent feel to the programme. Generally, it was felt that the network programme worked well, with papers in paper sessions sharing some commonality, and all linked clearly to the conference theme. The only difficulty had been finding accommodation in Bolzano, and most present felt this was the main reason for the number of withdrawals this year.

This year's joint symposia comprise:

- 2 with NW03 (Curriculum Innovation)
- 1 with NW10 (Teacher Education)
- 2 with NW28 (Sociology)

Issue 4: Presentations and chairing

All present reported a good standard of papers presented in the sessions they had chaired or attended. Little was at the level of 'work in progress' and many papers and symposia were thoughtfully and thoroughly prepared, and reported the findings of well theorised studies. Concerns were raised about a small number of occasions where native English speakers present quickly which may not be accessible to an international audience with English as a second language.

Issue 5: NW23 Activities during 2017-2018

- The mailing list membership and activity of the NW is supported by Anne Larson, convenor. The mailing list is on the EERA NW23 website, and people can register as members.
- We recruited four new reviewers to replace those retiring.
- Together, the convenors organised a capacity building workshop (see separate report) at ECER 2018 in Bolzano, attended by 35 participants representing 17 countries, to continue the work on promoting inclusive, collaborative and/or comparative education policy research, begun at ECER 2017 in Copenhagen. The recommendations coming out of this workshop are included in the network plans for 2018-19 below and for ECER 2019.

Issue 6: Links to Emerging Researchers Group (ERG)

Xavier Rambla, convenor, supported by Anastasia-Theodora (Doriana) Samara, are the network links with the ERG. We will be providing additional support for emerging researchers at ECER 2019, listed in issues 7 & 8 below.

Issue 7: Planning for the academic year 2018-2019

- Request reviewers inform the conveners through ConfTool about proposals that are poorly expressed because of English language difficulties, but otherwise acceptable, and explore the possibility of further support for their authors
- Seek reviewer access to second reviewer comments
- Increase the number of network reviewers and chairs

- Improve communications at the conference, including invitations to informal breakfast & lunchtime gatherings, the business meeting and a social event
- Provide support for those new to NW23 and/or ECER including emerging researchers

Issue 8: ECER 2019

ECER in 2019 will be in Hamburg from Tuesday 3rd until Friday 6th September. The conference theme is 'Education in an Era of Risk – the Role of Educational Research for the Future'. NW23 is planning a Special Call 'Collaborative Comparative Critical Policy Studies in Education'. This will relate closely to the conference theme. We are also planning:

- a welcome email will be sent to all whose papers have been accepted by NW23 with advice on how the conference works together with conference and network information
- an informal meeting and/or buddying for those new to NW23 and/or ECER including emerging researchers
- informal breakfast & lunchtime gatherings and a social event for all
- all network members are encouraged to contact the convenors to share ideas on activities and/or initiatives that will further promote inclusiveness and development of the network

Issue 9: Issues not initially on the agenda

Ruth Boyask outlined a BERA initiative during 2018-19 on the theme of 'Policy into practice', and invited NW23 to collaborate in this. She will forward details for circulation across the network.

No other issues were raised at the meeting.

The Convenors of EERA NW23: Peter Kelly (link-convenor), Anna Tsatsaroni, Anne Larson, Linda Rönnerberg and Xavier Rambla, Bolzano, 6th September 2018