

ECER 2021 Network meeting notes

Agenda

1. Conference 2021 Submissions and Overview: 59 submissions (4 symposia, 18 submissions to the special call), 5 rejected, 8 (!) withdrawn
 - a. Feedback from network chairs, presenters and other participants on the conference:
The chairs found the online conference extremely tiring. Co-convenors agreed that the conference was extremely expensive for a zoom conference, and a conference of this size is too much for an online conference. It was proposed that those who attended ECER 2021 should get a discount for next years' conference. KUONI-space did not work as a space for socialization, no participants entered the space (concerns about Facebook and google data sharing).
It was sad to see that there was even less space for discussions than at a face-to-face conference, and it was especially annoying that sessions were cut-off after 90 minutes. They were also disappointed with that many sessions could not develop into discussions, only served as self-representation. Participants suggested that the network should be more proactive in organizing symposiums, and the network sessions should be more structured around topics of interest. The network should make more effort in grouping together the papers in advance. Symposia presenters should communicate with each other in advance and share powerpoints to help to generate discussions and convergence.
2. Link convenor election and confirmation: Paolo Landri stepped down and became co-convenor, Eszter Neumann was confirmed as the new convenor of the network.
3. Planned webinar series
 - a. Autumn-winter 2021: (1) EERJ special issue on nationalism and education (Nelli Piattoeva, Sofia Viseu, Jitka Wirthová); (2) Religion, education and the nation in East-Central Europe (Jitka-Eszter); (3) The public and publicness (coorganized with the LE@DS Leading Education Democratic Schools network - Romuald, Emiliano, Helen Gunther, Steve Courtney – Uni of Western Australia)
4. SUSEES Summer school
 - a. The summer school had to be postponed because of COVID. Some of the budget is gone because flight tickets were not refunded. The planned date of the postponed summer school is April 2022. The programme is finalized, the registration will be open in November.
5. Conference 2022: Discussion on the special call theme
The special theme will be concentrated on the idea of borders and bordering (collaborators: Paolo Landri, Francesca Peruzzo, Mathias Decuyper, Romuald Normand, Judith Hangarthner)
6. Reviewing Update: new reviewers? Judith Hangarthner, Karmijn

Comments on reviewing: the review grid is very technical, we should have a more common framework for the reviews. Some propose that the judgments should be more based on the cultural manifesto of the network, but others say that it is too restrictive and inward-looking, and would overlook processes of transdisciplining. The judgments should be made based on the criteria of working with the discipline of sociology.

We should update the network focus and criteria on the website. Our network is open for new openings and new interdisciplinary theoretizations.