

**Minutes of the Meeting of EERA Network 33: Gender and Education
Hamburg University, 5th September 2019, 1pm-2pm.**

Main highlights

Present: Branislava Baronavic (Link Convenor, Chair); Andrea Abbas (minutes), Kate Scantlebury, Vandana Singh, Helen Götschel; Marie Carlson; Brynja Halldördóttir; Katzin Olctodóttiz; Micke Van Houtte; Zhanna Gevorgyan; Janine Tissmer, Eva Reimers, Julia Heimler, Ruari-Santiago McBride, Oriel Rios Gonzalez, Susan Gannon, Carol Taylor, Anz Teixeira, Sigolène Couchet-Schiex, Núria Simó-Gil, Fatma Gumus, Angie Voela, Victoria Showumni, Ponsto Moorosi.

The agenda for the NW33 meeting:

1. Report on the Network33 activities in 2018-2019
2. Submissions and sessions at ECER 2019 – numbers and quality
3. Publishing strategy for 2019-2020 (e.g. a Special Issue based on the conference papers, developing a network book, other ideas)
4. Structure and expansion of the team running NW33
5. Nominating and electing 4 candidates as convenors
6. Nominating and electing 2 candidates as deputy link convenors
7. Developing funding bids for NW33 activities (e.g. joint research projects, summer schools, other ideas)
8. Other issues (suggestions for cooperation with other EERA networks and supporting emerging researchers...)

Item 1. – Branislava introduced the agenda and it was agreed by the participants.

Item 2. The Chair reported on the Network activities throughout the year 2018/2019:

A) A letter was sent to the Hungarian Government to challenge the closing of masters in gender studies by the national government. The Masters for Gender Studies was closed but none of the teachers are sacked. There was no response to the letter from the Hungarian Government and ECER members have informally reported to colleagues that gender studies are being taught as part of other courses but is politically not allowed to be a named qualification.

B) Victoria Showumni was appointed as a network convenor. There are 6 network convenors now. There will be a vote for more convenors and deputy link convenors at the meeting.

C) There was a call for papers on intersectionality developed from within the cluster; this was led by the following working group: Victorial Showumni, Andrea Abbas and Carol Taylor, with Network members, convenors, and link convenor participating actively and contributing significantly to the Network Special Call.

D) The Emerging Researchers session organised by Carol Taylor and Andrea Abbas was attended by 25 Emerging Researchers and a vibrant and enthusiastic discussion was generated.

E) Papers were reviewed by the network convenors and reviewers on time. Chairpersons were allocated on time. These colleagues were thanked for their work

F) A Gender and Education Network Poster, 'The Construction of Masculinity through Football' was nominated for the best poster award.

H) There was a conference in Turkey in November. Network members who were invited and participated were: Marie Carlson, Milica Antic Gaber, Veronika Tasner, Zeynep Gulru Goker and Branislava Baranovic. The conference introduced the network and its importance. A book or special issue called "Gender and Education in Local and Global Context: Turkish and Swedish Perspectives and Beyond" will be published. The editors are waiting for contributions to be sent. It was a cooperation between University of Gothenburg and Sabanci University and the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul.

The report on the NW33 activities was welcomed/accepted by the attendees.

Item 3. – Feedback on the conference (and network).

Chair summarised the key data for ECER 2019 Network 33 submissions and sessions. In total 85 contributions were submitted for the presentation at NW33 sessions and symposia (70 single contributions + 15 contributions in symposia) while 9 contributions were rejected.

Formats of presentations were: 21 NW33 sessions, 4 NW33 symposia, 3 posters (1 poster was rejected), 2 NW33 scientific workshops and 1 joint session with NW08.

It was agreed by all present that the sessions, symposia and workshops were well attended; quality of the papers, presentations and power-points was very good: people were well prepared, slides were clear, talks well timed and debates were interesting. The formats could allow more time for discussion.

It was suggested that the network needed to be overtly open to LGBTQI+ papers\sessions and to emphasise the importance of intersectional approaches, race\ethnicity. There is a group surveying whether an LGBTQI+ network is needed. Contracting numbers is a concern. Might not be reaching people as part of the network. Looking at the key words for the Network 33 they are not indicative of wanting broad and interrelated perspectives on genders, sexes and sexualities. The question was raised whether the name be Gender and sexualities? Sex education could do something with health education around sex(ualities) and education. Joint sessions were suggested. Non-binary gender should be nearer the top of the key works and objectives.

The need for more social space was expressed. Gender recognition in Scotland could be some backlash but would be a great way of including people. Community activists, sex educators could be invited.

Actions for Link Convenors\ Deputy Link Coverners: Take forward the following agendas: round table for next year to facilitate discussion; facilitate call for papers on LGBTQI+ and education; invite key speakers that represent the diversity of perspectives and the wide-ranging issues covered by this remit can be invited; check we have included local speakers and invited local activists so we can engage with local issues; on the website look at and lead the change of the text; the objectives and key words need changing to make clearer Network 33's wide-ranging focus. Long-term we could consider changing the name. Perhaps minimally Gender*s. Consider how to make space for conversation and collaboration. Organise social space at the next conference; Think about how to facilitate bidding for money from ECER or elsewhere.

Action to generate call on LGBTQI+ for next conference: Helena Gotschel, Kate Scantlebury, Oriol Rios Gonzalez and Ruari-Santiago McBride. (Refer to notes about engagement with local context).

Item 4 - Publishing strategy. There are papers on intersectionality that responded to the call for this year. There have been some very good papers. **Action:** Victoria, Andrea and Carol with link convenor will take the lead on this using the details from EERJ special issue information to generate a submission to EERJ.

There is an EERA book series with Springer. We could develop a network book. **Action:** we need more information on this.

Item 5 and Item 6 - Electing Deputy Link Convenors and Network Convenors. The Chair informed the attendees that at the moment there is 1 link convenor and 6 convenors. We need to nominate and have a democratic procedure. We discussed and voted Kathryn Scantlebury, Zeynep Gulru Goker, Brynja Brynja Halldórsdóttir and Sigolène Couchot-Schiex to be the new convenors. Victoria Showamni and Andrea Abbas are deputy link convenors. **Actions:** Branislava to organise a meeting with deputy links to define scope and roles. Then the three develop proposals for how to work with convenors and meet throughout the year.

Item 7 and Item 8 - Things we might want to do. Developing a funding bid for the network was discussed. **Actions: See Item 3.** Developing an emerging researcher meeting and perhaps cooperating with other EERA networks so that emerging researchers across the different areas can be encouraged to interrelate with us and our perspectives and concerns. **Actions:** Convenors to think about how to take forward. We should have a some brownbag(s) meeting at ECER 2020 to get together and we can chat. Invite potential and new members and give a social space and support network.