

## Network 33 (Gender and Education) Minutes Nicosia 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Present: Andrea Abbas (AA) (Chair), Branislava Baranovic (BB) (Co-Chair), Victoria Showumni (VS) (Co-Chair) Helene Götschel, Mattias Lundin, Mirjana Adamović, Bergljót Þrastardóttir, Satu Perälä-Littunen, Gabrielle Ivinson, Mirjana Adamović, Monika Ryndzionek; Esther Berner; Johanna F. Ziemes; Ziyin Xiong; Charlotte Clarke; Alessandra Romano;**

### **1. Report on the Network 33 activities in 2024**

#### **a) Regular Planning Meetings Throughout the Year**

Andrea reported on the regular meetings that had been held monthly throughout the year. She outlined how the work of organising the network was monitored and distributed between the Link Convenor and the two Deputies. She explained this was for the purpose of informing members (especially people attending the meeting for the first time) about the work of the network. The annual cycle of work for the conference organisation was explained, and people were invited to contact the Link Convenor and/or the Deputy Link Convenors if they wished to know more or to get **more involved**.

**Action: Members who wants to get involved or know more contact Andrea aa2452@bath.ac.uk or Branislava baranov@idi.hr, or Victoria v.showunmi@ucl.ac.uk.**

#### **b) Special Call**

Members were encouraged to get involved with writing the special call for conference papers. It was pointed out that this call always attracts a good group of papers and that it was a way for network members to shape the network. However, it was hard for network members to make time to shape this call. Under any other business, a topic for the special call was suggested by Götschel, Helene it was widely agreed upon and debated and it was agreed that Andrea would draft a special call and then circulate it for comments and suggestions. This will be focusing on whether the notion of gender need reconceptualising in contemporary times.

**Action: Andrea to draft a special call and circulate via the mailing list**

#### **c) Berlin Meeting (Key Information)**

Attention was drawn to some key issues\information raised at the Berlin Network Meeting on the 23rd and 24th May 2024. The decisions raised\ given at this meeting. A decision was made to prioritising childcare provision at conferences and for Nicosia to minimise the exclusion of parents and alleviate its particular impact on women. The requirement to make presentations accessible was also communicated. More information about this can be found here: <https://eera-ecer.de/ecer-annual-conference/faqs-and-advice/accessibility/how-to-make-your-presentation-accessible> A paper on open access is being developed and is likely to be a policy that will influence the national member networks. There is additional money available for developing network activities for ECERs 30-year anniversary. There has been a request that networks include emerging researchers in the conference organising group.

**Actions: for relevant information to be recirculated to the wider group at appropriate times (e.g prior to conference, reminders about money for network building activities; a call to emerging researchers); V.S will be preparing a bid for money to build network activity (this could be circulated amongst members as an example). AA, BB and**

#### **d) Survey of willing reviewers**

Andrea reported on the survey of people who would be willing to review for the network. Another 8 people joined the reviewing pool.

**Action: if any new or existing members are interested in becoming reviewers please contact AA. If anyone is new to reviewing the 3 convenors will support them.**

### **2. Publishing Intersectionality Special Edition for EERJ**

Victoria explained that the Network had had a special edition accepted by EERJ. It will contain 10-11 papers on intersectionality in the study of education. The process of developing the idea, focus and content of the collection and gathering together sufficient authors was described. Members of the Network were encouraged to generate their own ideas for Network publications. VS, AA and BB would all be willing to work with members who wish to generate special editions, book proposals to the ECER book series or other publication plans

### **3. Submissions and Sessions at ECER 2024.**

There were 46 submissions (including symposia papers). They were of a very high quality. It was a smaller number of submissions than last year but this was thought to be in line with what was experienced across the conference

2 papers rejected

1 participant workshop

1 Tuesday workshop

3 symposia

4 Posters

#### **a) Feedback on the Conference**

Feedback on the conference so far had been very good with no issues raised.

#### **b) Thank you to Reviewers, Chairs and Presenters.**

15 reviewers and 9 chairs made extremely valuable contributions to the conference and were thanked. Everyone involved was thanked as were those who submitted papers. It was lovely to have so many countries represented and to see participants from outside of Europe who had travelled extensively to be present.

### **4. Activities 2025**

The following activities were flagged as important for the coming year.

a) Targeting Network Call for Belgrade Conference (and advice of participants in Network 33. This was achieved in the conference where the overall idea was discussed and agreed. See above.

b) Facebook site: was raised as something that would be helpful in Glasgow. We will launch it in time for ECER 2025.

c) Projects: there is some money available for projects and participants were encouraged to think about projects that could enhance the network.

**AOB: None discussed.**