



Early-Stage Researchers Conference

Delivering integrated employment policies: cross-sectoral policies in practice

12-13 May 2014, Bordeaux



At a time of major challenges to welfare systems and specifically to labour market policies, understanding the most effective and efficient design and implementation of public policies, including employment policies, is paramount. The conference dealt with those issues and was related to a Seventh Framework European project: Local Worlds of Social Cohesion (LOCALISE), in which three of the organisers have worked together.

An International Cooperative Project

Margherita Bussi from European Trade Union Institute in Brussels, Katharina Zimmermann from University of Oldenburg, Clara Bourgeois from Centre Emile Durkheim in Bordeaux, and Vanesa Fuertes from Edinburgh Napier University organised the Early-Stage Researchers Conference, with the invaluable sponsorship of Edinburgh Napier University Business School and the University of Bordeaux.

This international cooperative project arose in Hamburg, during a PhD conference that the four co-organisers attended.



Discussants and Participants

We had the privilege of having the presence of **Deborah Rice** (Research Associate and project manager at the CVO University Oldenburg), **Paolo Graziano** (Associate Professor at Bocconi University), **Colin Lindsay** (Senior Lecture at the University of Strathclyde), **Vincent Dubois** (Professor at the University of Strasbourg) and **Thierry Berther** (CNRS research director at the Centre Emile Durkheim, Sciences Po Bordeaux) as discussants.

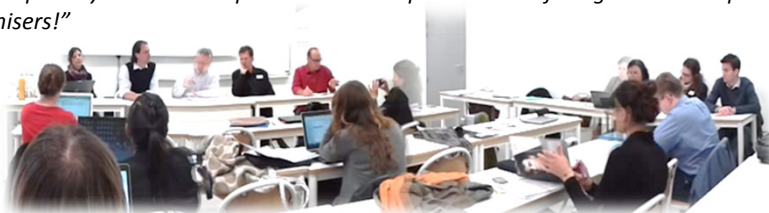
14 early-stage researchers participated in the conference: Bernard Conter from the Walloon Institute for Evaluation (**Belgium**); Clara Bourgeois from Centre Emile Durkheim (**France**); François Laporte from University of Saint-Louis (**Belgium**); Juliette Wilson from University of Salford (**UK**); Katharina Zimmermann from University of Oldenburg (**Germany**); Manasi Sinha from Jawaharlal Nehru University (**India**); Margherita Bussi from European Trade Union Institute (**Belgium**); Vanesa Fuertes from Edinburgh Napier University (**UK**); Marjolijn de Wilde from University of Antwerp (**Belgium**); Merita Xhumari and Sidita Dibra from University of Tirana (**Albania**); Norbert Petzold; Sophie Danneris Jensen from Aalborg University (**Denmark**); Sue Bond from Heriot-Watt University (**UK**).

Conference Arrangements

The first day opened with the first keynote speech delivered by Vincent Dubois and Paolo Graziano; this was followed by four paper sessions; the conference's first day closed with the second keynote speech by Thierry Berther. The day ended with the conference dinner. The second day opened with the third keynote speech of the conference delivered by Deborah Rice and Colin Lindsay; this was followed by four paper sessions; the day closed with a workshop on 'how to publish' in which all discussants were part of the speaker panel.

Feedback

The event was perceived as exceptionally fruitful, interesting and valuable by all participants and discussants. One of the participants said:
"This conference was really great! I have never before received such valuable comments and the networking opportunities were fantastic. I appreciated especially the "how-to-publish" workshop with a lot of insights into the publication business! Thanks a lot to all commentators and the organisers!"



Next Stage

The organisers are currently reviewing the papers with the aim to publish a number of them

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