



ESREA Newsletter

Number 2, Spring 2018

Dear ESREA members,

This is our second newsletter for 2018. On the first page you'll find some important information from the chair of ESREA, professor Laura Formenti. As always, the newsletter also contains information about future ESREA network conferences, as well as workshops, other conferences and publications.

For any inquiries, suggestions or concerns, please don't hesitate to drop me an email.

I wish you all a long and relaxing summer.

Best wishes,
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P.S. *If links do not work then copy and paste them into your web browser. D.S.*

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Information from the chair of ESREA

June, 10th 2018

Dear associates and convenors,

I use this space to reflect with you on what is happening in the field of adult education and the transitions that are taking place inside our society.

In the last few days, we announced the site of the next Triennial conference, to be held in September 2019, from the 19th to the 22nd, at the University of Belgrade. It is the first time that ESREA's Triennial Conference is organized in the Balkans, so I am very excited about the possibility to share ideas and discussions with researchers across Europe in this location. ESREA (as Europe) is highly diverse. The respect for multiple perspectives, along with rigorous thinking and a commitment to social justice, are core values for us. I feel that this Triennial Conference should celebrate, more explicitly than ever, these values, in a moment when hegemonic discourses are moving, for the most part, in the opposite direction. We are currently preparing the Call for papers, so the title of the conference is not confirmed yet, but it will be on the relationship of adult education to changing contexts. This is a theme that has accompanied us for a while, but worth of further consideration and investment. Reflection and reflexivity are obliged in changing times, not to lose our centre. This is true for single individuals as well as for groups and organisations.

The other important news that has been recently announced is that, from January the 1st, 2019, the ESREA secretariat will be moving home. It was not easy to choose among different proposals we received, each good in its own way. The Steering Committee had to think about what we need, as an organization, to maintain and enhance our work in the coming years.

The choice of a new site for the Secretariat and a new person to take the role is symbolic as well as practical. After our evaluation of the proposals, site visits, and deep discussion, we were very happy to announce that Alexandra Ioannidou will be our new Secretary for the next 3-6 years. Alexandra is based at DIE (German Institute for Adult Education), and this is something new departure in the history of our society. On one side, we welcome the fact that it is a woman from the Mediterranean area who is an academic with a strong profile in international research, and great expertise in organizing and management. On the other side, for the first time, ESREA will not be based in an academic institution. DIE does excellent work, it is a well established institution, with many relationships with the academic world, but it has its own mission and perspective on learning which is quite distinct from a university and this may well be a cause of some concern amongst some of our associates who think – like me – that universities are, or should be, more neutral places, with a disinterested mission. This is why it took some time to make this decision: we wanted to be sure that the statutes of ESREA, its core values and mission would be maintained and we sought to ensure that the Steering Committee continued to have a leading role in fixing objectives and taking decisions.

So, we are entering a new phase for our society. It is difficult to say exactly what awaits us, in the near future, or even later. I think that this needs more attention, participation, and discussion, as we already started doing in the Steering Committee. We will use the Triennial Conference and all our instruments (conferences, publications) for this. So, please make sure to enter into dialogue there and beyond and we negotiate this new period.

Change is unavoidable: ESREA was born in a moment when adult education was flourishing in many places, universities were rich, there was so much energy and trust about the possibility to build a better world through education. There is, still. We need to maintain an equilibrium between external pressure and internal values. I am talking about equilibrium, and not contrast, or fight. I think that for too much time ESREA has worked in a defensive and protective way. It is not in our DNA to be aggressive. But we know how to be dialogical and critical – so, let's make for engaged discussion in the coming year.

Best wishes,

Professor Laura Formenti
Chair of the Steering Committee of ESREA

ESREA Activities

13-15 June 2018

4th Conference of the ESREA Migration, Transnationalism and Racisms Network - Building Solidarities for Anti-Racist Adult Education, will be held at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. For call for papers see Appendix 1 or http://www.esrea.org/conferences_and_seminars

28 June -1 July 2018

The 3rd Biennial Conference of the Transformative Learning Network and The Italian Transformative Learning Network will be held in Milan (Italy) at the University of Milano-Bicocca. Conference theme: Contemporary Dilemmas and Learning for Transformation. For call for papers see Appendix 2 or http://www.esrea.org/conferences_and_seminars

4-6 July 2018

History of Adult Education and Training in Europe ESREA Network - Pioneering Women and Men in European Adult Education (19th and early 20th Centuries), European seminar, Paris, France. For call for proposals see Appendix 3 or http://www.esrea.org/conferences_and_seminars

11-13 October 2018

ESREA Network on Education and learning of older adults conference – ‘Older adults’ well-being: the contribution of education and learning’ will be held at the University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal. For call for proposals see Appendix 4 or http://www.esrea.org/conferences_and_seminars

18-20 October 2018

ESREA Network on Active Democratic Citizenship and Adult Learning. Conference on ‘Adult education and struggles for democracy in precarious times’ will be held at the University of Linköping, Linköping, Sweden. For call for proposals see Appendix 5 or http://www.esrea.org/conferences_and_seminars

11-16 November 2018

Second Winter School: International perspectives on education policy
Verona, Italy
See: <http://sites.hss.univr.it/ipep/>

16-18 May 2019

The 4th Conference of the ESREA Network on Policy Studies in Adult Education *Adult Education and Learning Policy in a World Risk Society* will be hosted at Faculty of Arts, Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic), on May 16-18, 2019. For updates on this conference go to: <https://sites2.ff.cuni.cz/esrea2019/>

For more information on conferences and call for papers: www.esrea.org

RELA



RELA European Journal for Research on the Education and Learning of Adults

Find the latest RELA issue here:

Volume 9, Issue 1, 2018

Intersectionality and adult education

<http://www.rela.ep.liu.se/contents.asp?doi=10.3384/rela.2000-7426.201791>

More information on RELA can be found at:

www.rela.ep.liu.se

Conferences and Seminars

26-28 October 2018

The Philosophy of Education Society of North America annual conference, University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.

We are currently accepting submissions to the conference with a deadline of July 1st, 2018, and accept papers in English, Spanish, French and German. Submissions due 1st of July.

More information at: www.pesnorthamerica.org

9-10 November 2018

8th International Conference EDU WORLD 2018, with the main theme 'Education Facing Contemporary World Issues', University of Bucharest & University of Pitești, Romania.

Location: University of Pitești, Romania.

Deadline for submission of abstract is: 25.06.2018

More information at: www.eduworld.ro

Publications

ESREA book series

There are no new books published in the ESREA book series, but previously published books are available as open access through this link: <https://www.sensepublishers.com/catalogs/bookseries/research-on-the-education-and-learning-of-adults/>

ESREA book series

RELA articles, old and new, can be found at:

www.rela.ep.liu.se

Book

Fejes, A., Dahlstedt, M., Olson, M., & Sandberg, F. (2018) *Adult Education and the Formation of Citizens: A critical interrogation*. London: Routledge

How to become a member of ESREA?

Membership in ESREA is open to individual and institutional members. As a member you will get a reduced fee at ESREA activities, information in the field of research on the education of adults through the ESREA mailing list and newsletter. As an individual member you have the right to vote at the general assembly that takes place each year (on-line through postal ballot). As an institutional member, all employees at the institution have the right to participate in the ESREA activities to a reduced fee. However, the institutional membership allows only one vote at the general assembly.

If you want to become a member the process is the following:

1. Download the document at: www.esrea.org
2. Fill out the form and e-mail it to: robert.aman@liu.se
3. Within one up to two weeks you will receive a confirmation of your membership by e-mail
4. At the same time as the membership is confirmed you will be invoiced the membership fee which for 2017 is 50 Euros for individual members (25 Euros for PhD or Edd students) and 150 Euros for institutional members. **Payment of membership fees can only be made through an international or EU bank transfer.**

Forthcoming newsletters

If you want some information included in forthcoming newsletters, here are the deadlines for 2018.

Number 3 2018: deadline for inclusion **1 September**

Number 4 2018: deadline for inclusion **1 December**