

Trans-nationalization of Educational Policy Making: *Implications for Adult & Lifelong Learning*

Fri 10th – Sun 12th February 2012, University of Nottingham, UK

Second Call for Papers

Globalization, and the trans-nationalization of education policy-making which accompany it, have many implications for policy studies in adult and lifelong learning. As globalization deepens, so does its impact on national policies and on how educational research is done.

The inaugural conference of ESREA's Network on Policy Studies in Adult Education will explore how globalisation affects agency and policy processes, and the conditions or structures under which policy processes occur. It also aims to deepen understanding of how scientific inquiry – as a means of comprehending and interpreting current policy processes and their implications – can accompany and support contemporary developments in adult education and learning.

Ongoing debates on the trans-nationalization of governance, and on the changing role of the nation state, need to be scrutinized and researched – not only the processes underlying

globalization, but also those underlying Europeanization and localisation, and how these are linked. For example, with the trans-nationalization of education has come a shift away from national collection of data: comparative international data is now required – and itself plays a role in driving national policy-making.

In the light of these trends, the research community should pay greater attention to the roles international organizations play in national policy-making, and to the growing phenomena of policy borrowing and policy learning. It should also investigate the role of authority structures in fostering and pinning shared meanings to common vocabulary and agendas in adult education and lifelong learning – and hence the impact on communication and governance in the area, from both 'top-down' and 'bottom-up' perspectives.

Keynote Speakers:

Susan Robertson

*Professor of the Sociology of
Education, University of Bristol*

Kjell Rubenson

*Professor of Adult Education,
University of British Columbia*

Papers may address **any topic related to policy in adult/lifelong learning and education**, including

1. The processes of globalisation and localisation

- *How does globalisation affect policies for adult and lifelong learning and education?*
- *How do modernization, democratization, liberalization and the impact of post-structural thinking on society affect adult and lifelong learning and education?*
- *What does the 'global' recession imply for adult and lifelong learning policies?*
- *What are the major cross-national policy processes affecting adult education?*

2. The nature and significance of Europeanization

- *How are inter-state entities such as the EU influencing adult learning and education? How important are how they are organised, operate and link with one other?*
- *How do EU policies on adult education and lifelong learning affect national policies?*
- *How do national policies affect the EU's policies on adult education and lifelong learning?*

3. Cultural differences

- *Does globalisation homogenize or diversify culture? In what ways?*

4. Legitimation, resistance and negotiation

- *How are adult and lifelong education policies and curricula shaped by contest and negotiation in the contemporary world? How are these contests playing out in the context of recession?*
- *How do authority structures foster shared meanings and common agendas?*
- *What is the role of communication and governance in adult education and lifelong learning?*

5. The role of the research sector

- *What constitutes research in adult and lifelong learning and education?*
- *What are the differences between opinion, advocacy and scientific research?*
- *What are the processes of assessing the quality of research on adult and lifelong education? And what is their impact?*

Proposals on **any** topic related to policy in adult education and lifelong learning are welcome. Scholars from **all** countries are invited to submit proposals. Papers may relate to **any** part of the world.

Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts

Paper abstracts, not exceeding 500 words should be sent as attached file [in *.doc, *.docx, or *.pdf format]. They should be typed, single spaced, in A4. Include title and 5 keywords. Author(s) name(s), institutional affiliation(s), phone number(s) and postal details should be stated only in the email accompanying the abstract. **Deadline: 19th June 2011.**

Key dates

- **All abstracts must be submitted by 19th June 2011 to esrea.psae@gmail.com.**
- All proposals will be blind reviewed by the scientific committee.
- Acceptance will be confirmed by **25th July 2011.**
- Final versions of papers (no more than 5000 words including references) must be submitted by **18th December 2011.** Please use the APA (American Psychological Association) reference system.

All correspondence regarding Conference and Network should be sent to: esrea.psae@gmail.com
 Website: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/education/research/have/seminars/transnationalisation/index.aspx>

Provisional Conference Timetable

Friday 10th Feb. 2012, 13.30-18.15	
13.30-14.00	Welcome & Opening
14.00-15.15	Keynote speaker: Professor Kjell Rubenson
15.15-15.45	Tea
15.45-17.45	Parallel sessions 1
17.45-18.15	Reflections on the day & network implications (plenary)
Saturday 11th Feb. 2012, 09.00-18.30	
09.00-10.30	Parallel sessions 2
10.30-11.00	Coffee
11.00-13.00	Parallel sessions 3
13.00-14.15	Lunch
14.15-15.30	Keynote speaker: Professor Susan Robertson
15.30-16.00	Tea
16.00-18.00	Parallel sessions 4
18.00-18.30	Reflections on the day & network implications (plenary)
19.30-22.30	Departure for Conference Dinner (optional)
Sunday 12th Feb. 2012, 09.00-13.00	
09.00-11.00	Parallel sessions 5
11.00-11.30	Coffee
11.30-12.30	Round Table Discussion: Invited panelists: Pepka Boyadjieva (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), Henning Salling Olesen (Roskilde University, Denmark), Terri Seddon (Monash University, Australia), Vida Mohorčič Špolar (Former Director, Slovenian Institute of Adult Education), Carlos Alberto Torres (UCLA, USA)
12.30-13.00	Closing session

Language

The conference language is English.

Conference Arrangements

The conference will be held in the School of Education on the University of Nottingham's Jubilee Campus, Nottingham, UK.

Conference Fees

The conference fees *include* lunch and refreshments; they *exclude* the conference dinner (see below), any airport/hotel transfers and hotel accommodation.

	Early registration (payment received by 20 th Sept. 2011)	Payments received after 21st Sept (but before 21st Nov. 2011)
Full fee	£140	£160
Fee to ESREA members	£90	£105
Fee to doctoral students	£40	£50

Bursaries. A limited number of bursaries is available to PhD students who are individual members of ESREA, or studying at institutions which have institutional membership of ESREA. To be eligible, your paper must have been accepted for the

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conference. Applications should be submitted on the bursary application form by the deadline for paper proposals. Bursaries, normally €250, may be used to cover all or part of the cost of travel and accommodation.

Registration

Registration for the ESREA Conference will only be taken with full payment by credit card. To make your payment and register, please complete a copy of the Conference Registration Form (see conference website), and then call the Education Finance Team on +44 115 8467247 to make the booking. *Final date for registration: 21st November 2011.*

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations notified in writing before 21st November 2011 will be refunded with a €25.00 administration fee deducted for processing. Cancellations after 21st November 2011 will be non-refundable.

ESREA Conference Dinner

£42.00 for a 3 course meal, transport from hotel and return to hotel.

Hotels & Accommodation

You must book your own hotel accommodation. The rates quoted below are subject to change. Please confirm the rate when you make your hotel booking.

<p>National College for Leadership & Children's Services (NCSL) Triumph Road, Nottingham, NG8 1DH. Tel: +44 845 609 0009 http://www.nationalcollege.org.uk/index Rate: £70.00 per night including breakfast Note: NCSL is located on the Jubilee campus where the conference will be held.</p>	<p>Travelodge Derby Road, Wollaton Vale, Nottingham, NG8 2NR. Tel: +44 115 922 1691 http://www2.travelodge.co.uk/ Rate: from £45.00 per night room only (meals available for extra charge at an adjacent restaurant). (Another convenient Travelodge is Nottingham Central, Maid Marion Way, Nottingham, NG1 6AJ.)</p>
<p>Hotel Inn Castle Marina Castle Bridge Road, Castle Marina Park, Nottingham, NG7 1GX. Tel: +44 115 993 5000 http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/nottingham/notuk/hoteldetail Rate: £69.00 per night including breakfast</p>	<p>Britannia Hotel 1 St James Street, Nottingham, NG1 6BN. Tel: +44 871 222 0098 http://www.britanniahotels.com/hotels/nottingham Rate: £63.00 per night including breakfast.</p>

Organizing Committee

- **John Holford** (*Robert Peers Professor of Adult Education, University of Nottingham*)
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- **Vida Mohorčič Špolar** (*Former Director, Slovenian Institute of Adult Education, Slovenia*)

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- **Henning Salling Olesen**, Roskilde University, Denmark
- **Kjell Rubenson**, University of British Columbia, Canada
- **Terri Seddon**, Monash University, Australia
- **Carlos Alberto Torres**, University of California Los Angeles, USA

The ESREA Network on Policy Studies in Adult Education

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