
Invitation and Call for Papers

International Conference

Subjectivity and Learning in Everyday Life

Roskilde University, May 26-28 2010

This conference focuses on the everyday practices of persons, and the interplay between actors and social structures in everyday life. Everyday life in the Nordic and European societies is characterized by an unprecedented rupture of economic and political systems, cultural meanings and individual identities. Global and environmental changes force us to revise and reconsider our way of life and affects us at all levels of existence. It appears as if that which seems stable today will be rendered unstable tomorrow. The conference focuses on these changes and transformations and aims to debate and discuss how this can be understood and explored. What theories, methodologies and analytical concepts help us to study the transformations of everyday life in changing societies?

The conference will be the third in a series of international conferences organized by the Nordic Research Network for Everyday Life Processes in European Societies (ELPiES). The network was founded in 2007 by Kajsa Ellegård, Department of Technology and Social Change, Linköping University, Sweden, Lars Dencik and Allan Westerling, Department of Psychology and Educational Studies, Roskilde University, Denmark, and Pirjo Korvela, Department of Home Economics and Craft Science, University of Helsinki, Finland. In 2009 the ELPiES network received a major grant by the Nordic Council of Ministers to develop a Nordic Master Program in Everyday Life Studies.

During the conference scholars will meet, discuss and exchange ideas, perspectives and research practices in everyday life studies. The research field comprises multi- and interdisciplinary approaches and dwells on different complexes of problems concerning people's daily lives in different phases of the life course. A general focus of the conference will be on the theoretical and methodological challenges in the study of everyday life.

The conference will comprise six sub-themes during the conference. Keynote presentations will be given the first day and workshops on each sub-theme will be held the second day. The third day will focus on the theoretical and methodological challenges of everyday life research.

Keynote speakers

Christena Nippert-Eng, University of Illinois
Birthe Bech-Jørgensen, Aalborg University
Karin Aronsson, Stockholm University

Ben Highmore, University of Sussex
Ole Dreier, University of Copenhagen

Workshops

The Conference will host workshops on

- Politics and Everyday Practices
- Everyday Life in the Welfare State and its Institutions
- Technology and the Transformation of Everyday Sociality
- Health Promotion and Everyday Conduct of Life
- Continuity and Ruptures in Everyday Life
- Everyday life in the Workplace

Other suggestions for workshops are also welcomed

Abstract submission and workshop organization

We invite you to submit an abstract for giving a presentation in a workshop dealing with one of the six sub-themes. The abstracts can cover a range of contributions (empirical studies, literature reviews, theoretical discussions, etc.) and reflect different phases of the research process (you may just put forward an outline of a paper or a project, discuss examples of your empirical material, or present a published paper).

The workshops will be organized according to the following:

- 1) Three or four short presentations will be given in succession by speakers who have sent abstracts in advance.
- 2) The participants in the workshop will be divided into three (or four) groups. Each group will discuss the presentation with the presenter. After 10 minutes the groups change, and the participants get to discuss the next project. This goes on for 30 (or 40) minutes, until all participants have met with all presenters. We expect all participants to be engaged in creative discussions!

Posters are also welcomed, but an abstract is required.

All accepted abstracts will be sent out to all registered participants in good time before the conference.

Timeline

Abstracts should be prepared in electronic format and in a Word template and not exceed 350 words.

Deadline for submission of abstracts and suggestion of new workshops: **March 15, 2010**

Notification of acceptance: **April 5, 2010**

Use this website for registration and abstract submission: <http://ruconf.ruc.dk/index.php/slel/2010>

If you have any questions, please contact Mikael Meldstad (mdm@ruc.dk)

Registration and fees

Deadline for registration is **April 27, 2009**, including participants who have submitted an abstract.

Make your registration by sending an e-mail to Mikael Meldstad (mdm@ruc.dk)

Please state requirements regarding vegetarian, vegan, or allergy-adjusted food.

The conference cost **50 Euro** for PhD-students and **100 Euro** for others, which includes the meals specified in the time-schedule (reception, lunch, dinner)

The entry is binding. Registered persons who fail to attend are invoiced the administration fee.

If you have any questions please contact
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The conference is hosted at Roskilde University, Department of Psychology and Educational Studies,
www.ruc.dk/paes/

Preliminary Schedule

Day 1 (May 26, 2010)

KeyNotes (1 am- 5 am)

1:00 Opening of the conference
1:15-1:45 Ben Highmore, University of Sussex

2:00-2:30 Christena Nippert-Eng, University of Illinois
2:30-3:00 Birthe Bech-Jørgensen, Aalborg University

3:30-4:00 Ole Dreier, University of Copenhagen:
4:00-4:30 Karin Aronsson, Stockholm University

Reception

Day 2 (May 27, 2010)

9:00-12:00 Workshops

Lunch

1:00-4:00 Workshops

Dinner

Day 3 (May 28, 2010)

9:00-12:00 Summing up of conference: Understanding and Investigating Everyday Life