

RN 19 BIENNIAL REPORT 2017-2019

RN19 – Sociology of Professions

Names and email addresses of ESA RN19 executive committee

Between 2017-2019 the ESA RN 19 the members of the executive committee and their roles were:

Coordinator:

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Associate members:

Ellen Kuhlmann, Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany (honorary member)

Julia Evetts, University of Nottingham, UK (honorary member)

Teresa Carvalho, University of Aveiro and CIPES, Portugal (advisory member)

The composition of the board will remain the same for the term 2020-2021.

Activities:

In place of a mid-term conference, the RN held the first ever RN19 Summer School at the University of Aveiro, Portugal, 16–18 May, 2018. The summer school was titled “Theoretical views of professional groups”. The event was organized by Teresa Carvalho in collaboration with the RN19 board members. The turnout was very good – 11 participants – considering that the call for abstracts was published quite late, in March 2018. Participants (either PhD students or post-docs) came from universities all across Europe. Most of the participants did not know each other prior to the Summer school, nor were they yet ESA members. The RN19 board members (Teresa Carvalho, Mirko Noordegraaf, Christiane Schnell and Helena Hirvonen) and the board’s honorary member Julia Evetts acted as keynote speakers and commentators in the Summer school. The RN did not charge participation fees. Lunches and dinners were also paid from the RN budget as a part of the academic programme. After the event, the summer school report and surplus (1900€) were returned to ESA.

In 2018, the RN coordinator Christiane Schnell and co-coordinator Helena Hirvonen published RN19 report titled “Professionalism in contemporary societies” in the journal *European Sociologist* issue 42. The purpose of the report was to introduce the RN’s purpose, its history and current debates and activities to the journal’s readership.

During August 20–23 2019, the network participated in the ESA Manchester conference with 11 sessions and altogether 41 presentations. The sessions dealt with topics such as New dynamics in academia; Digitalisation in the field of professional work; Adjustments and ambivalences in professional work; and the Current state of cultural professionalism.

The future events of the network include a Mid-Term conference to be held in August 2020 in Utrecht, organized by the network's board member Mirko Noordegraaf. The RN also aims to develop its collaboration with the ISA (International Sociological Association) Research Committee 52 Sociology of Professional Groups. The long-term collaboration with the ESA Research Networks in the field of Health (RN16) will also be continued in the future.

Besides its official RN19 web page under ESA's homepage, the RN has a facebook and a twitter account that the network board members (Christiane Schnell, Helena Hirvonen and Taru Siekkinen) moderate and update when necessary:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ESARN19/>

Twitter: @ESA_rn19