



## **COST Action CA 15122**

# **Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion (ROSEnet)**

**Policy Challenges in Life Courses of Social Exclusion**  
**Swansea UK 24 June 2019 - 27 June 2019**

## **Programme**

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The purpose of the workshop on *Policy Challenges in Life Courses of Social Exclusion* is to engage with Early Career Researchers to examine links between theory and research in Social Exclusion and the policies and practices that could reduce social exclusion within their own countries and settings. Joining us in this exchange are researchers from ROSEnet and theorists and researchers in life courses of ageing; experts in social policy and practice and advocates for including older people. They will share their expertise about pathways of policy development and work closely with participants toward making the linkages between their own research and policy.

The workshop will take a participatory and inclusive approach with participants encouraged to contribute at every opportunity – with the mentors and speakers and with each other. At the end of the workshop all participants will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to link their research with policy and practice. The goal is to bring about real world solutions to all forms of social exclusion.

Please see overleaf a draft programme for your information.

## Draft Programme

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June,**

**The Marriott Hotel, Swansea**

- 17.00 **Maria Cheshire-Allen and Deb Morgan.** Welcome and introduction to the workshop
- Norah Keating.** Introduction of **Paul Boyles Vice Chancellor Elect, Swansea University Professor**
- 17.15 **Vanessa Burholt.** Introduction COST ROSEnet
- 17.30 **Heléna Herklots, [Older People's Commissioner for Wales](#).**  
Opening address. 'Challenging inequities in policy and practice: Issues confronting older people in Wales'  
Chair. **Vanessa Burholt**
- 18.30 BREAK
- 19.30 Dinner for participants and mentors (included for all participants)  
**Norah Keating.** Welcome and introduction of distinguished guests and participants

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Room West, Singleton Campus, Swansea University**

- 8.30 **Deb Morgan and Norah Keating.** Introductions and structure of the programme
- 9.00 Greetings from **Professor Kieran Walsh, ROSENet Scientific Director**
- 9.30 **Session 1:** Keynote address  
**Phyllis Moen.** Unequal Life-Course Pathways: Cumulative or Intersecting Social Inclusion and Exclusion?  
Chair. **Norah Keating**
- 10.30 BREAK
- 11.00 **Workshop 1:** Mapping lifecourse pathways to social exclusion  
Chair – **Norah Keating**

**Panel: Phyllis Moen, Giovanni Lamura, Vanessa Burholt**

Panel members will address the following questions.

- Q1 Within your areas of interest (within social exclusion domains), what are the main lifecourse transitions that might increase risks of exclusion in later life?
- Q2 What are some of the drivers of exculsion in later life? How might these differ at different points in the lifecourse
- Q3 What can we learn by taking a lifecourse perspective on social exclusion that we couldn't learn by looking entirely at later life?

- 12:00 Participants meet in small groups with their mentor to discuss:
- What is their main domain of interest and what have they said in their draft policy briefs about the current importance of the issue?
  - Having heard Professor Moen's presentation, how might they redraft the lifecourse section of their brief?

13:00 LUNCH

14:00 **Session 2:** European agendas on late life social exclusion

Chair: **Deborah Morgan**

Panel: Jim Ogg, Paivi Topo, Giovanni Lamura

Panel members will address the following questions.

- Q1 In what ways is social exclusion evident in agendas on ageing in your country?
- Q2 What are the reasons for current interest in social exclusion in your country? If there is little interest in social exclusion, why not?
- Q3 How might considering a life course approach to exclusion be useful in addressing late life social exclusion in your country?

15:00 BREAK

15:30 **Workshop 2:** Gaining an insider view of *your* country or regional policy context

Participants meet in small groups with a mentor to discuss:

- their country's context and how it's important to their particular domain of exclusion
- create a set of themes on country contexts

17:30 Close – free time

19:00 Dinner organised by Swansea CIA postgraduate students & early career researchers (*optional*)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Room West, Singleton Campus, Swansea University**

- 9.00 **Workshop 3a:** From Research to Policy to Practice  
**Richard Humphries** Policy contexts: opportunities and limitations  
Richard will talk about the process of being involved in the policy process, using his own 'policy life course' as the example. He will use his set of policy questions about the research, the policy architecture and the policy environment (as below) to frame his talk.  
Chair: **Maria Cheshire-Allen**
- 10.00 Break
- 10.30 **Workshop 3b:** Turning 'policy-relevant' social exclusion research themes into compelling policy messages  
Chair: **Richard Humphries**  
Participants meet in small groups with their mentors. Discussion is based on the following questions.
- To what extent is your research designed with a particular policy or practice issue in mind?
  - Who are the policy-makers most likely to be interested in the research?
  - What is the existing policy framework for the issue(s) in question?
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 **Workshop 4**  
**Gideon Calder** Practicalities of engaging in and influencing policy or practice  
Chairs: **Giovanni Lamura and Paivi Topo**
- 14:30 Break
- 15.00 Crafting the right message at the right time with the right people.  
Participants create their policy-relevant messages. Mentors respond/clarify  
Chairs: **Giovanni Lamura and Paivi Topo**
- 17.00 Close – free evening  
Optional social activities are available.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Marriott Hotel, Swansea**

**9.00 Final Session:**  
Presentation from each participant based on the pre-session assignment and refined throughout the workshop.

**11:00** Closing remarks thanks and feedback.

**12.00 Lunch.** Provided at the hotel or upon request to take away.

**Mentors and Speakers:**

**Vanessa Burholt**, Professor of Gerontology, Director of the Centre for Innovative Ageing, Swansea University, UK

**Gideon Calder**, Senior Lecturer in Social Sciences and Social Policy, Swansea University, UK

**Maria Cheshire-Allen**, Research Officer, Centre for Ageing and Dementia Research, Swansea University, UK

**Deborah Morgan**, Research Officer, Centre for Ageing and Dementia Research, Swansea University, UK

**Heléna Herklots**, Older People's Commissioner for Wales, UK

**Richard Humphries**, Senior Fellow, The King's Fund, London & Visiting Professor, University of Worcester, UK

**Norah Keating**, Professor, Centre for Innovative Ageing, Swansea University, UK and Director IAGG Global Social Issues on Ageing

**Giovanni Lamura**, INRCA – IRCCS – National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing, Director of Centre for Socio-Economic Research on Ageing, Ancona, Italy

**Phyllis Moen**, Professor, McKnight Presidential Chair, University of Minnesota, U.S.A.

**Jim Ogg**, Ageing research unit, Department of Statistics, Perspective and Research, Caisse nationale d'assurance vieillesse, France

**Paivi Topo**, Director, The Age Institute, Finland