

Mid-term Conference of the European Sociological Association's RN14: Gender Relations in the Labour Market and the Welfare State

University of Leicester, 30 September to 1 October 2010

Thursday, 30th September 2010

12.30 – 13.00: Registration and Welcome

13.00 – 13.30: Opening keynote speech by Tracey Warren (Nottingham) *Work-life balance in Europe: a key role for moderate full-time hours?*

13.30 – 14.30: Session 1: *Work, welfare and work-life-balance* Chair Sara Falcão Casaca (Portugal)

- Georgiana Ivan (Bucharest): The influence of welfare state type on perceived work life balance
- Linda Nierling and Bettina-Johanna Krings (KIT): European ways of living and working – current changes in working time and work-life balance
- Margherita Sabrina Perra (Cagliari): Family, gender relations and welfare states in Italy

14.30 – 15.00: Break / Refreshments

15.00 – 16.00: Session 2: *How realistic is work-life-balance?*, Chair Linda Nierling / Bettina-Johanna Krings (Germany)

- Helen Peterson (Linköping): "Work. Then Spare Time. Whenever. Wherever." Gender, ICT and Work-Life Balance in Swedish Couples
- Brid Featherstone and Michelle Millar (NUI): Reconciling work and family life: The Case of Lone Parents in Ireland
- Emma Calvert (Southampton) and Fran McGinnity: Work-life Conflict: Ireland in Comparative Perspective

16.00-17.00: Keynote speech by Suzan Lewis (Middlesex) "Work-life Balance" and other Myths

17.00 – 18.00: Wine Reception

from 20.00: Conference Dinner

Friday, 1st October 2010

9.30 – 11.00: Session 3: *A Gender perspective on older Workers: Retirement and Pensions*, Chair Vanessa Beck (Leicester)

- Teresa Cândia (Lisbon): Transition into retirement and occupational status among men and women in the 50+ age group in Europe
- Kim Denaeghel, Borghgraef and Mortelmans (Antwerp): Spousal influence on the individual retirement decision
- Aine Ni Leime (NUI): Gender, the retirement decision and pension provision for older workers in Ireland: a qualitative life-course analysis?

11.00 – 11.30: Break / Refreshments

11.30 – 13.00: Session 4: *A Gender perspective on older Workers: Policy and Practice*, Chair Aine Ni Leime (Ireland)

- David Lain (Brighton): Married to work? The influence of marital status and gender on employment past 65 in the UK and USA
- Dorien Van Looy (Antwerp): A cross-country and gendered perspective on the determinants of part-time work at the end of the working career
- Sara Falcão Casaca (Lisbon) and Sally Bould (Luxembourg/Delaware): Older Women workers and the European Union's Employment Goals

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 14.30: The future of the RN (Business Meeting) and plans for ESA 2011 Geneva Conference

14.30 – 16.00: *Session 5: Gender and the Labour Market in Europe*, Chair Vanessa Beck (UK)

- Patricia Kennedy and Anne Coakley (UCD): The Impact of the Recession on Women's Employment in the Irish Public Sector; a critical juncture
- Eva Katharina Sarter (FU Berlin): Lagging behind or creating a path of its own? Female labour market integration in the Western Mediterranean
- Anja Kettner (IAB) and Stephanie Pausch: Job-filling processes in Germany: a gender perspective

16.00 – 16.30: Break / Refreshments and concluding comments