

Transforming Care

TCN Newsletter

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Conference 2023:
Call for Papers



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Editorial

Dear colleague,

we are entering 2023 with some concerns as well as hopes. The pandemic marked the end of a long period of relative stability and predictability, in which care policies could prosper around the world. Today's world is more instable, convulsed by war conflicts and rivalry, the aftershock of the pandemic, climate change, economic recession, and rapid social and technological change. Social care policies are embedded within this scenario of strong uncertainty and face new challenges and problems. As care researchers, we are here to understand such transformation and support new developments for care policy.

Therefore, the main theme of the **6th Transforming Care Conference** is *Boundaries, Transitions and Crisis Context*. The conference takes place in Sheffield June 26-28th.

You will find the **Call for papers** below. It will close on January 30th, but do submit your abstract in good time! The conference offers 24 Thematic Panels, 11 Symposia, 3 keynotes, 1 round table as well as "meet the author" events. There will also be open sessions for abstracts which do not fall within the themes of the Thematic Panels. And overall, it will be the opportunity to meet up after such a long time.

In the newsletter, you will also find information about two books on their way in the **Transforming Care Book Series** at Policy Press.

Finally, we remind you that the network has now a dedicated **TCN mailing list** through which you can circulate information about your and your colleagues' research work. This tool is aimed to supporting our networking and information activity. Let's try to use it! You find more about the TCN mailing list below.

We look forward to meeting you in person in Sheffield. It will be not only a return to a traditional in-presence conference, but also a new beginning for our network activities after the pandemic shock.

Tine Rostgaard and Costanzo Ranci, chairs.

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Call for papers

6th Transforming Care Conference 2023 ***Boundaries, Transitions and Crisis Contexts*** **26th - 28th June 2023, University of Sheffield, UK**

Around the world, care in all its forms – of children, of adults with disabilities and of frail older people – is becoming increasingly challenging, visible and important. In focusing on boundaries, transitions and crisis contexts, we hope the 2023 Transforming Care Conference will bring together recent research evidence and new thinking on how critical contemporary changes are affecting who provides care, of what kinds, and at which stages in their life; the circumstances in which care is provided and experienced; and the outcomes and consequences of that care for different social actors.

Three well-known expert [keynotes](#) will help us to understand the main, current challenges for care research and policy: Professor Claude Martin (University of Rennes), Professor Emerita Rianne Mahon (Carleton University), and Professor Emerita Fiona Williams (University of Leeds).

Visit the [Transforming Care Conference website](#) for more information about the conference.

Call for papers

We encourage paper contributions that investigate the conference themes. Papers may address priority-setting on a macro-, meso- as well as micro-level, and therefore involving the politics and policy level, but also organisational/provider and individual level decisions. We encourage contributions from different continents in order to exemplify how priority setting is made and perhaps differ in e.g. European, Asian and South-American countries.

You are invited to submit a paper abstract for one or more of the conference Thematic Panels. A list of these, with information about the themes and conveners is found [here](#).

We specifically welcome papers that deal with the overarching theme of boundaries, transitions and crisis contexts, but also papers that look into care from other theoretical and empirical perspectives. As always, the Transforming Care Conference offers the opportunity to submit papers outside the selected conference theme. The open stream is for new thinking and research outside the Boundaries, Transitions and Crisis Contexts theme, for the presentation of new ideas, theories and methods that take forward international debate and scholarship on care in all its human forms.

Abstract submission

Abstract submission to our Thematic Panels is open from 17th November 2023 until 30th January 2023. Abstracts should be submitted via email to transformingcare2023@sheffield.ac.uk and must include:

- Title of paper
- The Thematic Panel you are submitting to
- Name(s), affiliation(s) and contact details of author(s)
- Abstract (maximum 250 words).

Please note that if your abstract is accepted you must submit your full paper to the conference by 1st June 2023. Papers will be available to delegates only. See the website for further info or contact transformingcare2023@sheffield.ac.uk

Important dates

30th January 2023: Deadline for call for papers

28th February 2023: Information about accepted papers

1st March – 15th April 2023: Early bird registration

1st June 2023: Deadline for upload of papers; registration closes.

Join the Transforming Care Network Mailing List

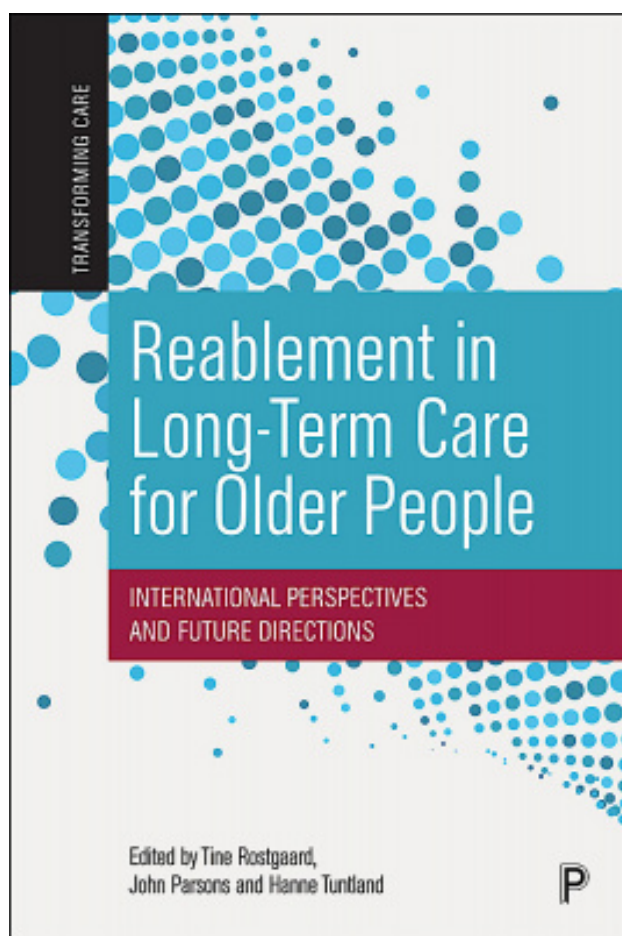
Creating links and cooperation among scholars involved in social care and care policy research is one of the main aims of the TCN. To enhance mutual communication and information among TCN members, we have created a mailing list for TCN members at [\[transformingcarenet@googlegroups.com\]](mailto:transformingcarenet@googlegroups.com).

We invite you to send and receive specific information on social care and care policy research through this new easy-to-use means of communication.

it is an open mailing list where TCN member can send relevant information to other members. You can share information on social care and care policy research in this mailing list. This may include academic conferences and events, publications, working papers, calls for papers, invitations to seminars and workshops, information about courses or summer schools focused on care policy, opportunities for early career scholars, policy documents or policy developments you may want to inform about. The mailing list is dedicated to members of TCN and, therefore, to scholars involved in research on early childhood education and care, care for adults with disabilities, and long-term care for frail older people.

To join the mailing list, just send an empty e-mail to transformingcarenet+subscribe@googlegroups.com. Automatically, you will receive an e-mail confirming your subscription. You will find instructions on the use of the mailing list and general information about our privacy policy [here](#).

New books in the Transforming Care Book series



We remind you that the second publication in the [Transforming Care book series](#) will be published in late January:

[Reablement in Long-Term Care for Older People: International Perspectives and Future Directions](#)
eds. By Tine Rostgaard, Hanne Tuntland and John Parsons.

Reablement offers a radical new integrated care approach which supports older people to regain and maintain functioning and independence.

This interdisciplinary book provides an introduction to the remarkable if haphazard international growth in reablement policies and practices in aged care over the past twenty years. Incorporating theoretical and empirical research, it considers benefits for clients and care workers, cost-saving potentials and reablement provision for people with dementia. Finally, the book reflects on key findings, challenges and the way forward for long-term care for older people.

Contributors are:

Marte Feiring, Oddvar Førland, Fiona Aspinall, Elissa Burton, Lea Graff, Silke F. Metzelthin, Hilary O'Connell, Gill Lewin, Daniel Doh, Maria Ranner, Susanne Guidetti, Magnus Zingmark, Elissa Burton, Miia Rahja, Jette Thuesen, Amy Clotworthy, Rudi G.J. Westendorp, Michelle Nelson, Tine Rostgaard, Hanne Tuntland, and John Parsons.

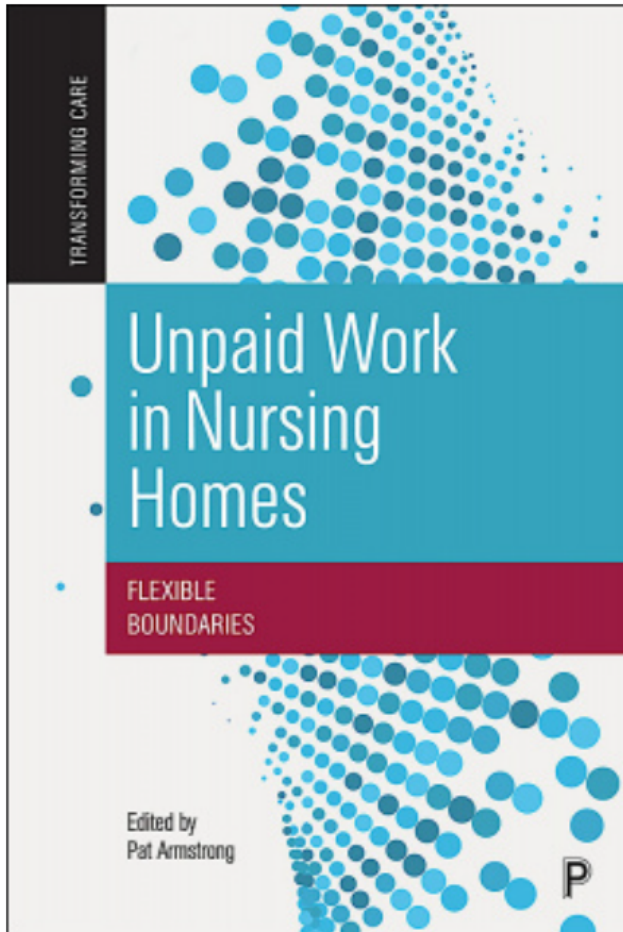
The reviewers wrote:

"A valuable and timely resource for policy makers and practitioners. Robust cross-country and interdisciplinary research shows how reablement can reduce long-term care costs, improve wellbeing and professionalise care work." Caroline Glendinning, University of York

"Policies that prevent poor health as people age, help them participate in communities and provide people-centred care are imperative for societal wellbeing and a healthy economy. In this inspiring book, the authors trace the path for re-enabling in long-term care." Francesca Colombo, OECD.

Also, we are excited to announce that the third book in the [Transforming Care book series](#) is on its way:

Unpaid Work in Nursing Homes - Flexible Boundaries, edited by Pat Armstrong



This international and inter-disciplinary book aims to uncover the extent and nature of unpaid work and workers in nursing homes.

As the authors argue, understanding these activities as work allows us to explore the conditions and relations that shape them, attending to the multiple skills and tensions involved as well as to the values and structures that shape them.

The book focuses on Canada, Norway, Sweden, and the UK.

It is guided by feminist political economy and uses Rapid, Site-Switching Ethnography.

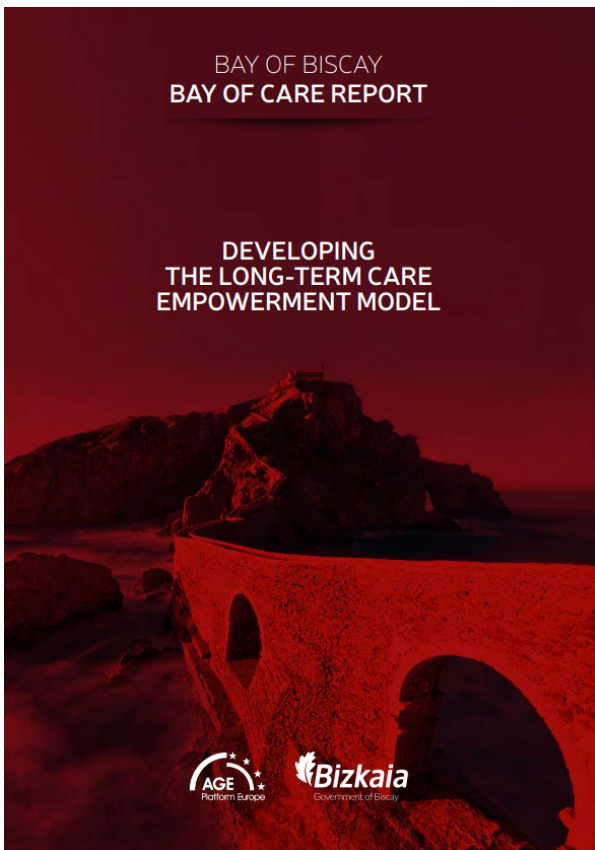
Contributors are Marta Szebehely, Susan Braedley, Petra Ulmanen, Ruth Lowndes, Jacqueline Choiniere, James Struthers, Gudmund Ågotnes, Janna Klostermann, Christine Streeter, Oddrunn Sortland, James Struthers, Frode F. Jacobsen, Hugh Armstrong and Pat Armstrong.

The book will be available in July 2023 and can be pre-ordered [here](#).

Claim your TCN discount on 30% using code POTCMD20

For information on how to publish in the series, contact series editors Costanzo Ranci costanzo.ranci@polimi.it and Tine Rostgaard, tiro@ruc.dk

Short news



A new report on the future model of LTC has been published. It promotes **a model of care based on human rights and respect for the diversity of people's needs**, as key elements in the shaping of a quality long-term care model.

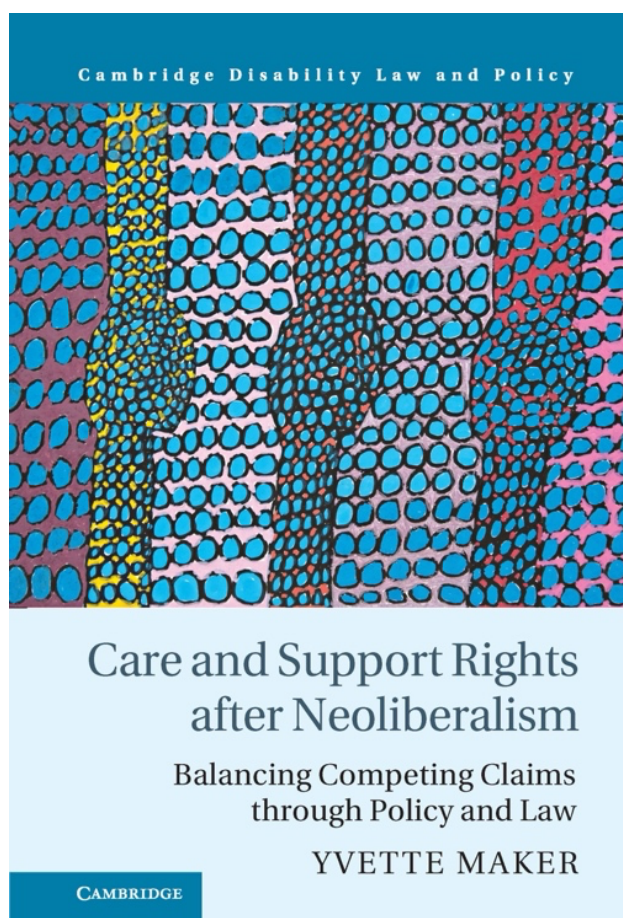
The report was produced for the Government of Biscay, Spain, under the collaboration of **Age Platform** and is written by Sarah Harper, Liesbeth De Donder, Anne Hendry, Stefania Ilinca, Giovanni Lamura and Tine Rostgaard. It can be found [here](#).

In the report, it is proposed that long-term care systems should pursue the following core goals:

- To support older adults to lead meaningful lives, to promote quality of life; and to empower older adults until the end of their lives;
- To ensure dignity, autonomy and self-determination, as well as equality and non-discrimination, for all older adults;
- To promote healthy ageing, defined as the process of developing and maintaining the functional ability that enables wellbeing in older age;
- To enable the inclusion and social participation of older adults, allowing them to remain active and engaged members of their communities should they so desire.

These goals reflect a **rights-based approach to the development and delivery of long-term care** and are aligned with calls from international and national advocacy organizations calling for changing the way in older age; to emphasize the societal responsibility to protect and work towards realizing older peoples' human rights.





Our TCN member, **Dr Yvette Maker** from University of Melbourne has published the book **Care and Support Rights After Neoliberalism Balancing Competing Claims Through Policy and Law** by Cambridge University Press.

The book offers principles for designing care and support policy to address two persistent sources of tension in the field; supporting women's unpaid caring and supporting their paid work participation, and the tension between carers' claims for support and independence for people with disabilities. Policies tend to favor one activity and one constituency over the other. Consequently, individuals' access to resources and choices about how they live are constrained. Using a citizenship rights framework, with insights from human rights law, the principles provide guidance for designing policy and legislation that avoids 'either/or' approaches and addresses the interests of multiple constituencies.

Analyses of Australian and English policies demonstrate the value of the principles for developing policy that reduces inequality, responds to 'failures' of neoliberalism, and expands choice for all. See here for further [information](#).

(Wanting also to promote your publications, projects and events? Feel free to use the new [TCN mailing list](#)!)

Contributions to the next issue of the TCN Newsletter

Feel free to send in information that you would like to see in the next TCN Newsletter.

Deadline: April 30th 2023. Send to transformingcarenet@gmail.com

The TCN web site

If you haven't visited already: come meet us at the [TCN website](#) where you will find all relevant information about the network, book series, past and future conferences.