

Transforming Care

TCN Newsletter Winter 2023

**New activities:
TCN Members' Panel and Spring
School**



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Editorial

Dear colleague,

This year has been full of activities in our Transforming Care Network (TCN). The main event was the **Transforming Care Conference (TCC)** held in June in Sheffield, which gathered about 300 scholars for three intensive days of presentations, discussion, and meetings. The conference was a pleasant opportunity to meet up again and get to know new people.

The conference also provided an opportunity to discuss how to bring the network forward. During the members' meeting and via the evaluation form, you have given us many positive comments and inputs, that we will take with us for the organization of the 2025 conference. Find more about this year's conference and the 2025 conference in the newsletter.

This year has also included the launching of the **TCN Mailing list**. Here, members can circulate information about their academic activities (books, articles, seminars, calls, and so on). We have a good number of subscriptions and encourage you to join the list and share messages. Find out more about the mailing list further below.

We have also organized three online **book seminars** to promote the diffusion of the books in the **Transforming Care Book Series**, published by Policy Press. These online events have proven to be popular and are well attended. They are manageable timewise (1,5 hours), compact (short presentations by the editors/authors followed by the comment of an invited discussant) and engaging (providing room for comments from the attendees). You can watch the videos from these seminars on the Policy Press webpage (see more in the newsletter).

In the coming year, we would like to invest in two new directions: i) organizing a **TCN Spring School**, which provides PhD fellows and early career scholars opportunities to present and discuss their research; and ii) introducing a **TCN Members' Panel** where you can promote new initiatives, such as theoretical discussions, reading groups or more activist initiatives. We want to make our network an open, vibrant platform in which scholars can be engaged in public and policy discussions. You will find more on these initiatives in this newsletter.

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6th Transforming Care Conference 2023 in Sheffield

The main activity of the Transforming Care Network (TCN) is our bi-annual conference, the Transforming Care Conference (TCC). After the on-line conference in 2021, we were finally able to meet up in person again, in June 2023 at the University of Sheffield. Professor Sue Yeandle and her CIRCLE team, with the invaluable support of Kelly S. Davidge, took the responsibility for organizing it and provided a fantastic event for the participants.

The TCC venue was in the new building of the University, providing space for both social and academic activities. We sense that people enjoyed the atmosphere of the physical facilities and generosity of the hosts.

The scientific organization of the conference followed the model already tested in previous TCCs: Three keynotes by distinguished scholars, a panel discussion, and parallel sessions including both Thematic Panels (based on submitted papers) and Symposia (directly organized by groups of scholars). This year we added some "Meet the author sessions". We also organized a social event for early career scholars and a TCN Members' meeting during which we discussed ideas and suggestions for the future of the network.

The conference confirmed the need for scientific exchanges in the field of social care policy and practice. 190 papers were presented in 35 parallel sessions. Almost 300 people registered for the conference, the highest number in the short history of the conference. Participants came from 30 countries around the world, also a new record for us. Participants represented mainly European countries, but included the US, Canada, South Africa, Namibia, Japan, and Taiwan.

Remember that **papers are still available for participants only** from the conference website and until end-Dec 2023. If you cannot remember your password, contact the local organizers transformingcare2023@sheffield.ac.uk. Note that the mailbox closes at the end of the year.

We asked the participants to evaluate the conference, and here report the main result, based on a total of 51 survey respondents: 24% rated the conference 'Excellent', 35% 'Good', and 13% 'Average'. 88% would recommend it to colleagues. The far majority were either 'Very satisfied/Satisfied' with the parallel sessions (98%), the registration process, conference facilities, overall organization and staff (all 96%), and the conference material (92%). One in three (73%) were likewise 'Very satisfied/Satisfied' with Key notes. Some commented on the need for

ensuring more diversity in the choice of keynote speakers, something that we would like to address by inviting you to take part in our new TCN activity, the **TCN Members' Panel**, see more below.



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7th Transforming Care Conference 2025 in Helsinki

The 7th Transforming Care Conference will be held in Helsinki, Finland in 2025. It will take place from Wednesday **25th June to Friday 27th June 2025** in the recently renovated Main Building of the University of Helsinki in the very centre of Helsinki. The vibrant city of Helsinki, nicknamed 'the Daughter of the Baltic', is at its best in the summer, with almost 24/7 daylight.

The conference will offer a rich academic and social programme and will continue the tradition of the Transforming Care conference series of bringing together the global community of care researchers in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

The 7th Transforming Care Conference is organised by [the Centre of Excellence in Research on Ageing and Care \(CoE AgeCare\)](#), the University of Helsinki, the University of Jyväskylä and – of course – the Transforming Care Network. The conference is hosted by Professor [Teppo Kröger](#) and Researchers [Emilia Leinonen](#) and [Salla Era](#). Welcome to Helsinki in June 2025!

TCN Spring School in June 2024



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As a new activity, we are launching the TCN Spring School. It is our hope that we can continue this activity in the years when there is no conference organised. The first TCN Spring School is organised by the Polytechnic of Milan.

We invite PhD fellows and early career researchers in disciplines such as sociology, political science, social work, and economics to apply for the Spring School in **Researching Care and Care Policy in Europe: challenges for care resilience in**

turbulent times to be held at Polytechnic of Milan, Italy, from Wednesday 5th June, 2024 (h. 14) to Friday 7th June, 2024 (h. 14).

The aim of the Spring School is to provide participants with an understanding of the main issues and challenges for care and care policies in Europe. We aim to connect research on care across different policy fields: early childhood education and care, care for adults with disabilities, and long-term care for frail older people. The Spring School will present state-of-the-art research by leading scholars on a range of topics:

- care inequalities, unequal access to care services, gender, ethnic and socio-economic drivers,
- the new political economy of social care in times of privatization and marketization,
- care policies and social investment: the role of care services to achieve important economic and social outcomes in the future,
- improving working conditions for and recruitment strategies of care workers
- the impact of digitalization and technology change on care systems.

Speakers include Kate Hamblin (Sheffield University), Ingela Naumann (University of Fribourg and University of Edinburgh), Costanzo Ranci (Polytechnic of Milan), Ricardo Rodriguez (University of Lisbon), Tine Rostgaard (Roskilde University), Stefania Sabatinelli (Polytechnic of Milan).

The Spring School will provide participants the opportunity to (i) discuss the main issues and challenges for social care policy in Europe; (ii) evaluate data and measurement problems concerning care policy and care systems; (iii) explore the research strategies best able to capture the main issues and present dynamics in the field.

The format will be a mix of keynote addresses, workshop presentations, hands-on mentoring sessions (both theoretical and methodological) and opportunities for participants to present and discuss one's own work.

The Spring School is supported by DASTU, the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies of the Polytechnic of Milan and LPS, Social Policy Lab of the Polytechnic of Milan. The Spring School is promoted by a steering committee composed by: Costanzo Ranci, Emma Garavaglia, Tine Rostgaard and Stefania Sabatinelli.

Applications and practical details

Candidates are invited to send their CV, a summary of their research topic (max. 500 words) and a motivation letter to emma.garavaglia@polimi.it by February 13th, 2024. Successful candidates will be notified within two weeks. There is no participation fee and participants will fund their own travel, accommodation, and dinners. Lunches and a welcome drink will be provided. Information and advice about affordable accommodation in Milan will be provided on request.

Launching a TCN Members' Panel!

One of the aims of the Transforming Care Network is to be an **open and participatory network** that is able to articulate and advance the needs and common participation of its members. In one of the last sessions of the Transforming Care Conference in Sheffield University, we hosted a workshop to receive feedback and proposals from attendees to enhance and adapt the network to their needs. We are grateful for the great participation and suggestions.

With the aim of continuing the discussion, we would like to launch a **TCN Members' Panel**. The Panel is intended to give space for collective activities of your interest, such as discussing new theoretical advances, discuss recent books, or the public implications of our research with policy makers, civil society associations, interest groups and citizens. The Panel can also provide input on how to advance the Transforming Care Network and improve the quality and organisation of the conference.

The Panel activities are intended to be member-based and member-driven. There will be a **Workshop Jan 29th 12.30-14.00 CET**, where these and other ideas can be discussed, and it can be decided how to organize the Panel and future activities.

The proposed **program** is as follows, but feel free to write to us if you wish to include or modify any agenda items:

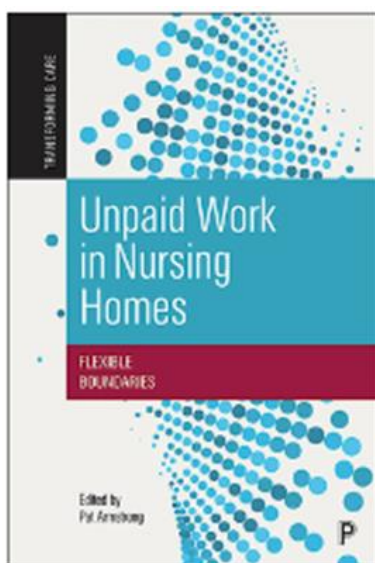
1. Presentation of the idea behind the TCN Members' Panel
2. Your proposals of Panel activities and discussion of these
3. Reflections on TCN activities and moving these further (conference, organisation, mail list, etc)

You can register to the event [here](#). All TCN members are invited to what promises to be a great opportunity to share ideas and advance our network!

The Transforming Care Book Series

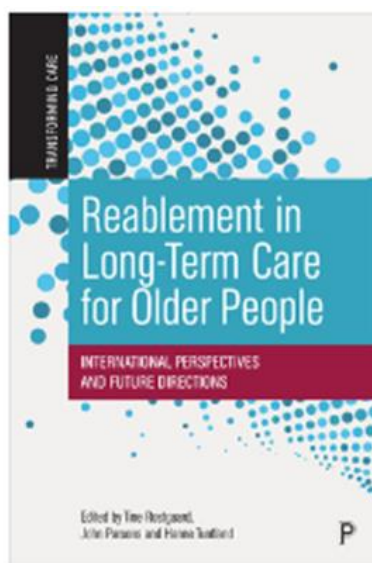
Claim your TCN discount of 30% with ordering books, using the code TCD24.

Three books in the book series are now available from [Policy Press' website](#):



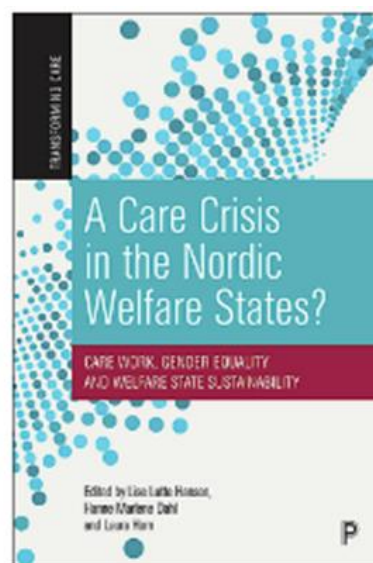
Unpaid Work in Nursing Homes

Edited by Pat Armstrong



Reablement in Long-Term Care for Older People

Edited by Tine Rostgaard, John Parsons and Hanne Tuntland



A Care Crisis in the Nordic Welfare States?

Edited by Lise Lotte Hansen, Hanne Marlene Dahl and Laura Horn



Call for new book proposals in the Transforming Care Book series

The Transforming Care book series forms a collection of the best research on social care globally. We welcome expressions of interest in all areas of care research and particularly encourage scholars working on social care for children, adults with

disabilities and/or older people. Contributions can be empirical or theoretical, and come from disciplines of social policy studies, political science, economics, sociology, social work, anthropology and ethnography.

We invite early career, mid-career and experienced academics to submit expressions of interest in the publishing of monographs and edited volumes to its editorial team. The editors will consider and provide feedback on all expressions of interest.

For more information on the [Transforming Care book series](#); if you are interested in publishing in the series, contact series editors Costanzo Ranci, costanzo.ranci@polimi.it and Tine Rostgaard, tiro@ruc.dk. Authors and editors willing to submit a proposal can find the Policy Press instructions here: <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/author-hub/submitting-your-proposal>



The Transforming Care book series seminars

We have until now held four well-attended **online seminars** where the authors of the books published in the Transforming Care book series have presented and discussed their books.

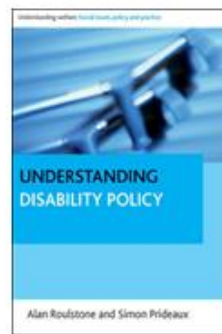
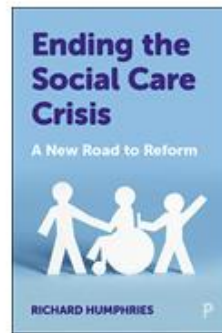
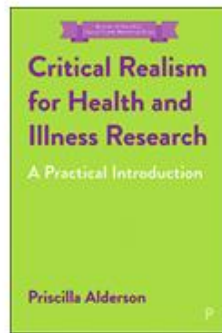
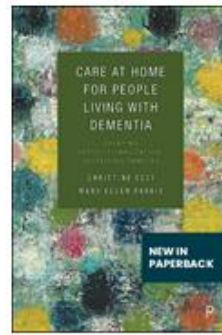
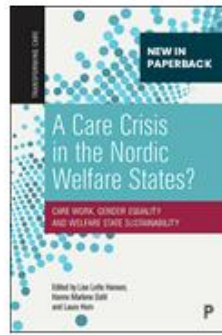
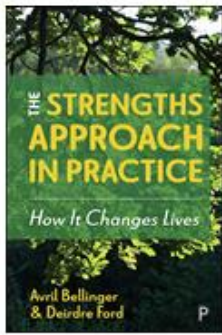
Most recently, Pat Armstrong and her colleagues presented their book on **Unpaid care in nursing homes**.

The video recording from this seminar will soon be available from the TCN website, along with recordings from the other seminars, <http://www.transforming-care.net/book-seminars/>

Looking for a Christmas present? Perhaps for yourself?

These books are recommended reading within health and social care by Policy Press.

For more information on these books and others on the topics, see [here](#).



Social media

The Transforming Care Network is now also on X (formerly Twitter). Follow us here <https://twitter.com/TrCareNetwork>

The International Journal of Care and Caring

The Transforming Care Network (TCN) collaborates with [the International Journal of Care and Caring](#).

Find the current **Editor's Choice collection** [here](#).

The journal now has a well-earned **impact factor** of 1,4.

The journal is looking for a **new Editor in Chief** to run for a period of three years from June 2024, with the possibility of renewing for a second two-year term. Application deadline: 15 December 2023. Read the call [here](#).



Changes in the TCN Management group

We are sad to have to say goodbye to our colleague Chieh-hsiu Liu who has acquired a new position at the Ministry of Health and Welfare hospital in Taiwan. Thank you for the good work that you did in the Management group!

And we are excited to bid welcome to **Lea Graff as our new member of the TCN Management group**. Lea is Senior research analyst at VIVE – The Danish Center for Social Science Research and PhD fellow at the Centre for Welfare and Labour Research at Oslo Metropolitan University in Norway, where she examines the conditions for and provision of good (enough) eldercare in Danish and Norwegian municipalities.



Short news

The COVID-19 crisis and the welfare state: Social Europe in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung produce a series of short discussions and interviews that addresses what a 21st-century welfare state should look like for all of Europe, including the private-public mix. Contributors include Mary Daly, Anton Hemerijck, Kate Pickett and many more. You can find the series [here](#).



Are you updated on the European Care Strategy?

The motivation behind the strategy was clear, as given by Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission:

'For nights on end [during the pandemic], we all stood at our windows and doors to applaud critical workers. We felt how much we relied on all those women and men who work for lower wages, fewer protections and less security. The applause may have faded away, but the strength of feeling cannot. [...] We will come forward with a new European care strategy to support men and women in finding the best care and the best life balance for them.'

Read the **EU Commission Communication on the care strategy** [here](#).

Join the Transforming Care Network Mailing list

The TCN Mailing facilitates the continuous exchange of information, ideas, and opportunities within our network. It is dedicated to the 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. We encourage you to actively use the list to share information on new articles, books or journals, upcoming calls and conferences and the like.

To join the mailing list, just send an empty e-mail to: transformingcarenet+subscribe@googlegroups.com. Automatically, you will then receive an e-mail confirming your subscription.

If you have changed your email, you can sign up again with your new mail address or send an email to the Mailing list support, David Palomera, David.Palomera@uab.cat

You will find instructions on the use of the mailing list and general information about our privacy policy [here](#).

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: March 1st, 2024. 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 and seminars, and past and future conferences.
