

# Transforming Care

## TCN Newsletter

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## Welcome!

Dear colleague,

With this very first newsletter, we are launching the **Transforming Care Network (TCN)**. We bid you welcome to a researcher network that aspires to create links and cooperation among scholars involved in social care research.

The decision to set up a Transforming Care Network was taken in Copenhagen in June 2019, during the 4th Transforming Care Conference (TCC). The success of this conference series, organized every two years in a different country, convinced us that it was time to consolidate the network of people attending the conference, also a way to expand the network to scholars, especially young scholars, recently involved in this field.

The network will be a lean, informal and open structure allowing productive and continuous exchanges of information among its members. It will allow members of the network to exchange news and information about their work and upcoming events. It will also provide an outlet for the publication of research results through the **newly established Transforming Care book series at Policy Press** and through the **collaboration with the International Journal of Care and Caring (IJCC)**. And, of course, it will provide the structure for the organization of the **coming TCC conferences, the next to be held in Venice June 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

Consistently with the spirit and content of the conferences, we aim to have a friendly, cooperative, and open network of scholars, with different scientific backgrounds and approaches, as well as different geographical origins, all sharing a common interest in exchanging their research results and theoretical thoughts in a relaxed, receptive, non-competitive setting.

We strongly hope that the network will provide you with this chance, and that you are interested in continuing being part or joining it.

You can read more about membership and aims of the network in the newsletter, as well as more information about the upcoming Transforming Care Conference 2021 and the newly established Transforming Care book series.

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## The Transforming Care Network (TCN)

### Our essence

The TCN is established in order to foster and disseminate research on care policy and practice, and provide the best platform for exchanges and meetings among scholars who are active in this field.

It's a world-wide, multi-disciplinary network, linking together long-term care, child care and disability studies. Below you find a short presentation of the network.

### Aim

The need for scientific and theoretical investigation of care and care work is highly topical and calls for further opportunities to develop mutual exchanges and interaction among researchers. In response, the Transforming Care Network aspires to create links and cooperation among scholars involved in social care policy and practice research. One of the main aims is 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. Another main aim is to promote intensive communication and information exchange among the members and to provide an outlet for publications of research results via the Transforming Care book series.

### Activities

The main activity of network is the *Transforming Care Conference* which is organized every two years. The aim of the conference series is to investigate how transformations of care for children, frail older people and adults with disability are playing out in policy and in practice across various nations and local units. The conference is a meeting point for care researchers across different disciplines, who are studying care issues from many different perspectives and geographical regions.

An important activity of the TCN is the *Transforming Care book series* which is just established. Here you can find an outlet for your publications in care. The book series is hosted by Policy Press, for more information, see further down.

Other activities of the network include the edited *TCN newsletter*, the first of which you are reading right now! As a member of the network, you will receive regular newsletters about network activities and relevant news. The newsletter is sent out two-four times a year to members of the network. We encourage you to send news about new research projects and findings, new educational activities, upcoming conferences and conference reports, calls etc. to [transformingcarenet@gmail.com](mailto:transformingcarenet@gmail.com).

The network may also organize *various events*, such as PhD/postdoctoral workshops, scientific seminars, meetings among scholars and with social care stakeholders and institutions. Contact us with ideas!

The network collaborates with the [International Journal of Care and Caring \(IJCC\)](#). The editors of the journal are present at the conference and here provide advice on how to publish in the journal.

### **Membership**

Participation in the network is on an individual basis and is free of charge. The main target group is active scholars around the world investigating social care policy and practice.

Membership gives the right to receive and contribute news to the edited TCN newsletter. Sign up for membership of the TCN [here](#)

### **Management**

The TCN is led by two [chairs](#), Prof. Costanzo Ranci and Prof. Tine Rostgaard. We are guided by a [Scientific Committee](#), which involves a group of eminent scholars in the field of social care.

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## **Evaluation of the Transforming Care Conference 2019**



The TCC in 2019 attracted around 200 participants from 27 countries, the majority of whom also attended the TCC 2017 in Milan. The conference included in all 212 papers presented at 23 Thematic Panels and 7 Symposia. Key notes Professors Mary Daly, Bent Greve and Martin Knapp presented each their vision on the conference theme, Changing priorities: the making of care policy and practices.

Based on the post-conference evaluation, the conference seems to have been a success. In general, more than 80% of participants in the survey was satisfied or very satisfied with the sessions, the key notes and panelists as well as the organization of the conference. 66% rated the conference to be 'very good', and another 13% rated it to be 'excellent'. 92% would recommend the conference to others.

Some of the things you would like to see developed include:

- More focus on theoretical and methodological perspectives
- Particular format for younger researchers
- More non-European papers
- Voices from care workers, professionals and users
- How to bridge research, practice and policy-making

And among the things you enjoyed most about the conferences, you mentioned:

- Very interesting speakers, good venue, good range of topics, very international

- The atmosphere. Just like two years earlier, the conference was like a family reunion of care researchers, welcoming also new researchers
- Scientific content, great organization, low environmental impact
- Interdisciplinarity of participants, quality of the presentations, exchanges/discussions
- The relatively small size made it possible to take in more of the content and to network more effectively
- Having the papers ahead of time

We hope you will join us in 2021 and contribute to making this conference equally enjoyable!

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## **The Transforming Care Conference 2021**

We are happy to announce that the *2021 Transforming Care Conference* will be held on June 24-26th, 2021 at the Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy). The local committee is led by

Prof. Barbara Da Roit, who kindly accepted to host us in the wonderful setting of Venice. For more information about the TCC 2021, see [here](#).

The theme of the conference will this time be *Time in Care: the temporality of care policy and practices*.

We have chosen this theme as time is a key dimension that structures the social organization of care, care relations and interactions, and care experiences. Time is also inherent to the institutionalization and change of care regimes. As such, the analysis of care policies and practices cannot do without the incorporation of a temporal perspective.

### *Important dates:*

June 20<sup>th</sup>-Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 2020: Call for session proposal (thematic panels and symposia) open.

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2020: Call for papers open.

Mar 1<sup>st</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>: Registration open.

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## The Transforming Care book series

We hope you will consider publishing your research results in the newly established Transforming Care book series. The series is published by Policy Press and edited by Prof. Costanzo Ranci and Prof. Tine Rostgaard.

Our ambition is that the book series will form a collection of the best research on social care globally. It provides a publication outlet for scholars in the field of research into social care for children, adults with disabilities and/or frail older people. It has an empirical, theoretical as well as methodological scope. The book series cover four main dimensions of social care and in a global perspective:

- The **institutional setting of care systems and care policy** (in terms of social rights to care, public regulation, public/private arrangements involving non-profit and/or for-profit organizations, marketization trends, inclusion/selection criteria, affordability, quality, etc.)
- **Care arrangements and practices**, organized through formal and/or informal channels (caregiving and distribution of paid and unpaid care work, organization and adequacy of care services and cash for care programs, etc.)
- Social and **policy innovation on care services and care arrangements**, and its impact and dilemmas
- **Formal and informal care work**, including involvement of informal carers as well as working conditions of formal care providers.

The book series is aimed at academics and practitioners who are active in the field of doing research of social care for children, adults with disabilities and/or frail older people.

It will publish empirical and theoretical contributions from disciplines of social policy studies, political science, economics, sociology, social work, anthropology and ethnography.

The book series includes research edited volumes and monographs, aimed at the academic community and practitioners. One or more chapters can be published as open access. For more information, see [here](#).

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## New TCN web site

If you haven't visited already: We have just launched the [TCN website](#) where you will find all relevant information about the network, book series, past conferences, and news about the upcoming events (including the next conference).

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## Short news

LSE has started up an interesting [blog](#), focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on long term care services.

The blog aims to:

- document the impact of COVID-19 on people who rely on long-term care (including unpaid care) and those who provide it
- Share information about policy and practice measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in long-term care and gather evidence about their success or otherwise.
- Analyse the long-term implications of this pandemic for long-term care policy.

It includes country reports (describing the impact of the pandemic on long-term care system, policy and practice measures adopted, and implementation challenges in a number of countries) as well as international reports covering data on the impact of COVID-19 and policy and practice measures.



JESP, the Journal of European Social Policy has launched the [JESP European Social Policy Blog](#). The inaugural blog post has already been published and it features a dialogue between Maurizio Ferrera, László Andor, Bea Cantillon, Martin Seeleib-Kaiser, and Frank Vandembroucke on the COVID19 crisis and the European Union. People are invited to submit ideas for a post by contacting the JESP editorial office at [editors@jesp.eu](mailto:editors@jesp.eu).



Following the cancellation of the ESPAnet 2020 conference in Leuven, the ESPAnet board has decided to offer a series of online PhD seminars. The goal is for PhD students to have the opportunity to share their research findings, and receive feedback from senior scholars. Such online seminars will take place in the original dates for the ESPAnet conference in Leuven (2-4 September 2020). See [here](#) for more info.



The coronavirus pandemic has rapidly changed our world and also challenges the way we as academics approach our research. For a reflection on this, download for free the De Gruyter's new pamphlet [12 Perspectives on the Pandemic](#).

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## 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:** August 30<sup>th</sup>. Send to [transformingcarenet@gmail.com](mailto:transformingcarenet@gmail.com)