

# **ESREA Access, Learning Careers and Identities Network**

**28 – 30 November, 2013, Linköping University, Sweden**

## **First Announcement and Call for Papers**

### **Times of Change: The Role of Adult Education in Times of Crisis**

European societies, and beyond, are currently undergoing a social, economic and political crisis. The 'crisis' has had an impact upon adult education at the institutional level in higher education through to community education in terms of cuts and reduced funding in relation to staffing, resources and provision. This situation reveals a contradiction in lifelong learning policy as education is perceived as the cure for economic problems and increasing economic competitiveness by national governments and the EU. As adults experience turning point moments and transitions in their lives as a result of the crisis many are looking to and accessing learning as a way out of their troubles and a way forward to a better future. Engagement in the learning process involves transformation and changing identity as well as gaining educational, social and economic capital and benefits.

Once the journey has begun it may not always be an easy one and some may struggle with external and inner constraints while others will be determined to keep going and use their agency to develop a positive learning career. The transitional space of a learning institution may enable an individual to reflect back on their past and present biography while also imagining a future identity of who they want to be and become. A transitional space, therefore, implies being in-between in terms of identity whereby an individual lets go of part or all of their old identity and changes to assume a new or modified one. For some this may be problematic as it may distance them from their class, family and friends.

Papers, round-tables and poster sessions will be welcome which address one or more of the following areas across the wide range of adult education contexts:

- The role and impact of adult education and learning in changing lives in times of crisis
- The effects of the crisis on the professional identities of adult educators
- Conceptual, theoretical and inter-disciplinary approaches to transitions, identity and learning career

- The impact and role of class, gender, ethnicity and disability
- Methodological approaches to researching access, transitions, identity and learning career

## **Call for Papers, Poster Sessions and Round Tables**

Proposals are invited for papers, poster sessions, symposiums and round tables. Abstracts should be one side of A4 maximum and need to include a title and state whether it is a paper, poster session, symposium or round table but not the author/s name/s or institution/s. These should be stated in the email accompanying the abstract together with postal details. All abstracts and papers must be in English. Please use font Arial, 12 points for the abstract.

Abstracts should be sent to [Barbara.Merrill@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Barbara.Merrill@warwick.ac.uk)

All abstracts for papers, poster sessions, symposiums and round tables to be submitted by 31 May, 2013. Notification of acceptance will be by 28 June, 2013. The deadline for the submission of completed papers will be 1 October, 2013.

## **Guidelines concerning ESREA bursaries**

ESREA offers three bursaries (300 Euros each) for doctoral students to help students with the costs of travel or accommodation. To be eligible to apply you need to be a member (individual or covered by an institutional membership) of ESREA, and to have submitted a paper symposium, roundtable or poster proposal. Please apply for a bursary by 1 April, 2013 to [Barbara.Merrill@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Barbara.Merrill@warwick.ac.uk)

## **Scientific Committee**

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## Organising Institutions

**ESREA** (European Society for Research on the Education of Adults) [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)  
ESREA promotes and disseminates theoretical and empirical research on the education of adults and adult learning in Europe through research networks, conferences and publications. It provides a Europe-wide forum for all researchers engaged in adult education and learning. The research networks hold seminars for the exchange of research and discussion and to encourage publications.

Linköping University, Sweden and the University of Warwick, UK.

For further information about the conference please contact Barbara Merrill:

[Barbara.Merrill@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Barbara.Merrill@warwick.ac.uk)

Questions regarding practical issues such as accommodation, conference fees, venue, travelling information etc. should be directed to the chair of the organizing committee at [song.ee.ahn@liu.se](mailto:song.ee.ahn@liu.se)

**A website for the conference registration will be opened in late March and a link to the website will be available at [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)**

## Practical information

### Conference fees (in Euros)

*Early bird fee (On or before August 1)*

ESREA member: 180

Non-member: 250

PhD students: 75

*Full fee (after August 1)*

ESREA member: 250

Non-member: 300

PhD student: 125

Conference dinner: 40

Persons who holds a position at a university should, no matter if the person is a PhD student or not, pay the full fee. Those who register as a PhD student need to be able to show proof of their status as a PhD student.

The conference fee includes participation in the entire programme, a welcome reception, four coffee breaks and one lunch.

## **Conference venue**

The conference will take place at Linköping Konsert & Kongress, which is located in the central part of Linköping. More information is available here:

<http://arenabolaget.se/en/konsert-kongress>

## **Travelling to Linköping**

Linköping is easy accessible. You can either fly directly to Linköping through Amsterdam, with KLM or you can fly through Copenhagen with NextJet. Other options are to fly either to Stockholm-Arlanda airport and take a train to Linköping (2,5 hours), or fly to Copenhagen-Kastrup airport and take a train directly to Linköping (a bit over 3 hours).

More information about travelling to Linköping can be found at:

[www.visitlinkoping.se/en/](http://www.visitlinkoping.se/en/)

## **Accommodation in Linköping**

We have made arrangements with four hotels to provide conference participants with a reduced price (university price). The four hotels are outlined as per below, and each participant book their own room and pay directly to the hotel. Breakfast is included in the price.

**IMPORTANT:** The prices below may change slightly depending on new rates for 2013. Booking to the below stated price can only be guaranteed for bookings made more than 1 month prior to the conference.

We recommend that you check the hotels websites and other booking sites to see if you can find even better prices. As the conference extends into the weekend, the weekend price usually is a bit cheaper than the university price as outlined below.

All hotels are in walking distance to the conference venue and to the city centre.

### **Scandic Frimurarehotellet (\*\*\*\*)**

[www.scandichotels.se/frimurarehotellet](http://www.scandichotels.se/frimurarehotellet)

Single: 990 SEK

Double: 1090 SEK

How to book:

Phone: +46 134953010

E-mail: [frimis@scandichotels.com](mailto:frimis@scandichotels.com)

When making a reservation provide the hotel with the following code: **LIU281113**

### **Best Western Hotell Linköping (\*\*\*)**

[www.hotellinkoping.se](http://www.hotellinkoping.se)

Single: 916 SEK

How to book:

Phone: +46 13129000

E-mail: [info@hotellinkoping.se](mailto:info@hotellinkoping.se)

When making the reservation provide the hotel with the following code: **ESREA**

### **Stångå Hotell (\*\*\*)**

[www.stanga.se](http://www.stanga.se)

Single: 715 SEK

How to book:

Phone: +46 13311275

E-mail: [reception@stanga.se](mailto:reception@stanga.se)

When making a reservation provide the hotel with the following code: **ESREA  
conference**

### **Linköping City Hotel (\*\*\*)**

[www.lvh.se](http://www.lvh.se)

Single: 727 SEK for workdays/585 SEK for weekends

Double: 834 SEK for workdays/690 SEK for weekends

This is a hostel with hotel standard. The price includes sheets, towel and breakfast.

How to book:

Phone: +46 13359000

E-mail: [info@lvh.se](mailto:info@lvh.se)

When making a reservation provide the hotel with the following code: **31452**

## **Tourist Information**

[www.visitlinkoping.se](http://www.visitlinkoping.se)

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Link%C3%B6ping>

<http://www.arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguides/Europe/Sweden/LINKOPING>