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## ESREA newsletter No. 1 February 2011

Dear ESREA member

This is the first newsletter for 2011. As you can see, there are several ESREA conferences planned for 2011. Call for papers for these are available at our website.

The new steering committee of ESREA will meet early March to plan the activities and strategies for the coming three years.

Best wishes

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This newsletter contains the following sections:

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### Forthcoming ESREA activities

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3-6 March, 2011

The 2011 conference of the ESREA life history and biographical research network: *Human agency and biographical transformations*

University of Geneva

<http://fapsesrvnt2.unige.ch/Fapse/mimesis.nsf/04c8b37acff022ccc1256c22002c5423/ccee27d61e682fefe1257751002f08e1?OpenDocument>

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28-30 April, 2011

The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network Between global and local: adult learning and development

Istanbul, Turkey

<http://www.esrea2011.boun.edu.tr>

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9-11 June, 2011

The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network on Gender and adult learning "Introducing gender into academia – (in)visible act"

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University of Montpellier 3

<http://recherche.univ-montp3.fr/sufcoweb/public/ESREA/>

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16-18 June, 2011

Joint conference of the ESREA Network on Active Democratic Citizenship and Adult Learning and ESREA Network on the History of Adult Education and Training in Europe  
Budapest, Hungary

More information will be available at [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)

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November 9-10, 2011

The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network on adult educators, trainers and their professional development

Tallinn, Estonia.

More information will soon be available at [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)

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December, 2011- Exact date will be available soon

The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network on Access, Learning careers and Identities

University of Aveiro, Portugal

More information at [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)

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10-12 February, 2012

The 2012 conference of the ESREA research network on Policy studies in adult education, University of Nottingham, UK.

More information available at [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)

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RELA European Journal for Research on the Education and Learning of Adults

The first issue: Envisioning future research on the education and learning of adults is available at [www.rela.ep.liu.se](http://www.rela.ep.liu.se) Submissions to the journal are welcome at any time.

## **Forthcoming conferences/seminars**

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7-8 April, 2011

The challenges of access, retention and dropout in higher education in Europe  
Seville, Spain

<http://www.ranlhe.dsw.edu.pl/>

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11-13 April, 2011

The fourth Nordic Conference on Adult Learning  
Trondheim, Norway

More information: [http://www.ntnu.no/videre/konferanse/adult\\_learning](http://www.ntnu.no/videre/konferanse/adult_learning)

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23-26 May, 2011

Annual international conference in Education

Athens, Greece

<http://www.atiner.gr/education.htm>.

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25-27 May, 2011

12<sup>th</sup> International conference on human resource development research and practice

University of Gloucestershire, UK

<http://hrdconference2011.glos.ac.uk>

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28-29 May, 2011

International transformative learning conference in Europe

Athens, Greece

More information available at: [www.tlcathens2011.gr](http://www.tlcathens2011.gr)

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10-12 June, 2011

The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual conference of the Canadian association for the study of adult education

Toronto, Canada

More information available at: [www.oise.utoronto.ca/CASAE](http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/CASAE)

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11 June, 2011

Critical perspectives on professional learning, fifth annual conference

Leeds, UK

Deadline for submission of abstract: January 10, 2011

More information available at: [www.leeds.ac.uk/medicine/meu/Lifelong11](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/medicine/meu/Lifelong11)

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16-18 June, 2011

14<sup>th</sup> International conference “Evaluation in education in the Balkan countries”

Belgrade, Serbia

<http://belgradeconference.webs.com>

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23-24 June, 2011

Learning through experience: developing international and regional research agendas for recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Glasgow Caledonian university, UK

[www.crl.org.uk](http://www.crl.org.uk)

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29 June – 1 July, 2011

FACE annual conference: Lifelong learning and community development

University of Glasgow, UK

[www.f-a-c-e.org.uk](http://www.f-a-c-e.org.uk)

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3-7 July, 2011

International doctoral summer school – Theorising the political and ethical in doctoral research in education

[letschool@stir.ac.uk](mailto:letschool@stir.ac.uk)

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5-7 July, 2011

41<sup>st</sup> annual SCUTREA conference

University of Lancaster, UK

More information at: [www.scutrea.ac.uk](http://www.scutrea.ac.uk)

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29-31 August, 2011

European summer university for lifelong learning

Neuchatel, Switzerland

<http://www.freref.eu/index.php?page=15>

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4-7 December, 2011

The 7<sup>th</sup> international conference on research work and learning

East China normal university, Shanghai, China

[www.rwlecnu.org](http://www.rwlecnu.org)

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## **New books on adult education/adult learning**

Alhadeff-Jones, M (2007). *Education, critique et complexité: Modèle et expérience de conception d'une approche pluriréférentielle de la critique en Sciences de l'éducation*. Université de Paris 8 et Université de Lille: Atelier National de Reproduction des Thèses. (638 pages, 672 références bibliographiques, Prix: 58 Euros, ISBN: 978-2-7295-7649-3) This book can be ordered on the website of the Atelier National de Reproduction des Thèses de l'Université de Lille: [www.anrtheses.com.fr](http://www.anrtheses.com.fr)

Barros, R. (2011) *The Creation of the RVCC System [Prior Learning Assessment System] in Portugal - A Critical Ethnographic Research in Adult Education*. Chiado Editora.

Bélangier, P. (2011) *Theories in adult learning and education*. [http://www.budrich-verlag.de/pages/frameset/reload.php?ID=472&requested\\_page=%2Fpages%2Fdetails.php](http://www.budrich-verlag.de/pages/frameset/reload.php?ID=472&requested_page=%2Fpages%2Fdetails.php)

Biesta, G.J.J., Field, J., Hodkinson, P., Goodson, I.F. & Macleod, F.J. (eds) (2011). *Improving learning through the lifecourse: Learning lives*. London/New York: Routledge.

Biesta, G.J.J. (2011). *Learning democracy in school and society: Education, lifelong learning and the politics of citizenship*. Rotterdam: Sense Publishers.

Bingham, C. & Biesta, G.J.J. with Jacques Rancière (2010). *Jacques Rancière: Education, truth, emancipation*. London/New York: Continuum.

Goodson, I. And Lindblad, S (eds.) (2010) *Professional Knowledge and Educational Restructuring in Europe* (Sense Publishers, Rotterdam/Boston/Taipei)

Houtsonen, J. and Wärvik, G-B. (eds.) (2000) *European Nurses? Life and Work under Restructuring* (Sense Publishers, Rotterdam/Boston/Taipei,

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Jackson, S. (2011) Innovations in lifelong learning: Critical perspectives on diversity, participation and vocational learning. London: Routledge.

Lundberg, M. & Larsson, S. (2010) Cirkelledares beprövade erfarenhet. Linköping: Bildningsförbundet Östergötland.

Rizhome Freirean issue 9 is now available at [www.rizoma-freireano.org](http://www.rizoma-freireano.org)

### Ongoing research projects and announcements

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#### New head of Encell, the National centre for lifelong learning, Sweden

In March, Cecilia Bjursell joins the School of Education and Communication in Jönköping as the new head of Encell ([www.encell.se](http://www.encell.se)). The current head of the centre, Professor Helene Ahl, will remain as the academic leader. Cecilia Bjursell has for the last years been working as a research fellow at Jönköping International Business School. She has been involved in both research projects and development projects for practitioners. In addition, she has been a program coordinator for the business administration programs at the school. Bjursell has a degree in business as well as in psychology from Lund University, and received her PhD at Linköping University. Her dissertation concerns the integration process in merging companies. As the head of Encell, Bjursell will concentrate on external communication and collaborative projects.

#### Pascal would be interested in ESREA members contributing to the following online discussion:

The Crisis of Public Universities

<http://pascalobservatory.org/pascalnow/blogentry/crisis-public-universities>

Especially from the perspective of the role of universities in third mission/external engagement and adult education work. You can look at this new strand of discussion, but in order to comment within this public forum you need to be an electronic subscriber to the website and this is a free service. If you are not already a subscriber to Pascal you can request to do so at <http://pascalobservatory.org>

Also we have initiated another discussion on the role of culture in LLL and on learning cities with stimulus papers from Bari • Cork • Dar es Salaam Glasgow • Hong Kong • Hume • Kauras • Vancouver all of which you can link to and read. If you want to be able to comment on these papers an extra permission is needed once you are a subscriber, and you should send your request to Peter Kearns who is leading the PIE discussion ([p.kearns@netspeed.com.au](mailto:p.kearns@netspeed.com.au))

Finally once you become a subscriber, you can initiate your own discussions and send material for consideration to be posted on the site to [submissions@pascalobservatory.org](mailto:submissions@pascalobservatory.org)

Professor Michael Osborne, Cluster, Director of CRADALL and Co-director of PASCAL University of Glasgow

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## HOW to become a member of ESREA

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Membership in ESREA is open to either individual members and to institutional members. As a member you have a reduced fee at ESREA activities and you receive information in the field of research on the education of adults through the ESREA e-mail list and through the ESREA newsletter. As an individual member you have the right to vote at the general assembly which takes place each year (virtually through postal ballot). As an institutional member, all employees at the institution have the right to participate in ESREA activities to a reduced fee. However, the institutional membership allows only one vote at the general assembly.

If you want to become a member the process is the following:

1. Download the document at [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)
2. Fill out the form and e-mail to [andreas.fejes@liu.se](mailto:andreas.fejes@liu.se)
3. Within one-two weeks you will receive a confirmation of your membership by e-mail
4. At the same time as membership is confirmed you will be invoiced the membership fee which for 2010 is 50 Euros for individual members (25 Euros for phd or Edd students) and 150 Euros for institutional members. Payment of membership fees can only be made through an international or EU bank transfer. **Cheques are not accepted.**

## Forthcoming Newsletters

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If you want to have some information included in forthcoming newsletters, here are the deadlines for the forthcoming newsletters 2010.

Number 2 2011 – deadline for submission April 15

Number 3 2011 – deadline for submission June 15

Number 4 2011 – deadline for submission September 15

Number 5 2011 – deadline for submission November 15