



Centre européen de ressources pour la
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The ERCSW 7th research seminar

The
Third party Intermediary
In Participative Research on Social Work Practices
Debate from Multiple Perspective

The fourth research seminar of the cycle:
The participative approach in social work research

From December 3rd to December 4th 2010

Charleroi, Belgium

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Since 2000, the seminars set up by the CERTS (European Resource Centre for Research on Social Work) have been focused on developing epistemological and methodological aspects of social work research. They are devoted to the study and understanding of practices in the field of social work, more specifically practices recently implemented to meet major social challenges.

This seventh seminar will take place on December 3rd and 4th in Charleroi (Haute Ecole Louvain en Hainaut, Department of Social Studies – Unit of Research and Intervention in the Field of Social Work), Belgium. It will be the fourth seminar within the framework of the cycle: *“The participative approach in social work research”*.

The conclusions of the debates of the three previous CERTS seminars focused on this theme have enabled us to stress the relevance of various aspects of participative social work research. The following points were particularly underlined:

- The significance of describing the explored area and the epistemological position adopted by professionals carrying out research;
- The relevance of a cross-disciplinary approach and of knowledge transfers, as opposed to the inadequacies of simple inter- and multi-disciplinary approaches;
- The prospect of creating an area designed to put together knowledge shared by researchers and also professionals;
- The decisive significance of involvement and partnership in research on social work practices and the development of knowledge in the field of social work;
- The concept of inference in participative research in which involvement is understood as a creation of a common space shared by professionals and researchers alike.

At the seminar in Charleroi, we shall take up debates anew, focusing more specifically on the issues related to the “third party/intermediary” and the role he/she/it plays in various networks linking research to practices in the field of social work.

During this seminar we shall explore more specifically:

- The nature of the “third party/intermediary” , which will lead to questions about:
 - The new sort of links arising within different territories as a result of activities enabling social cohesion
 - Those who act as the “third party/intermediary” among professionals as well as social work researchers;
 - The significance of a space in-between, and its meaning as regards socially aware involvement.
- The intermediate or interstitial epistemological posture, situated between the poles of tension represented by theory and practice, objectivism and subjectivism, and its significance in research on social work practices . Such a position generates dilemmas and questions concerning:
 - The methods and tools enabling communication between researchers and other professionals in the field of activity;
 - The construction of knowledge, which constitutes the source for the mutual acknowledgement of experts who work within a particular territory
The conditions of being the researcher socially considered as the “Third who knows”
- The ontological and axiological consequences of the “third party/intermediary” concept in the research process.

- The specific nature of the co-construction of research through action, and more specifically:
 - The significance of co-researchers (particularly professionals) and their reflexivity;
 - The development of a common language arising from shared experience.

This call is aimed at:

- Researchers in the field of social work and Ph.D. students interested in the problematics of the seminar,
- Social work professionals who are interested and involved in participative research on social work practices,
- All members of the CERTS and all those who took part in previous seminars.

Languages used at the seminar: French, English.

Summaries must be sent in **on October 15th 2010 at the latest.**

Papers in the pertinent language as well as five key words in French and English should be handed in to the following address: certs.secretariat@etsup.com

A follow-up publication is planned in the review "Pensée Plurielle" in the year 2011.

Committees

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Location and program of the seminar

The seminar will take place in Charleroi:

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The program will be built from the communications and will be organized in panels, workshops and conferences. The seminar will take place from

Friday, December 3rd, 2010 at 9:30 am

to

Saturday, December 4th, 2010 at 12:00 am.

Registration fees

Registration fees are € 50 per person (lunches and coffees included). Transport and accommodation are at the charge of the participants.

Banking coordinates for payment:

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REGISTRATION BULLETIN

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- Cash:
- Other:

Must imperatively be handed in before October 15th, 2010.

Accommodation

These two hotels are in the city centre. You can therefore reach the seminar site by bus or underground.

Best Western Leonardo Charleroi Hotel

Boulevard P. Mayence, 1A – 6000 CHARLEROI – BELGIUM

Rates:

- Single room: € 59 a night
- Double room: € 59 a night
- Breakfast: € 12 per person and per day
- + tourist tax: € 1 per person.

Phone number: + 3271302424

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Ibis Charleroi Centre Gare

12, quai de Flandre– 6000 CHARLEROI – BELGIUM

Rates:

- Single room: € 75 a night
- Double room: € 75 a night
- Breakfast included

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