

*Healthscapes*  
The Newsletter of the European Society  
for Health and Medical Sociology

**Letter from the President**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It seems like yesterday we assembled in Geneva for the 16th ESHMS conference, yet the next conference in Lisbon is approaching rapidly. The 17th conference will convene around the exciting theme of Tensions and Paradoxes of Health in early June (6 to 8). The ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon is leading the local organization. You will find more information of the conference at [their website \(https://eshms2018.wixsite.com/eshms2018lisbon\)](https://eshms2018.wixsite.com/eshms2018lisbon). The current stage of preparations is highlighted by our Host and head of the Local Organizing Committee Tiago Correia in this Healthscapes (below).

Social Theory and Health is to be published later this year. The joint issue will summarise for the first time the main outcomes from each organization's previous conference.

In the meantime we have also been active within the framework of Global Health Sociology Network that is an umbrella for the three international organizations working in the field of sociology of health and medicine: the ESHMS, the European Sociological Association Research Network 16 Sociology of Health and Illness and the International Sociological Association Research Committee 15 Sociology of Health. A joint Special Issue of We are also involved with organizing a PhD workshop that deals with the methodological approaches in research on health and health care. The workshop takes place in Turin in connection with the ESA midterm conference (18-20 April).

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Finally, I want to encourage all early career scholars to consider submitting a paper to compete for the ESHMS paper prize. There will also be a poster prize which is open for all participants with an accepted poster. You will find more information on the prizes at the conference website and below.

I look forward to an exciting event that will inform the participants about the issues around rights, knowledge and trust that our health systems are facing. The social and political transformations that will be dealt with range potentially from climate change to legitimacy and from changing professions to the marketization of health.

I hope all of you have had a good and productive start for the year and I expect to see many of you in Lisbon in a few months,



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# ESHMS



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## Abstract submission

Abstract submission lasted between September and December 2017, and with hundreds of abstracts submitted from all over Europe and beyond it exceeded our best expectations. The review process by the respective session organizer(s) is now underway until mid-February. [Click here](#) to see the current list of sessions and their organizers.



## PhD/Early career researcher workshop

### *Call for Papers*

*(open until January 31, 2018)*

The pre-conference workshop intended for PhD students, postgraduate and Early Career researchers, to be held on 6 June 2018, invites the submission of papers.

For submission and further information please contact the workshop coordinators **Fátima Alves** ([fatimaa@uab.pt](mailto:fatimaa@uab.pt)) and **Graca Carapineiro** ([graca.carapineiro@iscte-iul.pt](mailto:graca.carapineiro@iscte-iul.pt)).

See the full call for papers [here](#).

# Welcome to Lisbon for the 17th ESHMS Biennial Congress!

The next ESHMS biennial conference on  
**6-8 June 2018**  
is fast approaching and the preparations are  
running in full speed.

## *Publication outlets and Opportunities*

### PhD/Early Career Research Workshop Best Paper Prize

The author of the best paper presented at the workshop will be invited to submit a manuscript to the medical sociology specialty of *Frontiers in Sociology*, and will be awarded with the fee waiver in case the paper is accepted for publication. Full manuscripts should be formatted according to the style of the journal *Frontiers in Sociology* (see the guidelines: <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sociology#author-guidelines>).

**Frontiers in Sociology** is a new peer-reviewed, open-access journal aimed to foster cross-disciplinary work as well as fairness, transparency, and objectivity in the peer-review process (see the journal website: <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sociology#>).



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## ESHMS paper prize 2018

The ESHMS offers financial support to 1 PhD student or postdoctoral researcher with a maximum of three years of postdoctoral experience (starting from the date of the doctoral dissertation defense) who will present a paper at the Lisbon ESHMS conference 2018.

**A grant will be awarded for the winner.**

**Eligibility: all early career scholars as defined above are welcome to submit a full paper by May 15, 2018.**

The paper should be submitted electronically to the chair of the ESHMS ([sakari.karvonen@thl.fi](mailto:sakari.karvonen@thl.fi)), with a short biographical note, including affiliation, on a separate sheet (max. 250 words). The writer should indicate in which session the paper is to be presented.

The length of the paper is maximum 8000 words including references. Style should follow the Social Theory and Health instructions ([http://www.palgrave-journals.com/sth/author\\_instructions.html](http://www.palgrave-journals.com/sth/author_instructions.html)). The language of the article is English.

Criteria for selection: the quality of the paper only.

**The winner will be notified before June 6, 2018.**

## Submission to a special Issue of Social Theory & Health

THE ESHMS INVITES **ALL PARTICIPANTS** TO SUBMIT THEIR PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN A SPECIAL ISSUE OF SOCIAL THEORY & HEALTH, DEVOTED TO THE 2018 CONFERENCE IN LISBON.

GUEST EDITORS: SAKARI KARVONEN (NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE (FI) AND TIAGO CORREIA (ISCTE-IUL AND CHAIR OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE 2018 ESHMS CONFERENCE).

## ESHMS 2018 poster prize

The ESHMS offers financial support to the best poster at the Lisbon ESHMS conference 2018. The winner – single author, or the first author in case of multiple authorship – will be awarded a grant.

*Eligibility:* all participants with accepted posters who are present at the Lisbon ESHMS conference 2018.

**An application for the poster prize should be submitted electronically to the chair of the ESHMS ([sakari.karvonen@thl.fi](mailto:sakari.karvonen@thl.fi)), including the title of the poster and the names of the authors, a short biographical note including affiliation (of the first author in case of multiple authorship).**

The language of the poster is English.

*Criteria for selection:* the quality of the poster only.

The winner will be notified at the closing session of the conference on Friday, June 8, 2018.

### Conference Registration - EARLY OPENING

The online registration form is now available! [Click here](#)

Detailed information on the conference fees is available [here](#).



I assure you our commitment to provide you with plenty of good memories of the 17th ESHMS Biennial Congress.

**Tiago Correia**  
**The Conference Host**

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RN 16 'Sociology of Health and Illness'



## CALL FOR PAPERS

**ESA MID TERM CONFERENCE Research Network 16 'Sociology of Health and Illness'** joint conference with  
**AIS Italian Association of Sociology, Sociology of Health and Medicine**  
 18-20 April 2018, University of Turin, Italy

### *Health and Illness in the Neoliberal Era*

The aim of the conference is to **discuss the configuration of health and illness in the neoliberal era in Europe**. In the social sciences neoliberalism has been defined simultaneously as an ideology, a set of policies and programmes and a set of distinctive institutional forms. It also refers to a complex array of normative conceptions of agency and responsibility that are rooted in ideology and embodied in policies, programmes and institutional forms. Neoliberal discourse has strongly influenced the social construction of health and illness in European societies. For example, it has encouraged a focus on productivity, efficiency, individual responsibility, and arguably has brought about new inequalities, discrimination and victim blaming.

The conference will foster discussion of the impact of neoliberalism on the social construction of health and illness at three main levels:

- macro level in terms of European or national health policy, health care organisations and systems
- meso level considering sub-national policy and the institutional level (regional or local health policy and practice),
- micro level considering the impact on the individual level from the point of view of patients and their family as well as the health care professions.

We welcome papers that consider the effects of neoliberalism on health and illness discourses in Europe. How, where and in what forms do the various processes of neoliberalism impact the social construction of health and illness in Europe? The board encourages the submission of abstracts offering a comparative European perspective, although global, national or local studies will also be considered.

The conference will focus on the following topics:

- Body and Health
- Mental Health
- Health Organisations and Policy
- Health Inequalities
- Health Technologies and Biomedicine
- Illness Narratives and Narrative Medicine
- Ageing
- Chronic Illness
- Health and Spirituality

Open session: contributions that do not fit with these main topics of the conference will be considered for an open session.

Abstract should be no longer than 400 words and presented as follows:

- 1) theoretical background; 2) research question; 3) methodology; 4) results; 5) discussion

Abstract should be submitted in English, by email to: [esarn16.turin2018@gmail.com](mailto:esarn16.turin2018@gmail.com)

Abstract proposals should be submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

Authors will be informed on the status of their abstract no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.



RN 16 'Sociology of Health and Illness'



## PhD workshop

**Research in Health and Healthcare: methodological approaches**  
**Turin, 18 April 2018**

The focus of the workshop will be on undertaking research in the field of Health and Illness for different audiences, focusing on methodology. Particular attention will be given to qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods with supervision from experienced tutors who are participating in the workshop.

PhD students and candidates who work in the field of Health and Illness are invited to present empirical contributions, conducted at a global, European, national or local level. Studies on contemporary issues in health research – e.g. body and health, mental health, health organizations, health inequalities, biomedicine, eHealth, ageing, narrative medicine, evidence based medicine, etc – are encouraged.

**Number of places:** We will select from 15 to 20 PhD students and candidates for the course.

**Eligibility:** Students registered for a PhD in sociology or allied discipline in a European University.

**Selection:** through peer-review process. Because of the partnership with AIS Salute, a fair balance between different regions of Europe and Italy will also be considered.

**Guidelines for applications:** send a short CV (*no more than 2 pages*), an abstract (*maximum of 500 words*) and a scanned confirmation from your university signed by your supervisor by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018** through [phdworkshop.turin2018@gmail.com](mailto:phdworkshop.turin2018@gmail.com) .

*If you are considering submitting an application, please pay special attention to the following points.*

- The language will be English
- It's important that the abstract clearly describes the theoretical background, the research question, the methodology and, if possible, the first results.

**Notice of acceptance:** 15th of February 2018 by email.

**If you are selected:** You will be required to **submit a manuscript of a full paper (about 7000 words, excluding bibliography) by 15th March** to the workshop organisers. This is essential in order to make sure that participants get the most out of this workshop; papers will be circulated in advance and allocated to peer discussants. We kindly ask you to apply only if you accept these terms of conditions and are prepared to follow the guidelines and deadlines.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Workshop Organizers – Arianna Radin (ESA), Cristina Lonardi and Marco Terraneo (AIS Salute) - through [phdworkshop.turin2018@gmail.com](mailto:phdworkshop.turin2018@gmail.com) .

## III National Scientific and Training Conference

### "Sociology of medicine - health promotion - media"



**III National Scientific and Training Conference "Sociology of medicine - health promotion - media"** was the third biennial conference organized as part of the series of interdisciplinary conferences dedicated to an in-depth analysis of theory and practice related to health and illness developed in the areas of sociology, sociology of medicine, health promotion, medicine, public health, psychology, pedagogy, anthropology, ethics and philosophy.

The conference was held from 25 to 27 September, 2017, in Wrocław, Poland and was devoted to an issue of the media impact on health, in the individual, social and cultural dimension. The initiator and main organizer of the conference was the Creatively for Health Foundation, Wrocław (Małgorzata Synowiec-Piłat PhD, Michał Jędrzejek MD, dr Anna Pałęga PhD) and the Department of Humanistic Sciences in Medicine, Wrocław Medical University (dr hab. Jarosław Barański). Co-organizers of the conference were: Jagiellonian University Medical College, Kraków (prof. Cezary Włodarczyk) and Section for Health and Medical Sociology of the Polish Sociological Association (prof. Michał Skrzypek).

The inaugural lectures were given by the Polish prominent experts in sociology of medicine: prof. Antonina Ostrowska (Polish Academy of Science, Warszawa) and prof. Beata Tobiasz-Adamczyk (Jagiellonian University Medical College, Kraków).

During the conference, the latest trends in scientific concepts and empirical research results were presented. Over 150 specialists from leading scientific centers in Poland discussed issues such as socio-cultural and ethical aspects of the media's impact on health; media images of medicine and medical personnel; media influence on doctor-patient relations; the importance of the media in promoting a healthy lifestyle.

To introduce latest research results to the practice special sessions were organized, dedicated to the so-called good practices in health promotion. Participants also had the opportunity to take part in six practical workshops, conducted by practitioners - creators and implementers of exemplary social campaigns and programmes dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle.

We invite you to take part in the next edition of the conference in two years.

*Małgorzata Synowiec-Piłat PhD*

For up to date information in English please go to: [www.kreatywniedlzdrowia.pl/IIIsocialconference.htm](http://www.kreatywniedlzdrowia.pl/IIIsocialconference.htm)



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