

Call for Articles

Social Transformations. Research on precarisation and social inclusion - an international and interdisciplinary journal

Thematically, the peer-reviewed journal concentrates on the process of coming to terms with socio-economic and socio-cultural shifts arising from globalisation. Taking its cue from the S.U.P.I. network, the e-journal's research field consists of inter- and intra-disciplinary approaches addressing the effects and consequences of social transformation processes. Precarity, which is currently affecting the European social landscape so dramatically, is another major thematic priority. The first issue has been realised in January 2016.

The main focus of the second issue will be on the so-called refugee-discourse.

According to Agamben, the refugee is a representant of the homo sacer - an individual who marks the self-set borders of a (civil) society: as an excluded individual the refugee represents this border. The refugee as the homo sacer seems to be the foundation for the so-called refugee-discourse. This refugee-discourse increasingly challenges self-understanding discourses of the Western world. Subtextually the refugee-discourse is accompanied by fear of social and national decline. According to the refugee-discourse social and cultural stability of Western societies are precarised - exposed to an increasing stabile instability, caused by refugees. From a discourse analytical point of view, one could say that the refugee-discourse meets neoliberal social policy discourses, neo-national and neo-conservative discourses. The result is a hybrid discourse-mash-up which affects different fields such as social policy, pedagogy and diversity.

Social sciences have to face the challenge of this 'discourse mash-up' as well as , critically analyse the societal changing processes. Social research has to pose deconstructional questions on

- transcultural identities in socio-economic contexts,
- the rising of neo-nationalist discourses in the Western world,
- the aggravation of social struggles in the course of contemporary social transformation processes.

Besides this main focus papers are welcome which address critical/evaluative topics concerned with social transformation, precarity, and social diversity in the broadest sense of the terms.

Keywords might include:

Precarisation, globalisation, social policy, exclusion/inclusion, disaffiliation, social injustice, socio-structural transformations, re-structuring of labour markets and living conditions, social instability versus social sustainability, social pathologies, inclusive social work.

The editors invite contributions from researchers, politicians and other parties.

Beside academic papers, the editors also welcome other contribution such as conference reports and books reviews (for guidelines, see www.socialtrans.de or the attached style sheet).

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