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Location	Kolping-Mainfranken GmbH, Kolpingplatz 1, 97070 Würzburg
9.00-9.45	Welcome Plenary and Session 1 Moderator: Prof. Michal Bron, jn Prof. Michael Schemmann, University of Cologne: Research in international comparative adult education. Reflections on historical developments and future trends
9.45-10.30	Dr. Lore Arthur, Open University, Milton Keynes: Betwixt and between: insider-outsider research and its implications for international comparative education
10.30-11.00	COFFEE BREAK
11.00-11.45	Session 2 Moderator: Prof. Jost Reischmann Dr. Elisabeth Reichart, German Institute for Adult Education: Participation in adult learning in Kyrgyzstan: exploring and uncharted territory with familiar methods
11:50-13.00	ISCAE Business Meeting
13.00-14.30	LUNCH (on your own)
14.30-15.30	Guided City Tour (optional, meeting at fountain "Vierröhrenbrunnen" in front of the city hall)
Location	Zentrales Hörsaal- und Seminargebäude (Z6), Am Hubland, 97074 Würzburg
16.00-17.00	Arrival and Registration - Room 2.010 beverages and pretzels will be served
16.45	Joint group photograph together with Winter School participants - in front of Room 0.002
17.00-17.30	Opening and Welcome Addresses together with Winter-School and COMPALL-Project - Room 0.002 Prof. Phuoc Tran-Gia, Vice President for International Affairs, Julius-Maximilian University of Würzburg Prof. Michal Bron, Jr, President International Society for Comparative Studies Prof. Regina Egetenmeyer, Julius-Maximilian University of Würzburg



17.30-18.30 **Keynote - Room 0.002**

Keynote by Prof. John Holford, University of Nottingham Discussant: Prof. Silke Schreiber-Barsch, University of Hamburg

Moderator: Prof. Monica Fedeli, University of Padua

What should we compare when we do comparative adult education?

The advance of technologies of measurement and comparison, and of the data to "populate" them, has provided comparative education researchers with previously unparalleled sources of knowledge about what is happening in educational systems across the world; so also with comparative adult education. Technologies of measurement and comparison, however, are embedded in social and organisational ideologies and practices - and not just the ideologies and practices of educational organisations. As comparative adult education becomes more technologically sophisticated, therefore, it is increasingly important to reflect on how we "do" comparison, on what it is we compare, and on how far what we compare (and what we do not) is shaped by the technologies at our disposal. A reflective comparative adult education needs to explore – sociologically, historically, politically – the nature of the technologies we use to analyse our data, and how they are shaping perceptions of "what works" and "what matters" in our field.

18:40 Bus Transfer to Nikolaushof, Spittelbergweg 1, Würzburg (only one way)

19.00 DINNER & INFORMAL FIRE-SIDE CHAT AT NICOLAUSHOF

extra charge of 35 Euro per person, incl. menue and wine/water to the menue

20.15 Kamingespräch (informal fire-side chat) at Nikolaushof (extra charge of 35 Euro per person)

Moderator: Prof. Regina Egetenmeyer

"Learning from the Past": Doing comparative adult education: own experiences

with comments from

Prof. Ekkehard Nuissl, Technische University of Kaiserslautern

Prof. Henning Salling Olesen, University of Roskilde

Prof. Jost Reischmann, University of Bamberg

afterwards easy walk back to the city or possibility for ordering taxis (on own expenses)



Friday 17th February 2017

9.00-10.30 Teaching Comparative Adult Education in Higher Education - Room 1.012

COMPALL-Project Experiences and World Café-Discussion

Moderators:

Prof. Regina Egetenmeyer, Julius-Maximilian University of Würzburg Prof. Paula Guimarães, University of Lisboa

Discussion Tables (World-Café):

Comparative Research Questions: What are criteria for comparative research questions? (Dr. Gaia Gioli, University of Florence)

Comparative Contexts: Which context should be focused for comparative research in adult education? (Prof. Vanna Boffo, University of Florence)

Comparative studies of settings: Which categories are relevant for studies of settings influencing adult learners? (Prof. Søren Ehlers, Aarhus University)

Research Field: Which research issues in adult education are transnational comparable? Which not? (Dr. Daniela Frison, University of Padua)

Interpretation References: What are reference contexts for the interpretation of similarities and differences in comparative research in adult education? (Prof. Sabine Schmidt-Lauff, Helmut-Schmidt-University Hamburg)

10.30-11.00 COFFEE BREAK - ROOM 1.012

11.00-12.30 Comparative Perspectives on Adult and Continuing Education

Open Space Presentation and Discussion with participants of the Winter School 2017 "Comparative Studies in Adult Education and Lifelong Learning"

Round 1: 11.00-11.15; Round 2: 11.15-11.30; Round 3: 11.30-11.45, Round 4: 11.45-12.00, Round 5: 12.00-12.15; Round 6: 12.15-12.30

Comparative Groups:

Time in adult learning and education - Room 1.010

Prof. Sabine Schmidt-Lauff, Helmut-Schmidt-University

Innovative teaching methods for adult learning and education - Room 2.004

Dr. Bolanle Simeon-Fayomi, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

Employability and transitions from higher education to labour market - Room 1.013

Prof. Vanna Boffo, University of Florence

Professional identity in Adult Education - Room 2.006

Prof. Ingeborg Schüssler & Dr. Kira Nierobisch, University of Education Ludwigsburg

Comparing the Impact of cultural institutions and organizations - Room 1.006

Prof. Balász Németh, University of Pécs

OECD policies, PIAAC and national adult education policies - Room 2.002

Prof. Paula Guimarães, University of Lisbon

National qualification frameworks - Room 2.012

Prof. Søren Ehlers & Prof. Katja Brøgger, Aarhus University

Soft skills as a tool for long-term employability Dr. Gaia Gioli, University of Florence - Room 2.011

National and international assessments of adult literacy skills - Room 2.007

Prof. Marcella Milana, University of Verona

Lifelong learning and national/regional CVET policies - Room 1.009

Prof. Natália Alves, University of Lisbon

Work-related teaching and learning methods - Room 2.003

Prof. Monica Fedeli & Dr. Daniela Frison, University of Padua

Educational Management Prof. Hans-Joachim Petsch, University of Würzburg - Room 2.005



12.30-13.00	Summary: How to teach comparative adult education? - Room 1.012 Moderator: Prof. Balázs Németh, University of Pécs Plenary Discussion – based on Feedback-Methodology			
13.00-14.00	LIGHT LUNCH - ROOM 1.012			
14.00-15.30	Parallel sessions			
	Session 3 - Room 1.002 Moderator: Prof. Ekkehard Nuissl	Session 4 - Room 1.003 Moderator: Prof. Monica Fedeli	Session 5 - Room 1.012 Moderator: Dr. Daniela Frison	
14.00-14.40	Prof. Sabine Schmidt-Lauff, Helmut-Schmidt-University & Ge Wei, Peking University: Beyond the temporal- disciplinary of modernity: a comparative study on time in adult learning between Germany and China	Prof. Henning Salling Olesen, University of Roskilde: A global discourse regime? Local experiences, state poli- cies and globalisation of LLL discourses	Prof. Vanna Boffo, Dr. Gaia Gioli & Carlo Terrzaroli, University of Florence: The development of students' employability in higher education: a comparative perspective on universities' approaches at European level	
14.45-15.30	Prof. (H) Heribert Hinzen, DVV International: Comparing global documents and commitments on adult education and lifelong learning: communalities, similarities and differences	Dr. Erika Gericke, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg: Institutional conditions of vocational learning and its effects on the professionalization process – results from a comparative study of English and German car mechatronics	Prof. Francesca Sgobbi, University of Brescia: The determinants of employer sponsored continuing education and training in EU countries	

15.30-16.00 COFFEE-BREAK - Room 1.012

16.00-17.00 **Keynote - Room 1.012**

Keynote by Prof. Marcella Milana, University of Verona Discussant: Prof. Thomas J. Sork, The University of British Columbia Moderator: Prof. Steffi Robak, University of Hannover

Global Research on Public Adult Education: Methodological Challenges

Public adult education is the most complex institution of all national educations and the one that presents the highest degree of variation across countries. This presentation seeks to unpack some of the methodological challenges in doing empirical research on public adult education globally, with reference to a comparative study on the transformations of adult education policy that affects its provision in four countries representative of the North-South divide. The presentation suggests the need for an attentive crafting of the research architecture when doing empirical, on-site research across countries, yet adopting a global perspective.



17.00-18.20	Parallel sessions		
	Session 6 - Room 1.002 Moderator: Prof. Marcella Milana	Session 7 - Room 1.003 Moderator: Prof. Henning Salling Olesen	Session 8 - Room 1.010 Moderator: Prof. Vanna Boffo & Dr. Gaia Gioli
17.00-17.40	Prof. Silke Schreiber-Barsch, University of Hamburg & Dr. Christian Bernhard, Federal Institute for Vocational Edu- cation and Training: Tertium comparationis under scrutiny: spatia entities as starting point and product of comparative research	Prof. Steffi Robak, University of Hannover, Dr. Marion Fleige, German Institute for Adult Education & Prof. Amy Rose, Northern Illonois University: Comparative programme and institutional analysis. Conceptual and methodological considerations in the field of cultural and intercultural education for adults	Shalini Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University Delhi: Transnational Comparative Stud- ies as Sources for Research
17.40-18.20	Dr. Alexandra Ioannidou & Prof. Josef Schrader, German Institute for Adult Education: Disciplinary traditions and interdisciplinary developing paths: exploring the potential of interdisciplinary approaches to stimulate international comparative adult education research uncharted territory with familiar methods	Prof. Balázs Németh, University of Pécs: Learning cities and regions as unit/subject of comparison for adult education research work	Carolin Knauber, German Institute for Adult Education: An international comparison of adult basic education policies reflections on the method "expert interview" with policy actors



Saturday 18th February 2017

9.00-10.00 **Keynote - Room 0.002**

Keynote by Prof. Ekkehard Nuissl, Technische University Kaiserslautern Discussant: Prof. Henning Salling Olesen, University of Roskilde Moderator: Prof. Maria Graviani, Open University of Cyprus

Policy making in adult education

About the role and problematic of comparative approaches

Evidence based policy making is more and more not only requiring empirical data, but also comparative data settings. Large scale studies like PIAAC are only the tip of the ice mountain in this regard. The keynote is discussing the most recent comparative studies in adult education, mainly in the European Union, and is reflecting the mutual influence of political initiatives for collecting comparative data and the effect of comparative data for policy making.

10.00-10.30 COFFEE BREAK - Room 1.012

10.30-12.45	Parallel Sessions	
	Session 9 - Room 1.002 Moderator: Dr. Alexandra Ioannidou	Session 10 - Room 1.003 Moderator: Dr. Marion Fleige
10.30-11.10	Prof. Soeren Ehlers, Aarhus University: The rise of a learning regime in Europe. Transnational policy-terms mapped and discussed	Prof. Regina Egetenmeyer, Julius-Maximilian University Würzburg: Comparative research issues in adult education. Development needs of "the cube" for adult education
11.15-11.55	Prof. Michael Schemmann & Lisa Breyer, University of Cologne: Comparing adult education policies on a global level. A corpus based discourse analysis	Robert Jjuuku, University of Groningen: Review of adult literacy financing mechanism in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda
12.00-12.45	Dr. Boruk Mikulec, University of Ljubljana: Exploring the shift towards the outcome dimension of European adult education policy: establishing national qualifications frameworks and learning outcomes based qualifications in Denmark and Slovenia	Dr. Anne Margarian, Thünen Institut: Adaptability and information processing capacity of further professional education systems: A comparative analysis of French and German coordination mechanism

12.45-13.45 LIGHT LUNCH - Room 1.012