



## **Health and illness in the neoliberal era**

**ESA MIDTERM CONFERENCE ESA RN 16**

**with AIS SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE**

**Turin 18th-20th April 2018**

**Campus Luigi Einaudi - Lungo Dora Siena, 100 A**

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

The day before the Conference, there will be a **PhD Workshop**, organized also by ISA RC15 and ESHMS for the Global Health Network. During the workshop, a group of PhD students and candidates who work in the field of Health and Illness will present empirical contributions, conducted at a global, European, national or local level. The focus of the workshop is on undertaking research in the field of Health and Illness for different audiences, focusing on methodology.

Please, be social! Use our **#HealthTurin2018** to share the Conference via Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

The Esa and Ais Salute Conference scientific board looking forward to see you in Turin!

**Conference scientific board:** Jon Gabe, Karen Lowton, Angela Genova, Pietro Paolo Guzzo & Arianna Radin (ESA RN16); Mario Cardano, Linda Lombi, Marco Terraneo & Cristina Lonardi (AIS SALUTE).

## VENUE

The midterm conference is held in Turin at the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society.

Address: [Luigi Einaudi Campus, in Lungodora Siena 100 / A.](#)



**PhD workshop:** room B2, main hall, floor 0

**Planaries and Sessions:** graduations rooms, Floor 0  
Sala Blu G, Sala Rossa G, Sala Rossa P, Sala Blu P

**Coffee breaks:** Campus caffè

**PhD Dinner:** Polpetteria da Norma,  
[via Roero di Cortanze 4](#)

**Lunches:** La Piola del Cine,  
[via Cagliari, 40](#)

**Social Dinner:** 51 Manifattura Alimentare,  
[Lungodora Firenze, 51](#)

**WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL – PHD WORKSHOP @ room B2**

14:30 - 15:00	Opening Lecture by Mario Cardano  “Qualitative research in sociology of health and illness: potentialities and criticalities”
15:00 - 16:30	Group 1 – Discussants: Jon Gabe & Angela Genova  Gobelez Dumas S.  <i>The Overmedicalized Childbirth Experiences of Women and the Mistreatment of Women During Childbirth in Turkey</i>  Mulubale S.,  <i>Chronicity, Governmentality, Identity and Development: A Study of Zambian Teachers Living with and affected by HIV and ‘Therapeutic Citizenship’</i>  Quaglia V.,  <i>Making sense of diabetes: narratives of Italian men dealing with a chronic disease</i>
16:30 - 17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00 - 18:30	Group 2– Discussants: Mario Cardano & Cristina Lonardi  Novkuns kaya A.,  <i>Reflexivity of a researcher as methodological instrument for sensitive fields’ elaboration</i>  Rodrigues V.,  <i>Lisbon and Boston: Methodological reflections on a multi-sited ethnography</i>  Sterchele L.,  <i>Living on the Edge: Mental Illness in the Medical-Criminal Continuum</i>
18:30 -19:00	Closing lecture by Ellen Annandale  “Publishing in sociological journal”
19:30	<i>Dinner for PhD workshop presenters</i>

## THURSDAY 19 APRIL – CONFERENCE

8:30 - 9:00	<i>Arrival and registration of participants @ Graduations rooms</i>	
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome by the Head of Department Franca Roncarolo Introduction by Jon Gabe (Esa RN 16) and Mario Cardano (Ais Salute)	@ Sala Blu G
9:30 - 10:30	<b>PLENARY</b> - Keynote speech by Ted Schrecker (Newcastle University) “Neoliberal epidemics: etiology, a bit of history, and a view from Ground Zero”	@ Sala Blu G
10:30 -11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 - 12:30	<i>Parallel sessions</i>	
	<b>SESSION “HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES AND BIOMEDICINE 1”</b> – Chairs: Linda Lombi & Lia Lombardi @ Sala Rossa G Maturo A. & Moretti V., <i>Breathing in...Breathing out: how digital meditation promotes a productive self</i> Ardissone A., <i>App and chronic disease: how their use influences the approach to health</i> Forner-Ordioni E., <i>“All power to the imagination!” Virtual Reality therapy in France: a therapeutic innovation between technology and care (2012-2017)</i> Lucchini F., <i>The patients of an Internet-delivered therapy: socio-economic status and gambling behavior</i>	
	<b>SESSION “MENTAL HEALTH 1”</b> – Chairs: Mario Cardano & Luigi Gariglio @ Sala Rossa P Zakrzewska-Manterys E., <i>Intellectual disability as a term in the context of Durkheim and Parsons conceptions</i> Almqvist A-L.& Lassinantti K., <i>Young people with complex needs. An interview study with professionals in psychiatric care and social work</i> Gallo, Marí-Klose M., Gallo P. & Marí-Klose P. <i>Economic crisis, young adults and mental health in Spain</i> Scavarda A., Beccaria F., Rolando S., <i>Hikikomori. Post-modern hermits or victims of our society?</i>	

**SESSION “HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND POLICY 1”** – Chairs: Jon Gabe & Arianna Radin @ Sala Blu P

Neri S., Pavolini E. & Vicarelli G.,

*The Italian NHS in the era of austerity: is a "gradual transformation" taking place?*

Genova A., Lombardini S., Gennaro V. & Gabe J.,

*From citizens to health services consumers in neoliberal era: testing the iatrogenic effects as institutional outcome*

Gabriele G. & Pericàs JM.,

*The Construction of Public Health, Social Determinants and Inequalities in a Polling Data on Public Health and Preventive Medicine: Does Neoliberalism Matter?*

Biancheri R. & Landi S.,

*Role of healthcare spaces in therapeutic processes for chronic illnesses: a gender-sensitive perspective for the renovation of historical hospitals*

Acquaro J.,

*Addiction and welfare dependency: a vicious circle?*

12:30 -14:00

*Lunch*

14:00 - 15:30

*Parallel sessions*

**SESSION “BODY AND HEALTH 1”** – Chairs : Lia Lombardi & Antonio Maturo @ Sala Rossa G

Chowdhry S.,

*"Do you know why you're here?": obstetric framing of large pregnant bodies*

Dal Santo L., Dal Molin A., Randon G. & Galletta M.,

*Nursing the Body: the emotional impact on nursing home care workers*

Cioffi M.,

*Constructions of d/Deafness: bringing back the social*

**SESSION “ILLNESS NARRATIVE AND NARRATIVE MEDICINE”** - Chairs: Cristina Lonardi & Roberto Lusardi @ Sala Rossa P

Bronzini M. & Polini, B.,

*The impact of neoliberalism on illness narratives: the intertwined logics of care and choice*

Cowan H.,

*Making an Efficient Recovery: How patients undergoing hip replacements in the UK are expected to experience illness*

Gusman A. & Vargas C.,

*Time in the clinical encounter: Illness narratives and the limits of neoliberal healthcare systems*

Świątkiewicz-Mosny M. & Drzazga-Lech M.,

*Autism Narratives*

**SESSION “PATIENTS”** - Chairs: Linda Lombi & Arianna Radin @ Sala Blu P

Makowska M. & Jasiński L.,

*The marketing of dietary supplements in Poland and plans for its regulation*

Westberg N.,

*Being Autistic in a Culture of Communicative Ethics – The Medicalization of Social Interaction*

Numerato D.,

*From Citizen, Consumer and Prosumer to Citimer: The Empowerment of Patients in the Neoliberal Era*

Klingemann J & Moskalewicz & J.,

*Patients’ & clinicians’ experiences of specialized & personal continuity care approaches. does the design of mental health care system make a difference?*

Galesi D.,

*Embodiment of trauma and assessment of psychosocial needs expressed by asylum seekers. An exploratory analysis in an Italian consultation service*

15:30 -16:00

*Coffee Break*

16:00 - 17:30

*Parallel sessions*

**SESSION “HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND POLICY 2”** – Chairs: Angela Genova & Jon Gabe @ Sala Rossa G

Williams O., Agarwal S. & Martin G.,

*Ideological, Pragmatic and Tokenistic: Patient and the public involvement in a collaborative health research organisation in England*

Castellani S., Lopes J., Padilla B. & Rodrigues V.,

*Excluded by efficiency? The articulation between health services re-organization and users' health access in the case of migrants in Portugal*

Hrešanová E.,

*Neoliberal policies and Inter-relationality in (Self)Care and Healthcare among Migrant Women in the Czech Republic*

Novkunskeya A.,

*Institutional gaps in the continuity of care: case of maternity services in Russia*

Gobo G. & Sena B.,

*Vaccine hesitancy and refusal. Attitudes and motivations in neoliberal societies: a literature review and new classification*

**SESSION “HEALTH INEQUALITIES 1”** - Chair: Marco Terraneo @ Sala Rossa P

Rikala S.,

*Socio-economic marginalization due to depression. Experiences of young adults*

Ruiz M.E., Bolívar M., Sánchez N., Benach J. & Vives A.,

*Embodiment of neoliberalism and informal employment*

Guerzoni C.S.,

*Reproductive inequalities: The case of the Italian Gay Parenting*



**SESSION “HEALTH PROFESSIONALS”** – Chair: Arianna Radin @ Sala Blu P

Storbjörk J.,

*Boundary defeat? Liberty taking and deserting professionals in the neoliberal era*

Kerasidou A.,

*The view from the frontline: A&E healthcare professionals’ experiences of the effects of neoliberal austerity in England*

Spina E. & Sofritti F.,

*Maternity policy in Italy. Toward a rationalization of spaces: which consequences for professionals?*

Temkina A.,

*Post-socialist maternity care under neoliberal changes: challenges and benefits for patients and professionals in Russia*

Sirna F.,

*Economic Crisis and International Mobility of European and non-European health workers in the South-East of France: Citizenship, Gender and International Process of Health*

17:30 - 18:30

**PLENARY** -Talking about health @ Sala Blu G

Ellen Annandale “Positively Plastic? Feminism, ‘new materialism’, and health in neoliberal times”

Mario Cardano & Vincenzo Villari “Reflecting on mechanical restraint. A critical discussion between a psychiatrist and a sociologist”

18:30 – 19:30

**RN16 Business meeting** – Everybody welcome @ Sala Blu G

20:30

**SOCIAL DINNER**

## FRIDAY 20 APRIL – CONFERENCE

- 9:00 – 10:00      **PLENARY** - Keynote speech by Guido Giarelli (Università degli Studi "Magna Græcia") @ Sala Blu G  
*"The Italian NHS among de-financing, corporatization and regionalization"*
- 10:00 – 10:30      *Coffee Break*
- 10:30 – 11:30      *Parallel sessions*
- SESSION "MENTAL HEALTH 2"** – Chair: Arianna Radin @ Sala Rossa G  
Gariglio L., Cardano M. & Ferrero Camoletto R.,  
*'I'M Not crazy! Why Am I Here?': Challenging the Usage of Acute Psychiatric Wards for Extra-Psychiatric Purposes*
- Maina G., Aguglia A., Ciccone L. e Carezana C.  
*Involuntary admissions in Italy: the impact of gender and socio-demographic characteristics*
- Di Chio S.,  
*Gambling addiction in Italy between consumption and depoliticization*
- Tilli C. & Favali M.P.,  
*Social Work in Mental Health Services: intervention with long-term users in a managerial model*
- SESSION "HEALTH AND SPIRITUALITY"** – Chair: Maria Swiatkiewicz-Mosny @ Sala Rossa P  
Ozhiganova A.,  
*Ideology and practice of home birth in Russia: the spiritual and biopolitical aspects*
- De Vincenzo C., Testoni I. & Pesci S.,  
*Work and Spirituality of people with Asperger's Syndrome: an exploratory study*
- Testoni I., Floriani M., Venturini D., Iacona E., De Vincenzo C. & Fusina S.,  
*'Before I die I want to...': snapshots of dreams, reflections and wishes*

**SESSION “HEALTH INEQUALITIES 2”** - Chair: Carla Moretti @ Sala Blu P

Genova A., Lombardini S. & Gennaro V.,

*Health inequalities for elderly in Italy: Active ageing policy impact on life expectancy in European comparative perspective*

Consolazio D., Terraneo M. & Tognetti M.,

*Assessing the relationship between schools location and school-aged children’s health and behaviours in the city of Milan*

Gurau A.,

*Toward an ethic of health system financialization*

11:30 – 13:00

*Parallel sessions*

**SESSION “CHRONIC ILLNESS AND INTEGRATED CARE”** - Chairs: Jon Gabe & Pietro Paolo Guzzo @ Sala Rossa G

Favretto A.R. & Zaltron F.,

*To adjust life to illness or illness to life? Children’s experience of chronic illness*

Lusardi R. & Tomelleri S.,

*The quest for integrated care. Phenomenology of health and social care integration in Italy*

Moretti C.,

*Care and support paths for the people with severe Acquired Brain Injury and their families*

Mondin T., Russo A.M. & Venturini D.,

*Social Service and health and social care integration. Incurable diseases*

Gonella S., Campagna S., Basso I., Dimonte V. e Di Giulio P.,

*Association between end-of- life conversations in nursing homes and care outcomes: a systematic review*

**SESSION “HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES AND BIOMEDICINE 2”** – Chairs: Linda Lombi & Antonio Maturo @ Sala Rossa P

Lombardi L.,

*Reproductive technology in Italy between gender policy and inequality. Can we speak of "social infertility" ?*

Bissell P. & Peacock M.,

*Introducing the idea of ‘assumed shared food narratives’ in the context of social networks: reflections from a qualitative study conducted in Nottingham, England*

Mori L.,

*Ego in Numbers. Quantified self, data doubles and the neoliberal subjectivation process*

Zanutto A.,

*How people tackle systems for digital health: lesson learned from a regional experience*

13:00 -14:30

*Lunch*

14:30 – 16:00

*Parallel sessions*

**SESSION “HEALTH IN CUSTODIAL INSTITUTIONS”** – Chairs: Mario Cardano & Luigi Gariglio @ Sala Rossa G

Peacock M.,

*Ageing and dying in the contemporary neoliberal prison system: exploring the ‘double burden’ for older prisoners*

Miravalle M. & Torrente G.,

*Self-harm and suicide in Italian prisons: a matter of health?*

Allegri P.A.& Ronco D.,

*Reshaping health and illness inside the securitarian prison*

Vianello A. & Sbraccia F.,

*Prison as a field: medical practices and institutional culture in the Italian prison system*

**SESSION “HEALTH IN ADULTHOOD AND ELDERLY” (ex AGEING) – Chairs: Cristina Lonardi & Roberto Lusardi @ Sala Rossa P**

Ferrero Camoletto R.,

*Pathologizing the sexy oldie? Age, gender and sexuality in the Viagra era*

Shipovskaya V.,

*Gender Patterns of Healthy Ageing and Longevity in West European Countries*

Libert S.,

*Is there a paradox in dementia advocacy? An exploration of the current reconfigurations of ageing and their interaction with dementia and bio-citizenship in late capitalism*

Calvi C.,

*Informal care in the neoliberal era: the experiences of Italian caregivers facing pleural mesothelioma*

Santha A., S., Katalin H., Réka R.K., Réka L.-M. & Csilla T.

*Wellbeing and Mental Health in the Adult Hungarian Population of Romania*

**SESSION “BODY AND HEALTH 2” – Chairs: Antonio Maturo & Lia Lombardi @ Sala Blu P**

Hammer R.,

*Alcohol abstinence during pregnancy: Maternal responsibility and the couple relationship*

Torpolova L.,

*Disability determination: decision-making of the Bureau of Sociomedical Expertise in Russia*

Maravelias C.,

*Governing the unenterprising self in neoliberal societies - from sheltered employment to individual placement*

16:00 - 16:30

Closing Conference by Jon Gabe (Esa RN 16) and Mario Cardano (Ais Salute) @ Sala Rossa G

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