

` Elective Affinities `

2nd International Network Conference
on Foster Care Research

22nd – 25th September 2008



Under the patronage of
Social Minister Ms Mechthild Ross-Luttmann



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Vision

Under the patronage of Lower Saxony's Minister for Social, Women's and Family Affairs and for Health, Mechthild Ross-Luttmann, the 2nd International Network Conference on Foster Care Research "Elective Affinities" will take place from 22nd - 25th September 2008 at Leuphana University Lüneburg.

The Network Conference addresses interested colleagues from all disciplines, researchers and people with practical experience in the field of foster care. The Conference intends to create a platform for information and discussion in order to assure and enhance the collaboration of selected authorities on the topic.

Against the background of current diagnoses of our present it becomes apparent that growing up in the civil society has become more difficult. This is particularly the case if the focus is on young people that have made acquaintance with exclusion and poverty, have a migration background or different types of handicaps. Those young people and their relatives have a special need for welfare state assistance. A great number of cases makes obvious that ambulant support does not afford sufficient educational opportunities.

Opportunities are provided by the different forms of stationary care that range from children's homes to various forms of foster care. The 2nd International Network Conference on Foster Care Research aims on presenting innovative concepts developed from practical experience as well as discussing the results of research projects. The conference "Elective Affinities" targets at integrating impulses coming from the field of humanities, medicine and social pedagogy. Moreover it seems essential to focus on everyday life. As a result the conference offers lectures and workshops with emphases on the following topics:

- discourses in the theory of youth welfare system
- professionalisation
- pauperism
- migration
- education
- (psychic/mental) disability

Network

The successful first conference held 2007 at the University Siegen laid the foundation for the sustainable development of a international research network named "Foster Care Research". This steady platform provides researchers the opportunity to analyse the situation of children in foster care as well as the condition of their families in order to make suggestions for improvements.

The conference stands out due to the opportunity to participate in one of four "Focus Groups" that will be hold at the same time as the workshops. The "Focus Groups" consist of three to four researchers that focus on a self chosen, specialized topic. The "Focus Groups" are not only intended as platform for the exchange of information but aim to achieve the setup of a goal-oriented long-term cooperation.

To be able to put together the "Focus Groups" according to the various topics, we would like to ask you to register separately for taking part in a "Focus Group". If you are interested in participating in a "Focus Group" please contact us up to 30th July 2008.

For further information on the conference visit www.foster-care-research.org .

Timetable

Monday, 22nd September 2008

10 – 11 am	Registration Town Hall Lueneburg, „Fürstensaal“
11 – 12.45 am	Greeting and Introduction Town Hall Lueneburg, „Fürstensaal“ Mayor Ulrich Mädge; Lueneburg Staatssekretärin (Ms) Dr. Christine Hawighorst; Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Soziales, Frauen, Familie und Gesundheit Vicepresident (Ms) Prof. Dr. Sabine Remdisch; Leuphana University Lueneburg (inquired)
12.45 am – 2 pm	Prof. Dr. Hans Thiersch (D) <i>„The Lifeworld Approach and Tasks in the Foster Family“</i> Lunch Break Campus Leuphana University Lueneburg
2 – 3 pm	Workshop: Prof. Dr. Harald Ansen (D) <i>„Poverty Among Families And Children “</i>
2 – 3 pm	Workshop: Drs. Riet Portengen mdl (NL) <i>„Social Network Strategies and Foster Care“</i>
3 – 4 pm	Workshop: Dr. Walther Gehres (D) <i>„Identity Formation“</i>
3 – 4 pm	Workshop: Dr. Nina Biehal (GB) <i>„Fostering Adolescents“</i>
4 – 4.30 pm	Tea And Coffee
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Lecture: Prof. Dr. Josef Scheipl (A) <i>„Fostercare In Austria“</i>
5.30 – 18.15 pm	Lecture: Peof. Dr. Hans Grietens (B) <i>„Research In An European Network For Foster Care“</i>
8 – 10 pm	Welcome Dinner at the „Glockenhaus“, Stadt Lüneburg Prof. Dr. Herbert E. Colla und Josef Koch, IGFH

Tuesday, 23rd September 2008

9 – 10 am	Lecture: Dr. Janet Boddy (GB) <i>„Learning From Difference: European Models Of Foster Care“</i>
10 – 11 am	Discussion // Tea And Coffee
11 – 12 am	Workshop: Prof. Dr. Susanne Schlüter-Müller (D) <i>„Children Of Drug-Addicted Mothers“</i>

11 – 12 am	Workshop: Prof. Dr. Bruno Hildenbrand (D) <i>„What Is The Effect Of Professionalisation Of Foster Families?“</i>
12 am – 1 pm	Workshop: Matthias Schreckenbach (D) <i>„Foster Families Between Privatness And Professionalism“</i>
12 am– 1 pm	Workshop: Dr. Zofia Waleria Stelmaszuk (PL) <i>„Parenting Or Profession – Challenges Facing Foster Families In Poland“</i>
1– 2 pm	Lunch break
2 – 3 pm	Workshop: Cornelia Bauer (D) <i>„Intercultural Expertise In Competence In Childcare“</i> (working title)
2 – 3 pm	Workshop: Dr. Annick-Camille Dumaret (F) <i>„Impact Of Change In Environment Or Placement On Children’s Development And Social Integration In Adulthood“</i>
2 – 3 pm	Focus Groups
3 – 4 pm	Workshop: Stefan Müller-Teusler (D) <i>„Handicaped Children In Foster Care Families“</i>
3 – 4 pm	Workshop: Dörte Grasmann (D) <i>„Multi Disciplinary Need For Support Of Foster Care Children And Their Families“</i>
3 – 4 pm	Focus Groups
4 – 4.30 pm	Tea and Coffee
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Lecture: Dr. Thomas Gabriel und Tobias Studer (D) <i>„Professionalism From The Foster Parents Perspective – The Findings Of An Empirical Study“</i>
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Lecture: Dr. Ingrid Wölfel (D) <i>„Between Privatness And Public– Which Companionship Does Foster Care need?“</i>
8 – 10 pm	Cultural Event

Wednesday, 24th September 2008

9 – 10 am	Lecture: Prof. Dr. Jörg M. Fegert (D) <i>„The Interface Between Child / Youth Care And Youth Psychiatry“</i>
10 – 11am	Discussion // Tea and Coffee
11 – 12 am	Workshop: Prof. Dr. Karin Lauermann (A) <i>„Children Between Two Families“</i>
11 – 12 am	Workshop: Prof. Dr. Gerhard Süss (D) <i>„Advancement Of Foster Children“</i>
11 – 12 am	Focus Groups

12 am – 1 pm	Workshop: Marc Schmid (D) <i>„Symptom orientated Advancement Of Traumatized Children In Foster Families And In Stationary Care“</i>
12 am – 1 pm	Workshop: Niels R. Jensen (DK) <i>„Why Is School Achievement And Competence Development A Forgotten Or Nearly Forbidden Field? “</i>
12 am – 1 pm	Focus Groups
1 – 2 pm	Lunch Break
2 – 3 pm	Workshop: Dalija Snieskiene (LT) <i>„The Development Of Foster Family System In Postcommunist Countries: Lithuanian Case“</i>
2 – 3 pm	Workshop: Prof. Dr. Chiara Berti (I) <i>„Effectiveness Conditions In Out-Of-Home Placement Of Children And Adolescents“ (working title)</i>
3 – 4 pm	Workshop: Lotta Berg Eklundh (SE) <i>„The Contact Family - A Swedish Achievement For Children In Vulnerable Life-Situation“</i>
3 – 4 pm	Workshop: Daniela Reimer (D) <i>„Transitions In The Biography Of Foster Children“</i>
4 – 4.30 pm	Tea And Coffee
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Lecture: Dr. Roger Bullock (GB) <i>„Different Ways Of Understanding Needs And Services For Children In Foster Care“</i>
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Lecture: Dr. Toril Havik (NO) <i>„Middle-Aged Children Placed In Foster Care – A Longitudinal Study“</i>
8 – 10 pm	Dinner

Thursday, 25th September 2008

9 – 10 am	Lecture: Prof. Dr. Ludwig Salgo (D) <i>„The Right To Fosterage“</i>
10 – 11 am	Lecture: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Blandow (D) <i>„Developments In The Field Of Foster Care“</i>
11 – 11.30 am	Tea and Coffee
11.30 – 12.30 am	Prof. Dr. Klaus Wolf (D) <i>„The Fundament For Future Research In Foster Care“</i>
12.30 am – 1 pm	End of conference

The official languages of the conference will be English and German

Registration

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First name:

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Field of activity:

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Charges

The fees for the four day conference including the welcome dinner amount **90,- EUR**. IGFH-members receive a 20 % discount.

Please send the completed registration form back to us by mail or fax.

Closing date: 30th July 2008

Contact

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Directions

Except from the greeting and the opening dinner, the conference will take place on campus of Leuphana University Lueneburg. The "Fürstensaal" is located in the town hall of Lueneburg (Am Ochsenmarkt 1) and the Glockenhaus is situated Glockenstraße 9. You reach campus by bus route 5011 (Rettmer/Häcklingen) and 5012 (Bockelsberg). Both bus routes leave from the trainstation (ZOB) and goes via the city center (stop „Am Sande“) to Leuphana University Lueneburg’s campus (stop "Blücherstraße"). The last bus leaves at 8 pm.

Campus map

