

Final Symposium **COST-A34**

Nature and causes of gendered inequalities in well-being

We shall discuss the ways the Action has considered the articulation between gender and well-being in terms of vision, concepts and indicators, by discussing the issue of “inequality of what and for whom”, through what we have learned about:

The dimensions of contemporary social change.

The role of households and families as sites of gender-inequalities in well-being and in the transmission of well-being.

The importance of accessing paid work as a source of gendered inequalities in well-being.

The importance of institutions and public policies in determining women and men well-being and the institutional potential to offset gender inequalities in this regard.

The role of social movements for change addressing sustainable human well-being and its gender inequalities.

The conceptualisation, definition and measurement of well-being, and particularly gender-differences in well-being and what are the strengths and weaknesses of the capability approach in this perspective.

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«**Gender and Well-being: Work, Family and Public Policies**», G&WB~Net aims to provide new methodologies about production and well-being access from a multi-disciplinary approach. The multidisciplinary approach, the multidimensional notion of well-being and the specific perspective chosen, based on women’s historical experience of individual and collective quality of life, will allow to identify the individual, family and public strategies used to generate and facilitate access to adequate, equitable and sustainable living conditions.

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Work, Family and Public Policies**

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**Lessons learned and
recommendations**
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Thursday - 3rd September

14:00-17:00 Core Group meetings

17:00-18:00 Registration

18:00-20:00 Opening and Public conference

Official opening
by the authorities of the University of Geneva

Public conference
(with english-french translation):
*Multiple roles of women and men:
contrasting cultures, comparing times*
Christine Oppong, Wolfson College (Cambridge, UK)
and University of Ghana

— Opening Buffet —
20:00

Friday - 4th September

8:00 Registration

8:45 **Welcome address:** Michel Oris (Université de Genève)

Opening address: The context of the Action
Cristina Borderías (Universidad de Barcelona),
Antonella Picchio (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia)

9:30 **Session 1. Households and families**

Chair: Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux (EHESS, Paris)
Presentation report Core Group 2: Marie-Louise Nagata
(EHESS, Paris and F.Marion University)
Comment by Core Group 3: Alastair Owen
(Queen Mary University)
Outside discussant: Kari Waerness
(University of Bergen)

— Coffee Break —
10:15-10:45

10:45 **Session 2. Paid and Unpaid work**

Chair: Anne-Françoise Praz (Université de Genève)
Presentation report Core Group 3: Tindara Addabbo
(Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia)
Comment by Core Group 2: Marie-Louise Nagata (EHESS, Paris and
F.Marion University)
Outside discussant: Nicky Le Feuvre
(Université de Lausanne)

11:30 **General discussion and synthesis on households,
families and work**

Chair: Lina Gálvez (Universidad Pablo de Olavide)
Discussant: Jane Humphries (Oxford University)

— Lunch / Core Group meetings —
12:45-14:45

14:45 **Session 3. Institutions and the impact of social policies**

Chair: Maria Stanfors (Lund University)
Presentation report Core Group 4: John Eriksen
(Nova Norwegian Social Research)
Comment by Core Group 5: Jean-Michel Bonvin (EESP, Lausanne)
Outside discussant: Shahra Razavi (UNRISD, Geneva)

15:30 **Session 4. Social movements and change**

Chair: Anu Laas (University of Tartu)
Presentation report Core Group 5: Mercè Renom (Universidad de
Barcelona)
Comment by Core Group 4: Florence Degavre (Université catholique
de Louvain-la-Neuve)
Outside discussant: Jacqueline Heinen (Université Versailles
St Quentin)

— Coffee Break —
16:15-16:45

16:45 **General discussion and synthesis on institutions
and social movements**

Chair: Kaisa Kaupinnen (Finish Institute of Occupational Health)
Discussant: Antonella Picchio (Università di Modena e Reggio
Emilia)

18:00 **End of sessions**

19:00-23:00 Excursion and Dinner on the Lake

Saturday – 5th September

9:00 **Session 5. Concept and indicators**

Chair: Anette Borchorst (Aalborg Universitet)
Presentation report Core Group 1: Bernard Harris (University of
Southampton)
**Round Table on well-being's definition and measures, their link
with the capability approach and their policy implications**
Invited Speakers:
Raul Suarez de Miguel (OECD, Paris), Cristina Santos (University
College London), Swiss federal Office of Statistics (TBC), Capability
expert (TBC)
General discussion and final comments

— Coffee Break —
11:00-11:30

11:30 **COST A 34 recommendations on public policies
and scientific research**

Chair: TBC
Presentation report Core Group 7: Carmen Sarasúa (Universidad
autónoma de Barcelona)
Questions

— Lunch —
12:30-13:30

13:30 **Round table on public policies and our recommendations**

Chair: Alison Woodward (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
Invited Speakers: Patricia Schulz (Director of Equality Office
Switzerland), Patrice Robineau (Gender Focal Point UNECE, Geneva),
Diane Elson (University of Essex), EU representative (TBC)

General discussion and final comments

— Short Tea Break —
15:30-15:45

15:45 **Final words**

Geneva Team: Claudine Sauvain-Dugerdil (Université de Genève)
Cost Action Chair: Cristina Borderías (Universidad de Barcelona)

— Short Break —
16:15-16:30

16:30 Management Committee meeting