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International Social Transformation  
through Occupation Network

OSE CONFERENCE 2019

## Pre-Conference Workshop

► Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Amsterdam

Understanding the role of activities and occupations  
in transforming contemporary society



**OSE Conference 2019**

**Europe in Transition:  
Impact on Occupation and Health**

30th + 31st of August 2019



Hogeschool van Amsterdam



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Complex social problems, such as labour conditions, unemployment and underemployment, poverty, inequality, migration, neoliberal political and economic agendas, proliferation of political extremism and populism, decline of human rights and unresolved sustainability issues, require multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary approaches together with the people affected by these developments. Social well-being, justice, inclusion, participation and citizenship, require critical perspectives that strengthen collective and individual commitment, action, engagement and empowerment.

**They require change in our everyday activities or occupations, how we live together in our neighbourhoods and cities.**

This workshop aims to bring together all those who are committed to being actively involved in gathering information, providing ideas, and creating pathways towards solutions of how to tackle issues of social and health inequalities. The international Social Transformation through Occupation Network is concerned with contributing an occupational perspective to interdisciplinary dialogue and praxis. Occupation may be described broadly as the various everyday activities people do as individuals, in families and with communities to occupy time and bring meaning

and purpose to life. It is understood that occupation is important for health and well-being and that what we do together may be fundamental to social change. While many groups and individuals are interested in and are working on these issues, we believe that further dialogue is required to share each other's practical experiences, as well as theoretical perspectives. This workshop will provide opportunities for multiple perspectives to be heard and partnerships to be developed towards action and change.

## Morning Sessions

The morning sessions will be organised around themes. These will be developed around the participants' thematic areas of interest (e.g. unemployment, migration, sustainability...), interest in relevant concepts (e.g. citizenship, social justice...) and/or focus on specific transformative goals (e.g. empowerment, resilience, participatory research...). Initially all participants will have the opportunity to present a 5-minute pitch on their research interest or practice experience in thematic groups, followed by dialogue to explore the issues from multiple perspectives.

## Afternoon Sessions

The afternoon sessions will offer opportunity for the development of projects and partnerships to work further on particular themes or topics. It is intended that many participants will leave the day with plans for future interdisciplinary collaborations and developments in practice and research.



# Participants

We invite practitioners and researchers with a range of experiences in occupational science and occupation-focused transformation, and specifically encourage those new to the field who pursue an occupation-based focus. This study day aims to bring together people with a diverse range of experiences and perspectives, whether from life experiences, from professional or disciplinary positions, with a desire to engage in dialogue with others towards action.

**This is a pre-conference meeting for the conference:**

**Europe in Transition: Impact on occupation and health**

organised by Occupational Science Europe and the Hogeschool van Amsterdam on 30th and 31st August 2019 at the same venue. Further information may be found at:

<https://www.amsterdamuas.com/achieve/events/ose-conference-2019/ose-conference-2019.html>

## Location of the preconference workshop

Hogeschool van Amsterdam  
Nicolaes Tulp building  
Tafelbergweg 51  
1105 BD Amsterdam

## Fee

50 Euros (free lunch included)

## Date and time

Thursday 29th August 2019  
09:30-16:30

## Registration

To register please go to: <https://www.amsterdamuas.com/achieve/events/ose-conference-2019/ose-conference-2019.html>

## Organisation



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# Abstract for pitch

On registration each participant is asked to note the focus of their 5 minute pitch in the form of a short abstract (see format below) in order that thematic groups can be arranged. Please forward to the pre-conference workshop organising committee at: [ISTTONetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ISTTONetwork@gmail.com)

We encourage all participants to prepare a short pitch, but you are welcome to attend without having done this.

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Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Key words: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstract (max. 250 words): \_\_\_\_\_

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