



## DISABILITY STUDIES & PARTICIPATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Interdisciplinary International Symposium  
at the University of Innsbruck, Austria

27 – 29 June 2019

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Venue: University of Innsbruck, Faculty of Theology, Karl-Rahner-Platz 3, 6020 Innsbruck (AT)

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Thursday 27 June Kaiser-Leopold-Saal (R203), Karl-Rahner-Platz 3

16.00 – 16.30 Opening session

**Dean Michaela Ralser** (Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Innsbruck, AT)

**Dean Kim Martin Long** (College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development, University of New Orleans, US)

**Lisa Pfahl** (University of Innsbruck, AT)

**Linda Flynn-Wilson** (University of New Orleans, US)

16.30 – 18.00 **Jos Boys** (University College London, UK)  
Towards inclusive learning spaces

18.00 – 18.15 Break

18.15 – 19.00 Poster presentations I

*Inclusive university programs*

**Susanne Dungs** (FH Kärnten, AT)

The contribution of disability and diversity studies (DDS) to inclusive higher education

**Mathilde Niehaus, Jana Bauer and Susanne Groth** (University of Cologne, DE)

The PROMI project for PhD students with disabilities – reducing barriers and promoting participation in doctoral studies in Germany

**Angela Magnanini; Pasquale Moliterni, Antonio Ferraro and Lorenzo Cioni** (University of Rome, IT)

The integrated sport into the university curriculum to improve attitudes towards persons with disabilities

19.00 Reception with finger food and music

Friday 28 June      **Madonnensaal (R201), Karl-Rahner-Platz 3**

09.00 – 09.15      **Welcome**

09.15 – 10.30      **Sheila Riddell** (University of Edinburgh, UK)  
Disability, gender and social class in school and higher education:  
making the connections

10.30 – 10.45      **Coffee break**

10.45 – 13.00      **Presentations I & II (in parallel sessions)**

*I Structural barriers to access higher education*

**Marco Miguel Valero Sanchez** (Leibniz University Hannover, DE)  
The transformation of universities towards (more) inclusive  
organizations: social claims, governance instruments and internal  
organizational practices in dealing with disabilities in higher education

**Camilla Nordgren, Lotta Anderson** (University of Malmö, SE) and **Lisbeth  
Ohlsson** (Kristianstad University, SE)  
Barriers to access higher education

**Bamidele Chika Agbakuribe** (University of Abuja, NG)  
Understanding inclusion barriers in higher education of Nigerian  
disabled learners for guidance and counselling interventions

**Paul Thomas Bole** (University of New Orleans, US)  
Efficacy of transition services in the United States: evaluation of barriers  
to access higher education

*II Transitions & trajectories in higher education*

**Sadia Akbar** (Humboldt University Berlin, DE)  
Socio-cultural construction of disability and materialities of spaces:  
Barriers to participate and survive in higher education system for  
disabled women in Lahore (Pakistan)

**Shruti Taneja Johansson** (University of Gothenburg, SE)  
Transitions to, within and beyond higher education using an ADHD lens

**Richard Vergunst** (Stellenbosch University, ZA)  
Having a psychosocial disability while being supervised in a university  
context

13.00 – 14.15      **Lunch break**

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14.15 – 16.15      **Presentations III & IV (in parallel sessions)**

*III Cultural barriers and images of higher education*

**Inga Reichelt** (University of Leeds, UK)

The transparent student: the emotional and hidden labour necessary to secure accessibility and participation in higher education, and alternative ways forward

**Noa Winter** (Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, DE)

Horizontal spaces, exploded times: crippling time and space in higher education

**Thomas Barow and Shruti Taneja Johansson** (University of Gothenburg, SE)

Current attempts to remove barriers to postsecondary education for persons with intellectual disability in Sweden

*IV Inclusive higher education and teaching*

**Rosa Bellacicco, Heidrun Demo** (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, IT)

**and Marisa Pavone** (University of Turin, IT)

BECOM-IN: Students with disabilities in teacher training – a systematic review

**Matthias Gubler, Cornelia Müller Bösch and Manuela Depauly** (Zurich University of Teacher Education, CH)

Project écolsiv: Inclusive post-secondary teacher education for people with intellectual disabilities in Switzerland

**Alexander Klement, Gertraud Kreamsner, Barbara Nemestothy, Andreas Paukner and Susanne Prummer** (University of Vienna, AT)

Relationship status: „It’s complicated“– participatory approaches to classification obsession and knowledge demands of teacher trainees

16.15 – 16.45      **Coffee break**

16.45 – 19.00      **Petra Anders** (Institute for Empirical Sociology, Nuremberg, DE)

Inclusive academia – including academics with disabilities

**Robert Stodden** (University of Hawaii, US)

Supporting students with disabilities in higher education in the USA

**Saturday 29 June Madonnensaal (R201), Karl-Rahner-Platz 3**

09.00 – 09.15 **Welcome**

09.15 – 10.30 **James Martin** (University of Oklahoma, US)  
Self-determination from theory to practice

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 11.45 **Poster presentations II (in parallel sessions)**

*Disability & higher education*

**Tizita Kassahun Gebremariam** (University of Vienna, AT)  
Inside the higher education institutions: Exploring experiences of women students with disabilities in selected Ethiopian southern universities

**Natalie Sulzner, Anja Tscherteu and Edvina Bešić** (University of Graz, AT)  
Disability at the University of Technology in Graz: Students' perspectives

**Katharina Felbermayr and Helga Fasching** (University of Vienna, AT)  
Making a decision for higher education!?

*Disability studies, students & teaching*

**Sabine Gerhartz-Reiter and Cathrin Reisenauer** (University of Innsbruck, AT)  
Disability studies as teacher education's critical friend – reflections on potentials and challenges exemplified by pedagogical diagnostics

**Theresa Straub** (University of Innsbruck, AT)  
Disabled people living independently through personal assistance – what do we know about participation in higher education?

11.45 – 13.00 **Lunch break with finger food**

13.00 – 14.15 **Justin Powell** (University of Luxembourg, LU)  
Sign of our times and universal design university

14.15 – 14.30 **Closing session**



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