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Transforming Care Conference



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In the past decade, care as a policy field has been characterized by increasing turbulence. In some countries, a strong rhetoric focusing on the need for austerity has been detrimental to policy and public discourse recognizing care as social right and promoting quality and adequacy of care. In other countries, the crisis has not prevented further developments towards more universalistic care services in the longer run. However, in various ways and with different orientations, policy innovation has been facing increasing sustainability problems, and these aspects have been often reductively considered more as a question of financial viability than social sustainability.

Following previous editions of the Transforming Care conferences (2008 and 2010 in Copenhagen), the new series is to be held every two years, alternatively in Milan and Copenhagen (2019). We include early child education and care, care for adults with disabilities and long-term care for older people in the same broad perspective, as components of a more general policy field.

The 2017 conference focuses on the tensions between policy and social innovation in care policies on the one hand, and pressures for financial and social sustainability of care systems on the other. Care policies not only need to respond to changing care needs, but also to be financially and socially sustainable, also in a long-term and inter-generational perspective, and from the perspectives of care users, their families and paid care workers. This is a difficult challenge for policies as well as for informal and formal care practices, with strong implications as to how care services and care work are organized and provided.

Four main dimensions of transforming care will be addressed in the conference through parallel thematic panels, symposia, round tables and keynote speeches:

- Changes in the institutional setting of care systems and in care policy
- The impact and dilemmas of social and policy innovation in care services
- Changes in intergenerational care arrangements and informal care
- Transformations affecting care workers and their working conditions.

Keynote speakers:

Prof. August Oesterle (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

Prof. Chiara Saraceno (Collegio Carlo Alberto di Torino)

Abstract submission is open from **February 7 to March 25, 2017**. Please note that you are required to send in a paper before the conference. The paper will be available for the conference delegates through the conference website. For further information: <http://www.transforming-care.net>. or contact the organizers: conference2017@transforming-care.net

Important dates

March 25 Deadline for call for paper

April 7 Information about accepted papers

May 10 Deadline for Early bird registration and payment

June 10 Deadline for paper submission and closing of registration

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