



Exploratory Workshop

Scientific Review Group for the Social Sciences

ESF Exploratory Workshop

PORTRAIT OF A LADY: WOMEN IN SCIENCE. PARTICIPATION, ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES IN A GLOBALIZED RESEARCH SYSTEM.

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In 2013 the only research instrument that will have a call for proposals is the Exploratory Workshops. The focus of the Exploratory Workshops scheme is on workshops aiming to explore an emerging and/or innovative field of research or research infrastructure, also of interdisciplinary character. Workshops are expected to open up new directions in research or new domains. It is expected that a workshop shall conclude with plans for follow-up research activities and/or collaborative actions or other specific outputs at international level.

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Main Objectives of the Workshop:

The issue of gender bias in the scientific world was analyzed during the period 1960s-80s and some structured EU policy efforts have been proposed in the 1990s.

The new millennium poses challenges to the global world of science, research and technology that need, both from a scientific and a social perspective, an equal representation of women in scientific careers. The workshop intends to analyze recent data and analysis about women researchers in science institutions, motivations, reasons and causes determining this gender gap, possible strategies for a better gender balance in the scientific systems, policy recommendations for scientific and research institutions.

Workshop Agenda

A key aspect of this workshop will be the production of 10 Papers, divided in 5 sessions on different aspects: 1. Gender bias in scientific careers. Why *still* so few? 2. A political matter. Power, gender as a research institution policy. 3. Work and lifetime balance for women in science. 4. Communicating Women in Science. Models and Strategies for a better representation. 5. Next Frontier. Exploring programs and policies to promote a new model of gender inclusive science.

During the ESF EW, discussants will be invited to provide Commentaries on the Papers, circulated among participants 2 weeks before the ESF EW and given during the Rome meeting. These commentaries will provide critiques and additional Building Blocks to the Papers in order to produce strengthened and a thorough review of the issues.

Report publication and dissemination

The Workshop Report will be published in hard copy.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

22 September 2013

22 Sept. 2013 – Afternoon/Evening: *Participants Arrival*

Monday, 23 September 2013

10.30-10.40	Registration and Welcome Coffee
10.40-10.50	Welcome by Convenor Sveva Avveduto – IRPPS CNR - Rome (Italy)
10.50 – 11.10	Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF) Alison Woodward - Institute of European Studies Free University of Brussels (Belgium) Scientific Review Group for the Social Sciences
11.10-13.00	Morning Session: Gender Bias in Scientific Careers. Why still so few?
11.10-11.40	Presentation 1 Kate Purcell (University of Warwick – UK)
11.40-12.10	Presentation 2 Marita Haas (Marita HAAS - Vienna University of Technology – AT)
12.10-12.25	Discussants Commentaries Discussant: Supakwadee AMATAYAKUL - Chulalongkorn University - TH
12.25-12.45	Questions and Discussion
12.45 - 14.15	<i>Lunch</i>
14.15-16.45	Afternoon Session: A political matter. Power, gender and research institutions policy
14.15-14.45	Presentation 1 Ulf Sandstrom (Linköpings Universitet - SE)
14.45 -15.15	Presentation 2 Christian Suter (Université de Neuchâtel - CH)
15.15-15.30	Discussants Commentaries – Discussant: Nico Pitrelli – SISSA University Trieste -IT
15.30-15.50	Questions and Discussion
15.50- 16.10	<i>Coffee / tea break</i>
16.10-16.45	Planary Discussion

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19.00

Dinner

Tuesday, 24 September 2013

09.15-10.45 First Morning Session: Work and lifetime balance for women in science. Institution and practices supporting female researchers and scientists

09.15- 09.45 **Presentation 1**
Aurelija NOVELSKAITE (Vilnius Institute for Social Research - LT)

09.45-10.15 **Presentation 2**
Nikolina SRETENOVA (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences - BG)

10.15-10.30 Discussants Commentaries - Discussant:
Lucio PISACANE (IRPPS CNR – IT)

10.30-11.00 *Coffee /Tea Break*

11.00-13.00 Second Morning Session: Communicating women in science. Models and strategies for a better representation of female scientific careers

11.00-11.30 **Presentation 1**
Fabienne Crettaz von Roten (Université de Lausanne –CH)

11.30-12.00 **Presentation 2**
Cristina MANGIA (ISAC CNR – Lecce- IT)

12.00-12.15 Discussants Commentaries - Discussant: **Stefan FUCHS** (IAB - German Federal Employment Agency – DE)

12.15-12.40 Questions and Discussion

12.40-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-15.30 Afternoon Session: Next frontier. Exploring programs and policies to promote a new model of gender inclusive science

14.00-14.30 **Presentation 1**
Catherine VIDAL (Institut Pasteur – FR)

14.30-15.00 **Presentation 2**
Danuta Tomczak (Østfold University College)

15.00-15.15 Discussants Commentaries - Discussant:
Eiba MAULEON (CINDOC – CSIC – ES)

15.15- 15.30 Questions and Discussion

15.30-16.15 **Discussion on follow-up activities/networking/collaboration**

16.30 *End of Workshop and participants departure*

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