

2017 CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for Papers: **February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 24:00 Central European Time**

## **Meeting in Diversity - Occupation as a Common Ground**

### **4th Occupational Science Europe Conference**

HAWK Hildesheim, Hildesheim, Germany

September 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2017

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**2nd Think Tank Meeting for Occupation-Based Social Transformation**

September 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

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With this call for papers, Occupational **Science Europe (OSE)** invites to the 4<sup>th</sup> *Occupational Science Europe* Conference on September 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2017 in Hildesheim, Germany. *Occupational Science Europe* is a network of researchers and practitioners interested in studying occupation from different perspectives throughout Europe and from a wide range of disciplines, encouraging inter-cultural and interdisciplinary collaboration and research. In occupational science, the term *occupation* is not limited to work, but includes all the various everyday activities people do as individuals, in families, and with communities to occupy time and bring meaning and purpose to life; occupations include things people need to, want to, and are expected to do (International Society of Occupational Science, 2017). As an interdisciplinary field, occupational science is concerned with studying the nature of occupation from various theoretical perspectives, focusing on individuals and collectives and their relationships with the sociocultural, political-historical and physical environment through their doings. One focus lies on the interaction between occupation and health. At present, there are many occupational science associations in various parts of the world.

The aims of *Occupational Science Europe* are to be a vibrant community and to support the theoretical development, interdisciplinary debates, and critical discourse around occupation and occupational science throughout Europe. To achieve these aims *Occupational Science Europe* holds an occupational science conference every two years. The 4<sup>th</sup> interdisciplinary and international conference will be a meeting space for exploring and furthering diverse and shared perspectives on occupation. Taking place in Hildesheim, Germany, the 2017 *Occupational Science Europe* Conference will be the first OSE Conference outside of the UK.

The 2017 OSE conference "Meeting in Diversity - Occupation as a Common Ground" hosted by the HAWK Hildesheim/Holzminen/Göttingen, University of Applied Sciences and Arts, in cooperation with the Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin, University of Applied Sciences, aims to create a meeting space for lively debates to explore and further diverse perspectives on occupation. By encouraging out-of-the-box thinking across disciplines and beyond traditional modes of thought, we hope to link different disciplinary and international approaches and theories to strengthen our understanding of occupation as the common ground in our field. Conference language will be English.

## Themes

Potential topics of interest include both broadly interdisciplinary subjects, as well as focused occupational science topics. We invite proposals for paper presentations, panel/interactive sessions and posters addressing one of the following six themes:

- **Occupation, Diversity, Justice and Social Transformation**  
Examining the potential of an occupation-based approach to issues of diversity, justice and transformation in contemporary societies.
- **Occupation as a Common Ground: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**  
Exploring the role of occupation as the common ground in diverse interdisciplinary perspectives and experiences.
- **Occupation: Its Theories and Concepts in Critique/Debate**  
Investigating theories and concepts for understanding and studying occupation. Introducing and debating occupational science's theoretical and methodological foundations and applications.
- **Occupation in and Throughout Everyday Life**  
Understanding everyday occupation, its contexts and meanings. Exploring occupations from various perspectives, such as life cycle, culture, and identity.
- **Occupation Between Paid Work, Voluntary Work, and Unemployment**  
Examining occupation as paid work, voluntary work, and with regard to unemployment. Discussing issues such as work mobility, productivity, over-, under- and unemployment, and changing work contexts.
- **Occupation in Therapy, Health Care, and Health Promotion**  
Examining the relation between occupation, health and health care. Investigating the application of occupation and its theories in the context of therapy, prevention and health promotion

## Submission formats

Abstracts for presentations at the conference may be submitted as one of the following formats

- **Research paper**  
Research papers involve a presentation of 15 minutes, as well as a discussion period of 15 minutes. Abstracts may use the following structure: title, statement of purpose, description of methods, report of results, implications related to occupational science, and questions for the discussion period.
- **Theory Paper**  
Theory papers involve a presentation of 15 minutes, as well as a discussion period of 15 minutes. Abstracts may use the following structure: title, background/rationale, statement of intent, argument, conclusion and description of the importance of the paper to occupational science, and questions for the discussion period.
- **Tandem Paper**  
Tandem papers are a set of 2 papers that are presented together to promote interdisciplinary exchange and synthesis. In this new paper format, one researcher, familiar to occupational science, invites another one, new to the discipline, to submit and present

two separate papers together as a Tandem (for more information on this new format see <http://blogs.hawk-hhg.de/ose/abstract/call-for-paper>). Each paper involves a presentation of 10 minutes, followed by a shared discussion period of 20 minutes. Abstracts are submitted together by the inviting author, may use the above structure for research or theoretical papers and include objectives for the discussion period.

- **Panel/interactive session**

Panels are a set of 3 to 4 brief research and/or theoretical papers or an interactive discussion on a specific topic. Panels are 90 minutes long in total and include a discussion period of 30 minutes. They also may be an interactive session where a large portion of the time is devoted to discussion among panel members and all those present. Abstracts should be submitted by the panel organizer and may use the following structure: title, subject, objectives, methods, result or intent, argument and importance to occupational science, objectives for discussion period, and list of session's participants with their credentials and affiliations.

- **Poster**

A poster presentation is a visual report of a study or theoretical discussion in occupational science and an opportunity for authors to display and discuss their work in informal interactions. All poster presenters will invite the conference audience for discussion by introducing their posters in a 1 minute talk.

## **Abstract Submission Deadline**

Submissions must be made by the deadline of **Wednesday, first of March, 2017  
24:00 Central European Time.**

Abstracts should be 400 words or less (title, type of presentation, key words, and references are not included in the word count). Abstract should have a strong title, address one of the above six conference themes, identify three keywords and include up to three questions/objectives for the discussion period with an occupational science audience. Please also indicate the type of submission (research paper, theoretical paper, tandem paper, poster, panel/interactive session), all authors' names with affiliations and credentials, and the primary author's email. Abstract submission online at [www.hawk-hhg.de/ose-conference2017](http://www.hawk-hhg.de/ose-conference2017).

Conference language will be English.

## Pre-Conference Workshop

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Think Tank for Occupation-Based Social Transformation, 7<sup>th</sup> September Hildesheim, Germany**

This meeting aims to continue and build on the work of the Think Tank that was begun during the COTEC-ENOTHE conference in Galway, Ireland in 2016. With a combination of igniter talks and exemplars and small working groups, the day aims to provide an opportunity for dialogue between practical knowledge and theoretical knowledge as we move forward our understandings and actions in relation to occupation-based social transformation.

Participants will be active in bringing to the meeting their own practical examples and experiences, in contributing to establishing the future directions of the work of the group, and in committing to their engagement with these processes.

We look forward to welcoming both those already involved in the work of the group and people coming to it for the first time; practitioners, educators, service users and researchers from different disciplines around the globe.

Further details of registration will follow shortly.

**This conference will be hosted by HAWK University**



**Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin**  
University of Applied Sciences