# COST ACTION IS1409

# *Gender and health impacts of policies extending working life in western countries*

**Training School 2018**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

*Extended Working Lives: Issues & Methods for Policy Evaluation*

Mendel University of Brno, Czech Republic

**18 – 21 March 2018**

**PRESENTATION**

COST Action IS1409 *Gender and health impacts of policies extending working life in Western countries* aims to enhance theoretical and empirical social science research on the gender and health impacts of policies aimed at extending the duration of working life in Westerm countries. See: <http://genderewl.com/>

As a central part of its’ activities, the COST Action offers early career stage scholars (PhD +7 years) the opportunity to meet up with more experienced colleagues and stakeholders in order to exchange on their current and future research projects. The 2018 Training School (TS) offers such an opportunity. It will take place at the Faculty of Business and Economics, located at **Mendel University of Brno, in the Czech Republic**. With a focus on “Issues and Methods for Policy Evaluation”, each of the trainers will focus on debates and examples that are relevent to the thematic areas of this COST Action (extending working-life, health, gender, employment, welfare states, etc.).

The trainers for this exciting residential event are:

***Matt Flynn***, Institute for Ageing, Newcastle University & Business and management studies, Hull University, UK

*Age Management: Evaluating Workplace Policies in an Ageing Society*See: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/ageing/events/theeconomicandsocialimpactofageing/mattflynn/>

Contact: [m.flynn@hull.ac.uk](mailto:m.flynn@hull.ac.uk)

***Angela O’Hagan***, Lecturer in Social and Public Policy, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK

*Gender Budgeting as a Policy Evaluation Tool*

See: <http://www.gcu.ac.uk/gsbs/staff/angelaohagan/>

Contact: [Angela.OHagan@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:Angela.OHagan@gcu.ac.uk)

***Jan Stuhler,*** Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Carlos III University Madrid Spain

*Methods of Policy Evaluation: Identifying Treatment Effects*

See: <http://www.eco.uc3m.es/personal/jstuhler/index.html>

Contact: [jstuhler@eco.uc3m.es](mailto:jstuhler@eco.uc3m.es)

***Lucie Vidovicova***, Senior researcher, Office for Population Studies, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

*Role overloaded of active agers: a policy challenge*

See: <https://www.muni.cz/en/people/11638-lucie-vidovi%C4%87ova>

Contact: [Lucie.Vidovic@seznam.cz](mailto:Lucie.Vidovic@seznam.cz)

All these trainers are international experts in their respective fields, with extensive experience of teaching and mentoring on the topics of gender equality, health, ageing and the life-course. They cover a wide range of disciplines and methodological approaches.

In preparation for the TS, each trainer will provide a *teaching statement* and a list of *recommended readings*, which will be disseminated in advance to participants, via the COST Action website: <http://genderewl.com/about/>

Also present during the whole duration of the Training School will be the joint chairs of the COST Action IS1409 Working Group on Policy Evaluation, who will provide advice, comments and feedback to participants:

**Jonas Radl**, Associate professor, Department of social sciences, Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain

See: <http://portal.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/dpto_ciencias_sociales/home/faculty/Jonas%20Radl>

Contact: [jradl@clio.uc3m.es](mailto:jradl@clio.uc3m.es)

**Nata Duvvury**, Senior Lecturer, School of Political Science & sociology, NUI Galway, Ireland

See: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/our-research/people/political-science-and-sociology/nataduvvury/>

Contact: [nata.duvvury@nuigalway.ie](mailto:nata.duvvury@nuigalway.ie)

This **Training School** is organised by the TS Committee, chaired by: **Nicky Le Feuvre**, Professor of Sociology at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland: [Nicky.LeFeuvre@unil.ch](mailto:Nicky.LeFeuvre@unil.ch)

The **local organising team** is led by:

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| **Martina Rasticova**, Associate Professor, Department of Law and Social Sciences, University of Mendel in Brno, Czech Republic: [martina.rasticova@mendelu.cz](mailto:martina.rasticova@mendelu.cz) |

**Who can apply ?**

COST training schools are mainly aimed at PhD students and early career investigators (ECI = PhD + 7 years), although more senior academics, researchers and policy-makers may also apply. When evaluating the applications, priority will be given to ECIs. The Training Schools are also open to COST Action members and selected experts or stake-holders. See the COST Vademecum for full details.

**Trainees eligible for reimbursement:**

1. Trainees from COST countries;
2. Trainees from approved NNC institutions;
3. Trainees from approved European RTD Organisations.

The Management Committee (MC) of the Action decides the financial contribution for Trainees attending a Training School. This decision must be based on the following rules:

* The reimbursement rate per day is EUR 160 maximum;
* Up to EUR 300 may be attributed for travel expenses;
* A maximum grant of EUR 1 500 can be awarded;
* Grants for Trainees can vary depending on the country of the Trainees (e.g. Domestic, near countries, far countries);
* Prior to the Training School, the trainees must [register on e-COST](https://e-services.cost.eu" \t "_blank).

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| Trainees who are self -funded are also welcome to apply to attend the Training School.  **Language skills** |

Unless otherwise indicated, all the modules will take place in English and the ability to speak, read and write fluently in this language is an absolute requirement.

**Draft programme (details to be confirmed)**

**Location:** Faculty of Business and Economics, Mendel University of Brno <http://www.pef.mendelu.cz/en/>

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|  | Sunday 18.03.2018 | Monday  19.03.2018 | Tuesday  20.03.2018 | Wednesday  21.03.2018 |
| Room |  | **tbc** | **tbc** | **Tbc** |
| 09h00-10h30 |  | **Welcome Session**  Round table presentation of people + projects. | **Matt Flynn**  Evaluating work-based practices | **Participants**  **workshop 3**  All trainers |
| Break |  |  |  |
| 11h00-12h30 | **Jan Stuhler**  Methods of Policy Evaluation: Identifying Treatment Effects | **Nata Duvvury &**  **Jonas Radl**  Methods of EWL policy evaluation I | **Angela O’Hagan**  Gender Budgeting as a useful policy evaluation tool |
| LUNCH BREAK |  |  |  |
| Room | **tbc** | **tbc** | Tbc |
| 14h00-15h30 | Arrival in Brno  20h00  Welcome drinks & buffet | **Lucie Vidovicova**  Role overloaded of active agers: a policy challenge | **Participants**  **workshop 2**  All trainers | **Wrap-up session**  All participants & trainers |
| Break |  |  |  |
| 16h00-17h30 | **Participants**  **workshop 1**  All trainers | **Nata Duvvury &**  **Jonas Radl**  Methods of EWL policy evaluation II | **Martina Rasticova**  EWL Policy evaluation issues in the Czech context |
| TS dinner | Departure |
| Evening events | Free evening in Brno |

Emergency contact n°: to be confirmed (tbc)

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

Capital of the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic, with a population of almost half a million people, Brno is  city, which provides a great location for residential events of this kind: **[http://www2.brno.cz/index.php?lan=en&nav01=20608&nav02=20617](http://www2.brno.cz/index.php?lan=en&nav01=20608&nav02=20617" \t "_blank)**

Located strategically within Central Europe, Brno international airport provides daily flights from London and Munich. <http://www.brno-airport.cz/en/>

The city is also easily reachable from Prague (2.5 hours by bus/train), Vienna (2 hours by bus/train) and Bratislava (1.5 hour by bus/train).

**See:** <https://mapy.cz/zakladni?planovani-trasy&x=16.6141753&y=49.2072989&z=16&rc=9mNr0xTx9.feR3xO&rs=addr&rs=addr&ri=8907841&ri=8906449&mrp=%7B%22c%22%3A132%7D&mrp=%7B%22c%22%3A132%7D&rt=&rt>

**ACCOMMODATION**

A list of reasonably priced and conveniently located hotels will be provided to sucessful applicants on request. Examples of possible places to stay are:

**Hotel ARTE**, city-centre location: <https://hotelarte.cz/en/>

Approx. 66 EUR per night per person (incl. breakfast). 12 min. walk to the university

**The Academy Hall**, on-campus residency

<http://skm.mendelu.cz/en/accommodation/accommodation-facilities/28369-the-academy-hall>

Approx. 40 EUR per night per person (incl. breakfast). 12 minutes walk to the University

**Financial support for trainees**

Successful applicants may be eligible to apply for financial support through the COST Action. There are 15 grants available for trainees which can vary depending on the country of the Trainee. No individual grant can exceed the normal reimbursement rates of COST.

Applicants who intend to request financial support are invited to indicate this on their application form (see below). Trainees who are self funded are also welcome to make an application to attend the Training School.

**How to apply**

Participation in all COST Training schools is subject to a selective application process.

You are kindly invited to fill in the following application form and to provide the requested documents and arguments in favour of your application.

**Deadline : Friday 15th December 2017 (midnight, Central European Time)**

Selection will be based on those applications that most clearly correspond to the overall objectives of the COST Action IS1409, and to the content of this particular Training School.

Unsuccesful applicants will be kept informed about all future Training School opportunities within this COST Action (one every year for the coming 2 years).

**APPLICATION FORM**

**COST ACTION IS1409 Training School N°3**

**Extending Working Lives:**

**Issues & Methods for Policy Evaluation**

**Brno (Czech Republic), 18.03.2018 – 21.03.2018**

1. SURNAME:……………………………………………………………………………

2. First name(s):……………………………………………………………………………

3. Institution (if applicable):………………………………………………………………

4. Current status (eg: PhD student, post-doc, etc.):……………………………………………………………

5. Country of origin (nationality):………………………………………………………..

6. Country of residence:………………………………………………………..

7. E-mail:………………………………………………………..

8. Telephone: (00)………………………………………….

9. Expected Arrival date:…………………………………………….

*NB. No later than Sunday March 18th 2018*

10. Expected Departure date:……………………………………..

11. Dietary requirements:

None

Vegetarian

Vegan

Other

12. If your application if successful, will you be applying for financial support from the COST Office for your participation in this TS?

Yes No

If so, please provide an **estimate** of your travel and other expenses:………………………………..

13. Please enclose a copy of your CV + publications list

14. Please complete a 1 page synopsis of your research topic / domain of interest **in English** (see below), explaining how the participation in this Training School would benefit your work.

Please complete and send (by E-mail) this application form, **before DECEMBER 15th 2017** to:

Prof. Nicky Le Feuvre

Bâtiment Géopolis – Bureau 5125

Université de Lausanne - Mouline

CH - 1015 Lausanne

E-mail: [Nicky.LeFeuvre@unil.ch](mailto:Nicky.LeFeuvre@unil.ch)

You will receive notification about the acceptance / rejection of your application by the end of December 2017.

Please note that suggestions for reasonably priced accommodation close to the campus of the University of Brno will be sent to successful candidates in advance of registration.

We look forward to meeting you very soon in Brno….!

**For Training School: Please provide a title and 1 page synopsis (in English) of your research project / current domains of interest in relation to the theme of the COST Action IS1409 Training School**

Surname, First name :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Synopsis of research topic / domains of interest / expertise:**