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Matthias Drilling, Switzerland

Seminar 13: Impact of Data on Policy Design I (Room: TBD)

Seminar 19: Impact of Data on Policy Design II (Room: TBD)

Matthias Drilling, Prof. Dr., is Head of the Institute for Social Planning, Organizational Change and Urban Development at the School of Social Work in Switzerland. His research focuses on people affected by extreme poverty/vulnerability and his main message is to connect homelessness with places, cities and regions. As a trained geographer, he is member of several urban planning teams for designing new neighbourhoods that takes into account the diversity of life situations.



Zsolt Temesváry, Switzerland

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Dr. phil. Zsolt Temesváry is a senior lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland. He completed his PhD in social policy in Hungary and was further qualified as a professional in urban poverty and mental health in Germany. His primary research areas incorporate migration and homelessness as well as the professional development of social work in Eastern Europe.

Jörg Dittmann, Switzerland

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Prof. Dr. Jörg Dittmann, University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, School of Social Work. His main topics include poverty and homelessness, social planning and quantitative life situation analyses.



Mike Allen, IE

Seminar 5: Client Preferences and Service Co-creation (Room: TBD)

Seminar 8: Homelessness and Displacement (Room: TBD)

Seminar 15: Service Components of Housing First (Room: TBD)

Seminar 20: Housing First in Cities (Room: TBD)



Mike Allen is Director of Advocacy, Research and Communications in Focus Ireland. He was President of FEANTSA (the European Network for Homeless Organisations) 2013-16 and is a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness. He is the chair of the European Housing First Hub. He has published a number of articles on unemployment, homelessness and social movements and is co-author of 'Ending Homelessness? The Contrasting Experience of Denmark, Finland and Ireland' (Policy Press 2020).

Lars Benjaminsen, DK

Seminar 6: Measurement of Homelessness (Room: TBD)

Seminar 11: Data on Rough Sleepers (Room: TBD)

Seminar 21: Migration and Homelessness (Room: TBD)

Lars Benjaminsen is a senior researcher at The Danish Center for Social Science Research (VIVE). Since 2006 he is also a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness. He is responsible for conducting the national homelessness counts in Denmark. He has also conducted several studies on social exclusion, homelessness and other forms of marginalisation in Denmark as well as research on social interventions for homeless people and other vulnerable groups.



Volker Busch-Geertsema, DE

Plenary Session I (Room: AULA)

Seminar 3: Housing First and Institutional Transitions (Room: TBD)

Seminar 9: Housing First and Housing Transitions (Room: TBD)

Seminar 14: The Policy Context of Housing First (Room: TBD)

Plenary Session II (Room: AULA)



Prof. Dr. Volker Busch-Geertsema has studied social sciences at the University of Bremen and is a senior research fellow and board member at the Association for Innovative Social Research and Social Planning (GISS, Bremen, Germany). Since 2015 he is an honorary Professor at Heriot Watt University Edinburgh. He is a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness since 1995 and since 2009 he is the Coordinator of the Observatory and member of the editorial team of the European Journal of Homelessness. He has conducted a number of extensive research projects on different aspects of homelessness in Germany, Europe and further abroad.

Masa Filipovic-Hrast, SI

Seminar 2: Criminalisation of Homelessness (Room: TBD)

Seminar 12: Structural Barriers to Tackling Homelessness (Room: TBD)

Seminar 18: Health and Homelessness (Room: TBD)

Maša Filipovič Hrast is an associate professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana. She is Head of sociology department and Head of Center for Welfare Studies at Faculty of Social Sciences and a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness. Her research topics include development of welfare state, social policy, housing policy, homelessness, and social inclusion.



Kjell Larsson, SE

Seminar 23: Barriers to Services for the Homeless (Room: TBD)



Kjell Larsson has represented Sweden's national association of city missions in FEANTSA since 2009 and is currently the president of FEANTSA. He is the Development Director on strategic level at City Mission Gothenburg and nationally for Swedish City missions, with focus on housing and homelessness. He has been working as an executive in the social field for almost 25 years, engaging in many different projects on local and national levels. He is also in charge of the National Swedish Housing First HUB.

Eoin O'Sullivan, IE

Seminar 10: Peer Research Methods (Room: TBD)

Seminar 16: Measuring Perceptions (Room: TBD)

Seminar 24: Creating Transition Options (Room: TBD)

Eoin O'Sullivan is a Fellow of Trinity College Dublin and Professor in Social Policy in the School of Social Work and Social Policy. He is a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness since 1992, and editor of the European Journal of Homelessness since 2009. Recent books include Ending Homelessness? Policy and Progress in Denmark, Finland, and Ireland (2020) and Reimagining Homelessness? (2020).



Nicholas Pleace, UK

Seminar 1: Youth Prevention I (Room: TBD)

Seminar 19: Impact of Data on Policy Design II (Room: TBD) - reactions



Nicholas Pleace is Director of the Centre for Housing Policy, an interdisciplinary research team within the School of Business and Society at the University of York. He has worked in homelessness research for over 25 years and been a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness for over a decade. Nicholas has a Chair in Social Policy at York and is currently the University Research Theme Champion for Justice and Equalities Research.

Freek Spinnewijn, BE

Seminar 4: Monitoring Tools (Room: TBD)

Seminar 13: Impact of Data on Policy Design I (Room: TBD) - reactions

Freek Spinnewijn is director of FEANTSA. FEANTSA is the European umbrella of NGOs working with homeless people. FEANTSA has member organisation in 30 European countries. Freek studied Medieval History and European Law and Policy at the University of Leuven (BE). After some short work placements at the UN in Geneva and the EU in Brussels, he became director of EPSO, a European network of seniors' organisations. In 2001, Freek took up his current position as director of FEANTSA. Freek is vice-president of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), and sits on board of several European organisations such as the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) and Social Services Europe.



Nóra Teller, HU

Seminar 7: Youth Prevention II (Room: TBD)

Seminar 17: Homeless Women (Room: TBD)

Seminar 22: Pooling of Data on Homelessness (Room: TBD)



Nóra Teller, PhD, is a sociologist at the Metropolitan Research Institute in Budapest. Her research and consultancy expertise relates to issues of social housing, housing (de)segregation, housing finance, housing exclusion of Roma, homelessness, evaluation of using EU funds for social inclusion, covering CEE countries and selected old member states. She is a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness and the European Network of Housing Research, and acts as a co-editor of the European Journal of Homelessness.