

EPH Conference 2022 Pre-Conference, Wednesday 9 November, 13:30 – 17:00 CET

How participation strengthens health research! Current developments in Participatory Health Research in Germany, Austria and Switzerland

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Description

Participatory Health Research (PHR) enables health inequalities to be consistently researched from the perspective of those who are affected by inequality. The pre-conference workshops' goal is to provide an overview of the current developments in PHR in German-speaking countries. The key questions are:

1. Which participatory research approaches are currently implemented?
2. How are social inequalities taken into account in research projects?
3. How exactly are differences in power dealt within the projects?

In the introductory keynote, different participatory approaches are examined with regard to those involved and their opportunities to participate in all research phases. The first session focuses on participatory research in projects from the BMBF-funded German research networks, while the second session narrows on power differences. A subsequent round table discussion with international experts will deepen selected topics and discuss future prospects of participatory research and the necessary framework conditions.

Program (Moderators: Dr. Johanna Mahr-Slotawa, Dr. Theresia Krieger, PD Dr. Mirko Brandes)

- **13:30 – 14:00 Welcome and Keynote “Participatory (Health) Research – sketching the emancipatory potential in the light of different research approaches”**
(Prof. Dr. B. Behrisch, Catholic U Appl Sci Berlin; Prof. Dr. G. Bär, Alice Salomon U Appl Sci Berlin)
- **14:00 – 15:00 Session I “Participatory research in primary prevention and health promotion – whose questions, whose answers”**
 - Physical activity promotion in older adults applying a community-based participatory approach: results from OUTDOOR ACTIVE (B. Albrecht, U Bremen)
 - Transdisciplinary research in physical activity promotion: participation, co-production, and scale-up of interventions (Dr. P. Gelius, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)
 - Fostering critical reflection in childcare settings – a follow up on output, outcome, impact referring to a participatory research project (I. Schaefer, Alice Salomon U Appl Sci, Berlin)
- **15:30 – 16:30 Session II “Participatory health research – how to deal with power differences of the field?”**
 - Towards participation opportunities for all! (Prof. Dr. M. Moser, U Appl Sci St. Pölten)
 - Experience-based co-design: a tool to promote an inclusive response to the Covid-19 pandemic? (C. Rawlinson, U Lausanne)
 - Efforts, opportunities and obstacles for participation: approaches in governmental Public Health institutions (A. Bethmann, Robert Koch Institute, Berlin)
- **16:30 – 17:00 Round table and closing remarks**
 - Discussants: Prof. Dr. M. Moser, U Appl Sci St. Pölten; Prof. Dr. A. Frahsa, U Bern; Prof. Dr. Morton Hulvej Rod, Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen