

**Report on our first substantive meeting in Prague on 9-10 September 2019 (WGs 1-3 only.
For WG 4, please see separate group report from Rome on 8 November 2019)**

Our first substantive meeting in Prague was a very intense and exciting experience for all the MC members and substitutes who attended. The organisation, graciously and gracefully handled by Radka Sustrova and Jakub Rakosnik, was impeccable, and the rooms at the Charles University allowed us to combine multiple small-scale sessions, each involving one WG (which then often broke up into smaller, thematic sub-groups) with large-scale brainstorming sessions involving all present around the question of **how to ensure that all of our activities, from publications to public outreach, operate transversally across all four WGs in order to maximize dialogue and circulation among all four**. After all, our Action’s overarching aim is to put into dialogue families, associations and states as co-constructors of social welfare. This means that all writing projects and other initiatives devised inside the different WGs must be designed to federate individual contributors from across our Action around a specific theme or *problématique*. Work at the level of the individual WG meetings therefore focused on members first getting to know one another’s research interests, and then, on that basis, developing several projects whose successful realisation depends on the active collaboration of individuals from at least three, if not all four WGs. These projects are discussed below, in the body of this report.

As our first deliverable consists of bibliographies and states of the art, we discussed at some length how this first deliverable might be structured so as to advance the nascent transversal projects. As you will see in the discussion of current transversal projects, our 4 WGs all constructed the relationship between our 1st deliverable (bibliographies and states of the art) and our more long-term writing projects in slightly different ways.

Our writing projects will thus constitute crucial bridges connecting all 4 WGs. With this in mind, we opted to organize our second plenary meeting (2-3 April 2020, in Florence) as a series of workshops that bring together all 4 WGs around specific projects of various dimensions that are transversal to our Action. There will be no meetings of individual WGs; only of project groups that have emerged therefrom.

Reports from the 3 Working Groups

WG1

At the end of two days of intense discussion at our Prague meeting, WG 1 came up with two very promising special issues of journals that are conceived with an eye to attracting contributors from the other 3 WGs:

- 1) Working mothers, population policies/politics and the limits of expertise
- 2) Dependent family members in contemporary Europe

Both projects have a strong transnational dimension, as they were conceived with an eye to exploring circulations across Europe (techniques, policies, social movements). But they also cry out for collaboration with WG2 (mixed economy of welfare, role of associations or NGOs) and WG4 (e.g., the ideas about population policies, working mothers, elder care, etc. that lie upstream of actual social policies and social reforms).

Individual COST members who would like to participate in these special issues are encouraged to submit a provisional title and short abstract before our 2-3 April plenary meeting in Florence. We have not decided in which journals we will publish these special issues (we also need some help from

some high impact academics who would kindly accept to join the coordinating committees for these issues).

In Florence, members of WG1 are expected to: a) present states of the art: (2-3) pages that have to be submitted to us by February 29th + bibliography; b) on the basis of individual proposals (titles and abstracts), we will also initiate a coordination plan for the 2 special issues of journals, both also due by February 29th; c) moreover, we will discuss about the possibility to meet in Athens in September for a workshop on the main theoretical and methodological approaches that each of us uses whenever working on care, family, welfare state, voluntary associations, civil society.

On the basis of these precise publication plans (title and abstract of each special issue and of the individual contributions), WG1 leaders will then propose that individual members produce states of the art that speak directly to the overarching *problématique(s)* of each special issue and to the specific places and times that individual authors propose to tackle in their contributions. Co-authored articles are welcome, but best to limit the number to 3 co-authors.

WG 2

WG 2 organized its meetings as an informal workshop, with papers that presented states of the art and identified strengths, weaknesses and tendencies in a number of sub-fields pertinent to the group (for programme, see Annex I). On the basis of these highly structured discussions, WG 2 then launched a reflection on possible writing projects which were evoked rapidly at the end of the Prague meeting. These projects will, in turn, spark another round of states of the art that are more precisely conceived with respect to the particular themes and *problématiques* that lie at the heart of these emerging writing projects.

Concerning the activities of WG2, we have at the moment two ongoing writing projects (the first one inherited from the Quest for Welfare and Democracy project):

- Célia Keren, Fabio Giomi, Morgane Labbé (eds.), “Productive Entanglements: The Dynamics of Public-Private Interactions in the History of Social Protection”, *Social History* (proposal accepted: summer 2019. Submission of the articles and beginning of the peer review process: early 2020).
- Sonja Matter is organizing a workshop and preparing a special issue of *Traverse. Zeitschrift Geschichte. Revue d'Histoire* on Assistance et autonomisation de soi.

Other members of the WG2 targeted other highly promising areas of investigation, or *problématiques*, they would like to address through our COST Action:

- Yohann Aucante and Christophe Capuano propose to address the transnational care chains in Europe (and beyond), nowadays and in historical perspective. As this is a topic that will clearly draw people from across all 4 WGs, we are including a transversal workshop on Global Care Chains on the agenda for our 2/3 April meeting.
- Morgane Labbé would like to target the mixed economy of welfare in non-liberal regimes, with special reference to interwar and socialist Europe.
- Fabio Giomi, with Nathalie Clayer (CNRS-EHESS, Paris) want to organise a workshop (2020) and edit a special issue or book (2021) on religion and volunteering in Southeastern Europe, mid-XIX - mid-XX centuries (in collaboration with the WG3).
- Sonja, Efi and Dimitra would like to use the Florence meeting to meet and brainstorm on special issue on gender and the mixed economy of welfare in Europe. These sessions, too, will hold pride of place in Florence

WG 3

As Marco fell ill just before the meeting, Anne Cova convened WG3 on her own. She opened the meeting by mentioning that WG 3 is already housing one ongoing writing project, inherited from the Quest for Welfare and Democracy, and that there is still room for one or two contributions to this project:

- 1) Right-wing Women and Social Action in Europe, an edited volume coordinated by Clarisse Berthezène and Julie Gottlieb (has already found a publisher in the shape of Manchester University Press). Contributors to this book project will be meeting in Leiden on 20 March, outside the ESSHC, to workshop draft chapters.

There is also a second project that is still in development, titled

- 2) Who do the Children Belong to? A special issue of a high-impact journal coordinated by Emily Baughan. As Emily is the new mother of a new-born infant, I think we will not be hearing from her about this issue before February. But we are all very hopeful that Emily will be able to join us in Florence in April.

Four other themes were then identified as highly promising areas of investigation:

- 3) Transnational Women's activism: Coordinator: Anne Cova
 - 4) Refugees, migrants and displaced persons: Coordinator: Aniko Bernat
 - 5) International youth movements - being coordinated by Catherine Kanellopoulou.
- and
- 6) Poverty and Old Age. This one currently has no coordinator but could profitably be housed in the transversal Global Care Chains project, as care of the elderly is so important in present-day care chains.

Soon after the meeting, Marco wrote in to propose yet another theme for trans-WG collaboration:

7) *The Origins of Organized Intersectional Activism*: Coordinator: Marco van Leeuwen
 We live in the age of intersectional activism. In a march on say the climate crisis, you will also see banners on capitalism, women's rights, and political oppression, to name a few of the more prevalent ones. So if you on a rainy autumn day join the one march on the climate, you, in a sense, also join all the other marches anytime anywhere against what are seen as manifestations of the similar oppression and oppressors. This is not an entirely new phenomenon, and it is not completely surprising either. While marching for the voting right, suffragettes met and discussed related injustices regarding e.g. women's health. Activists connect causes, and to the degree the causes are organized, activists connect organisations. And the other way around, causes and their organisations connect individual activists. We envisage editing a number of contributions for a special issue or a book. As we somehow have to make this wide theme workable, we are currently thinking of focusing on transnational activist organisations of a particular type, possible women's organisations, and the links radiating to and from other organisations. But we are open to all kinds of ideas. Please see Annex II for complete Intersectional Activism proposal.

Other deliverables: Keywords glossary, TED talks, COST stories

The entire group also three other kinds of "deliverables," all of them very promising:

- 1) The creation of a working glossary in which we specify what we mean by our Action's "keywords": What is care?; what is a family (since families come in so many shapes and forms); a voluntary association or an NGO? What is civil society? The list could (and will)

go on. We've asked José Mapril, who first proposed the idea of a Who Cares in Europe? glossary of keywords, phrases and/or concepts, to head up a small comité de pilotage (consisting of one member from each of our 4 WGs) in order to coordinate contributions to this glossary across the life of our Action. The glossary will be an ongoing project, transversal to the entire Action, that will nourish our reflections even as it is nourished by those same reflections.

I should add that José is not sure to have the time necessary to coordinate the glossary. If any other members are interested in picking up the reins on this project, please do let us know, as this, too, could be the focus of a workshop in April, should there be time to recruit and organize several contributions to the nascent glossary.

- 2) TED talks – Luba Volanska drew our attention to the efficacy of these short talks, which are published on youtube with an eye to reaching a wider public on a range of urgent issues, in our case, those surrounding social welfare in an increasingly difficult and contentious climate. Our videographer, Stefano Barbieri, will be with us in Florence for our April 2-3 meeting and will be happy to direct and film one or more such brief talks (in the Salviati gardens, weather willing ☺). So those of you who have an idea and would like to present it on film in the days before, during or after our meeting please give us a shout so that we can coordinate the schedule and discuss ways we can work with you to develop your idea.
- 3) COST stories – The social repercussions of significant social changes can be told via human stories – For example, what happens when women decide to “change their biography,” i.e., begin to control their family size, or insist that they, or their daughters, be educated, then enter the labour market? What happens when men decide to take advantage of paternal leave policies in order to build and enjoy deeper bonds with their children? COST stories will initially be published on our Action website under Dissemination and Resources

Early Career Investigator Group

Finally, Florence is also a great opportunity for our Early Career Investigator (ECI) group (which is also transversal to the Action) to meet in the flesh. As Karolina Lendak-Kabok initiated this group, we suggested that she continue acting as referee and be involved in shaping the first meeting. To this end, Karolina has put together a list of ECIs and their fields of interest/topics for potential cross-Action collaboration (see Annex III). She has also suggested that we organize a training seminar on publishing an article as a part of the ECI meeting in Florence, which seminar has been added to our provisional programme for April 2020 in Florence.

Annex I: Kick-off Meeting COST Action 18119 “Who Cares in Europe?” & WG2 Reading workshop Prague 9-10 september 2019

Venue: Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Hybernská 3, Prague 1 (“Šporkův palác”)

9 September

9.30-11.00 CORE Group Meeting

11.00-13.00 MC Meeting

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.00: Introduction, by Fabio Giomi, CETOBaC, Paris and Sonja Matter, University of Bern (Room H206)

15.00-16.45: Session I: the mixed economy of welfare across disciplines: history, sociology, social policy studies (Room H206)

- Pat Thane, King's College London
- Yohann Aucante, EHESS, Paris
- Danijel Baturina, University of Zagreb

Core text:

Pat Thane, *Infant Welfare in England and Wales, 1870s to 1930s*, in: Michael B. Katz/Christoph Sachsse (eds.), *The Mixed Economy of Social Welfare: Public-Private Relations in England, Germany and the United States, the 1870s to the 1930s*, Baden-Baden, Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 1996, p. 253-278.

Secondary texts:

Bode I. (2006) Disorganized welfare Mixes: voluntary agencies and new governance regimes in Western Europe. *Journal of European Social Policy*.;16:346–59.

Evers, A. (1995). Part of the welfare mix: The third sector as an intermediate area. *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*. 6, 2, 159–182.

Pat Thane, The Ben Pimlott Memorial Lecture 2011 The 'Big Society' and the 'Big State': Creative Tension or Crowding Out? *Twentieth Century British History*, 2012, p. 1- 22.

Bernard Harris et Paul Bridgen, "The 'Mixed Economy of Welfare and the Historiography of Welfare Provision", in : B. Harris & P. Bridgen (dir.), *Charity and Mutual Aid in Europe and North America since 1800*, New York & London, Routledge, 2007, p. 1-18.

16.45-17.00: coffee break

17.00-18.30: session II: decentering the mixed economy of welfare: insights from Eastern and Southeastern Europe (Room H206)

- Stefano Petrunaro, University of Venice
- Morgane Labbé, EHESS Paris
- Efi Avdela, University of Crete & Dimitra Lampropoulou, University of Athens

Core text

Sabine Hering, Berteke Waaldijk, *Guardians of the poor, custodians of the public: welfare history in Eastern Europe, 1900-1960*, Opladen, B. Budrich, 2006, chapters 2 and 3 (Introduction optional).

Secondary texts

Despo Kritsotaki, "Turning Private Concerns into Public Issues: Mental Retardation and the Parents' Movement in Post-war Greece, c. 1950-80", *Journal of Social History* 49/4 (2016), 982-998.

Vassiliki Theodorou, “La fondation patriotique pour la protection de l’enfant en Grèce. De l’action des philanthropes à l’organisation des services publics de santé et de prévoyance pour la maternité et l’enfance (1914-1940), *Revue d’histoire de la protection sociale*, 1, 11, 2018, 72-91.

Efi Avdela, “Between Voluntary Workers and Public Servants: Juvenile Probation Officers in Greece, 1954 -1976”, in Ada Dialla – Niki Maroniti (eds.), *State, Economy, Society (19th-20th centuries). Essays in Honor of Emeritus Professor George B. Dertilis*, Metaichmio, Athens 2013, 27-53.

Morgane Labbé, “De la philanthropie à la protection sociale en Europe centrale et du Sud-Est (fin du XIXe siècle-entre-deux-guerres), *Revue d’histoire de la protection sociale*, 2018, 1, 11, pp. 13-22.

10 September

9.30-12.30: session III: Beyond the national. The mixed economy of welfare from a transnational perspective (Room H205)

- Célia Keren, Science Po Toulouse
- Linda Guerry, LARHRA, Lyon et Institut des Migrations, Paris
- Aniko Bernat, TARKI Social Research Institute, Budapest
- Sonja Matter & Vera Blaser, University of Bern

Core text

Joëlle Droux, « Children and Youth: A Central Cause in the Circulatory Mechanisms of the League of Nations (1919–1939) », *Prospects: Quarterly Review of Comparative Education*, 45(1), 2015, pp. 63–76.

Secondary texts

Anikó Bernát, Anna Kertész, Fruzsina Márta Tóth, “Solidarity Reloaded: Volunteer and Civilian Organizations during the Migration Crisis in Hungary”, *Review of Sociology* 26(4): 29–52.

Sandrine Kott, « From Transnational Reformist Network to International Organization: The International Association for Labour Legislation and the International Labour Organization, 1900–1930s. Chapter 11 », in Davide Rodogno, Bernhard Struck et Jakob Vogel (dirs.), *Shaping the Transnational Sphere: Experts, Networks and Issues from the 1840s to the 1930s*, New York: Berghahn Books, 2014, pp. 239-258.

Joëlle Droux, « La tectonique des causes humanitaires: concurrences et collaborations autour du Comité de protection de l’enfance de la Société des Nations (1880-1940) », *Relations internationales*, n° 3 « Organisations internationales et ONG : coopération, rivalité, complémentarité de 1919 à nos jours - 1 », 2012, pp. 77–90.

Clavin, Patricia (2010), « Time, Manner, Place: Writing Modern European History in Global, Transnational and International Contexts ». *European History Quarterly*, 40 (4), p. 624–640.

Françoise Thébaud (2014), « What is a transnational life? Some thoughts from Marguerite Thibert’s career and life (1886-1982) », in *Gender History in a Transnational Perspective: Biographies, Networks, Gender Orders*, sous la direction de Oliver Janz & Daniel Schönplflug, Oxford-New York, Berghahn Books, p. 162-183.

12h30-14h: Lunch

14.00-15h45: WG2 wrap up session, chaired by Johanna Annola, University of Tampere (Room H205)

16h-18h: COST wrap up session (Room H303)

Annex II: The Origins of Organized Intersectional Activism

Coordinator: Marco van Leeuwen

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This hybridization, or intersectionality, is, however, not logically set in stone, but it is patterned by historical circumstances. There are more cross-overs between activist' themes than there were thirty years ago, although we have only a rather blurred vision of it. Our first aim is to chart the temporal development of organized intersectional activism: how has it evolved since the mid-nineteenth century? Our second aim is to chart the myriad web of connections that did, and that did not, emerge between organisations, and to see which differences there exist(ed) between historical epochs and between regions of the globe. Our third aim is to look at the historical actors driving such interconnected activism, and in particular which fields of activism they saw as being closely related and for what reasons, and how they made connections between causes. Our fourth aim, is to look at the organizational logic of intersectional activism: which organizational forms, and which substantive causes find it easier to connect, and which historical or cultural variation existed?

The importance of intersectional coupling of themes is, in fact, reflected in political contentions surrounding social movements. As an example, intersectional feminists criticized early, voting-rights focused feminists for being blind to issues related to class (and race), while the labour movement underwent scrutiny for failing to address issues specific to women. Apart from its historical-political relevance, intersectionality can represent a general trend of niche-forming in the field of organized activism, with its own temporal dynamics. Studying the occurrence of coupling between fields can thus shed light on the historical development of modern activism, as well as informing about the 'laws of motion' in organized activism.

We'd like to ask you, as COST-participant, if you are interested in a writing project around this theme of *Origins of Organized Intersectional Activism*. We envisage editing a number of contributions for a special issue or a book. As we somehow have to make this wide theme workable, we are currently thinking of focusing on transnational activist organisations of a particular type, possible women's organisations, and the links radiating to and from other organisations. But we are open to all kinds of ideas.

Annex III: Early Career Investigator Group (transversal to our Action)

Fields of interest/topics for cross-action collaborative work:

GROUP NUMBER 1:

Bernát Anikó:

- vulnerable social groups: ethnic and national minorities (Roma), migrants, disabled, homeless people (from social policy aspect)
- sharing economy and collaborative actions
- civilian activity, solidarity and related topics

Radka Šustrová:

- women's labour activism
- population policies in Czechoslovakia/East Central Europe
- biopolitics and expertise

Bojana Radovanović:

- "Who Cares for the Poor? Poverty and the Social Welfare Regimes in Europe since the late 19th Century"
- poverty i philanthropy - formal and informal (mutual aid)

GROUP NUMBER 2:

Alex Rosca:

- Authoritarian/soviet/paternalist Welfare State Models
- Central and Eastern European Welfare Regimes
- Migration and Families in Central and Eastern European States

Hanna Lindberg:

- social policy research in Finland during the mid-20th century, and how gender relations, and the issue of gender equality were dealt with in the research.
- minority rights in Finland during the latter part of the 20th century, focusing on the Deaf, their minority formation.

Karolina Lendák-Kabók:

- minority rights in Central and Eastern Europe
- gender equality in CEE
- minority identity constructions in CEE

Sandra Constatin

- rise of the principle of equality in social security systems (in a comparative perspective)