

Report ESF SCSS Exploratory Workshop

New Forms of Citizenship and Young Generations. The Civic Dimension of Leisure and Consumption for Young Generations in Global Cities

Strasbourg, France, 2-4 October 2003

Thursday, 2 October 20.00 hours

In line with the programme Henk Vinken welcomed all participants, who, all but the French participant Louis Chauvel, had arrived safely and timely (Louis Chauvel arrived early Saturday 4 October) in Strasbourg. He distributed all country statements and gave a short introduction of the work, its purpose and format. Most participants were familiar with each other as most of them are active members of CCGS, Consortium for Culture and Generation Studies (see: <http://www.uct.nl/iric/ccgs>).

NB: Country statements by all participant about the theme state-of-the-art in their respective countries (see attendees list at the end of this report for countries) can be obtained on request. Permission from the respective authors have to be ensured. Please contact h.vinken@uvt.nl for more information. The statements are all placed on CCGS's secured website.

Next, Vinken welcomed the first speaker Claire Wallace (Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, Austria) who would give a talk, holding the title of the whole workshop, as an introduction to the theme displaying the key European-scale studies, including those in which Wallace participated, performed and evaluated on this theme. Theory and studies regarding citizenship, the new forms, and the importance of these new forms for addressing citizenship in civic education and ngo's were addressed.

Please download the paper here:

(please insert link to Keynote Claire Wallace.pdf)

The keynote address was followed by a very lively discussion.

The organizing team met later that evening to discuss the format of the next days and to have practical issues dealt with. Workshop organizer Hans van Poppel, a colleague of Henk Vinken both from IRIC, Institute for Research on Intercultural Cooperation, Tilburg University, the Netherlands, cared for these issues.

This evening sessions closed at 23.00 hours.

Friday, 3 October 09.00 hours

The first day started with a keynote address by Johanna Wyn (Youth Research Centre, University of Melbourne, Australia) addressing the drivers of contemporary young people to develop new forms of citizenship and also considering the changes that have been taken place in the biographies of younger generation members around the globe.

Please download the keynote address here: [\(please insert link to Keynote Johanna Wyn here\)](#)

After the keynote address the participant broke up in different work groups. In each group the country statements of the participants in that group were presented (shortly) and discussed. Each group chose its own speaker to report what discussion results were in the afternoon plenary session. One of the four convenors/co-convenors of this workshop attended each work group and if possible different work groups.

After lunch the chairs of the work groups presented their findings to all other participants. The result of this presentation and the following discussions was a list of key themes that according to each work group and to the group as a whole were worthwhile to identify, to clarify, define, analyse, and study the issues of the rise and character of new forms of citizenship among young people from a broad social science perspective and on a truly interdisciplinary and international scale.

The second half of the afternoon was devoted to two presentations related to the Sixth Framework Programme. The key themes identified in the early afternoon session should result in an innovative and feasible international study in which all participants of this workshop would take part. One of the funding organizations of such a study could well be the European Commission (besides the European Science Foundation) and its Sixth Framework Programme (FP6). Chris Griffin, one the co-convenors, presented the general outline, format and logic of this programme to all participants. Henk Vinken presented detailed information, including deadlines and required work divisions, on a priority subsection of this programme that might fit best with the theme discussed at this ESF-workshop. The presentation were followed by a discussion on how to link, if at all possible, the key themes identified with the requirements of the FP6 and the particular priority section within FP6. After the discussion all convenors and the workshop organizer set down the write down the key themes left from the discussion and to talk about the next day. Alternative funding agencies and their particular demands, e.g. the ESF itself, were also discussed. The Japanese attendee, Kenichi Kawasaki (Kamazuma University, Tokyo, Japan), offered to skim the possibilities to involve Japanese funding, at least for the Japanese part of the study, together with his Rikkyo University colleague also involved in CCGS and a study as intended.

Time for this convenors session was short, as Henk Stronkhorst of the ESF enthusiastically led the group of to the diner venue of that evening for a diner offered to all workshop attendees by the ESF.

The Friday event ended at 23.00 for most of the participants. Some insisted on enjoying a real experience of new forms of citizenship of young people by attending an alternative music event in Strasbourg.

Saturday, 4 October 09.00 hours

Vinken summarized the key themes the organizing team have deduced from the group session and the plenary sessions of the previous day. The key themes were translated in work packages needed to arrive at a well-balanced setup of a

thorough interdisciplinary and international social science study into the theme. He suggested all participants to again break up in work group to deal with the work packages.

The first group, Headed by Henk Vinken, dealt with 'Mapping the Global Citizen' focused particularly conceptual clarification of what young people in terms of citizenship have in common across cultures with special attention to the city level of the theme.

Please read the results of the 'mapping'-group here:

Please insert a link to 'Mapping the Global Citizen.pdf'

The second group, chaired by Chris Griffin (Bath University, UK) and Anita Harris (Monash University, Australia) was involved in addressing applied and policy aspect. The scientific rationale for the study might be dealt with in the first group, the much-needed issues of application and policy relevance had to be dealt with too, if the study was to be funded by external organizations. Besides this instrumental rationale it seemed necessary to deal with these issues to more clearly focus the theme and a study into the theme related to existing knowledge available from governmental and non-governmental organisations, across Europe and beyond Europe.

Please read the results of the 'applied aspects and policy'- group here:

Please insert a link to 'Applied aspects and policy'

The third group, headed by Angela Ittel (Free University Berlin, Germany) focused at the Methods of conducting a international and interdisciplinary study into the theme. It was clear that both the theme and the composition of the group involved in this workshop and in the research would prefer a good mix of both quantitative and qualitative methods. Balancing this issue was at stake.

Please read the results of the 'methods'-group here:

Please insert a link to Method group

After lunch the floor was given to ESF-representative Henk Stronkhorst to expand on the ESF and the meaning of the ESF for research consortia such as CCGS. This presentation was followed by a final plenary in which the working group speakers presented the results of their working group. A discussion followed, resulting in comments on each group, to be viewed below:

Please inspect the following

(Please insert three links:)

- Comments on the 'mapping-group'

(comments mapping.pdf)

- Comments on the 'applied aspects and policy-group'

(comments applied aspects and policy.pdf)

-Comments on the 'methods-group'

(methods.pdf')

At the final stages of the discussion it was argued that a prospect to the future needed to be discussed. The result of the discussion following this call can be read below:

Please insert a link to 'What happens next.pdf'.

Evaluation

The workshop according to participants was very lively, fruitful, inspiring as well as exhaustive. The meticulously planned sessions were seen as very demanding but also as probably the best way to keep attention in this internationally diverse composed group focused at the main theme of the workshop. All participants believed the insights and materials gathered at the ESF workshop could suffice to make a good research proposal on the theme.

Close

At the close of the workshop and after this evaluation, Henk Vinken thanked ESF and all participants, the co-convenors and the workshop organizer. The participants thanked the organizers for their good work. The participants left around 16.00 hours. The organizers met after this to make some arrangements about future communications on issues resulting from the workshop.

Epilogue

The convenors, strengthened with the support of workshop participant Michele Micheletti (Stockholm University, Sweden) met on the Internet soon after the ESF-workshop and organized a full proposal for the FP6 of the EC. The participants of the ESF workshop actively involved in the process. The proposal was submitted December 8, 2003. This could not have been done without the ESF-workshop and we herewith like to again express our gratitude to the ESF for granting us the possibility to meet in Strasbourg within the framework of ESF SCSS Exploratory Workshop 2003.

Attendees list

Please add the provisional list of attendees attached to the original programme list of the workshop compiled by the ESF, of course now deleting the word 'provisional'.