



**Network Committee:**

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**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WORKSHOP  
NIJMEGEN (THE NETHERLANDS)  
5-8 SEPTEMBER 2012  
CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth will take place in Nijmegen (the Netherlands) on 5-8<sup>th</sup> of September 2012. The workshop will be sponsored by the Radboud University Nijmegen and the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR).

The Network welcomes contributions on all aspects of the transition from youth to adulthood, and particularly the transition from education to the labour market. Contributions are particularly welcome on the theme for this year's workshop, which is:

**Transitions in Youth: A 20-Year Perspective**

In 2012, the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth (TIY) celebrates its 20th anniversary. To commemorate this occasion, we reflect upon the original, long-term goal of the Network, that is to advance theoretical understanding of transitions in youth, and especially of the relationships between education/training and the labour market, through the comparative analysis of regular and longitudinal surveys of transitions. What has research in general, and particularly research within the context of the Network, achieved in the last twenty years? These achievements may refer to both theoretical developments and methodological improvements. And what has research not achieved (yet), or what research is needed for the future?

The following topics are of particular interest:

- What is the impact of the opportunity structure (labour market restructuring, globalisation, educational expansion) and the institutional context (organisation of educational system, labour market regulation) on young people's labour market chances?
- What is the particular role of vocational education in order to facilitate young people's transition into employment?
- Are traditional inequality patterns defined by social class, gender and ethnicity still relevant in studying youth transitions?

- How do individual resources interact with structural opportunities and constraints in shaping transition outcomes?
- To what extent is the transition from education to the labour market related to other transitions in youth, for example to new family statuses or to independent households?
- To what extent are existing methods and techniques appropriate to analyse the transition process as a multitude of transition events or is better methodology required?

The Network Committee does not regard the list of suggested themes as a complete, let alone exclusive, list of topics to be addressed. On the contrary, the Network Committee welcomes contributions on all aspects of the transition from youth to adulthood or the transition from education to the labour market.

To celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TIY, we will have some additional activities. First, we try to organize a special session around the work of the founding members of the Network and its impact on current research of young(er) scholars. Second, we plan to invite a key note speaker, who will reflect on the state of art of transitions to youth research. Third, we intend to publish the best papers from the workshop in a special issue of a leading journal in the field.

Anyone who wishes to present a paper at the workshop should send a one-page abstract by email to the address indicated below by **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. In keeping with our usual procedures, abstracts will be assessed for selection by the members of the Network Committee on the basis of their quality and relevance to the theme of the workshop. Authors will be notified of the decision on their paper by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012** at the latest.

The conference fee is set at **€550** and includes four nights of accommodation (single room), lunches and social events (including conference dinner). Since only a limited number of places will be available, anyone who wishes to attend the conference without presenting a paper should notify the conference organisers as soon as possible. In order to ensure the smooth running of the workshop, participants should register and pay the conference fee before **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**, to be guaranteed accommodation organized by the workshop secretariat. For papers to be made available in advance to workshop participants, final (electronic) versions should reach the local organisers at the very latest by **August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.

**Local organisers:**

Maarten Wolbers, Marloes de Lange

**Relevant websites:**

<http://www.socsci.ru.nl/~maartenw/tiy/>

[www.ru.nl/sociology](http://www.ru.nl/sociology)

<http://www.rug.nl/soc/ecsr/index>

**SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

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