



## Innovative Approaches to Research on Gender and ECEC

### 8<sup>th</sup> SIG gender balance research conference – online!

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 9.00-13.00 UTC / GMT** (see time zones on 2<sup>nd</sup> page)

*"Bringing men into ECEC jobs is increasingly recognized as having the potential to improve process quality and child development and learning, particularly in the development of attitudes towards gender roles" (OECD 2019, p. 27).*

2010 a group of researchers engaged in the field of gender equality and men and women in ECEC founded the EECERA SIG gender balance. Since 2012, the SIG conference has developed to be a place for exchanging research ideas, strategies, and results in the field of gender balance and gender flexibility in ECEC. The purpose of the conference is to allow for mutual debate among participants, and working with different methods in small groups and in plenary sessions.

As the Annual EECERA conference was postponed this year, we have decided to go online. We warmly invite you to an online conference to stay in touch, and to exchange current issues of your work on gender issues in the ECEC work force. Moreover, we will focus on children's perspectives on men and women in ECEC. And we will celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary by opening a debate on a joint "mission statement" of the SIG group, discussing the following questions:

- Why is gender important for research – what should research in ECEC in general consider, regarding gender issues in the work force?
- Why is gender important for policy development – what should policy makers learn about gender issues in the work force?

The conference comprises the Annual meeting of the EECERA Special Interest Group *Gender Balance*. The conference is open to all interested researchers. A second online conference is planned for February 2021.

### ***We are looking forward to meeting you online!***

*This year's SIG Gender Balance team:*

*Kari Emilsen (Norway) · Tim Rohrmann (Germany) · Jo Warin (UK) · David Brody (Israel) · Elin Birgitte Ljunggren (Norway) · Yuwei Xu (China/UK)*

**Conference registration** with the attached registration form

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#### Program

- 9.00 Room is open
- 9.15 **Reception and welcome**  
**Round talk and overview**  
*Kari Emilsen & Tim Rohrmann, conference chairs*
- 9.45 Exchange in chat rooms
- 10.15 **The children's perspective**  
*Helen Perkins & Tracey Edwards*
- 10.45 Break – bring your own tea & coffee!*
- 11.15 *The children's perspective – two discussion groups*
- 11.45 Summary of group discussions, *moderation: Yuwei Xu*
- 12.00 **10 years SIG gender balance 10 – time for a mission statement**  
*Small group discussions, moderated by SIG team members*
- 12.45 **Final round** (or other kind of feedback)
- 13.00 **End of conference**

On a subsequent online conference in February 2021, we will address the following issues:

**What's quality got to do with it?**

**Involvement of men from perspectives of ECEC quality.**

Introduction and discussion, *Elin Birgitte Ljunggren*

**Performative ethnography**

Introduction and practical work, *Jo Warin & Marcus Andrae*

**\* Conference times for some of the world time zones**

EST	UTC/GMT	CET	EET	TRT	CST	AEST
4.00-8.00 am	<b>9.00-13.00</b>	10.00-14.00	11.00-15.00	12.00-16.00	18.00-20.00	20.00-24.00
NYC (USA)	Iceland, UK, Portugal	N, SE, DE, F, CH, AT, I etc.	GR, ISR, RSA	Russia, Turkey	China	East Australia