



***POLICIES & WORK MARKET DEMANDS –
CHALLENGES AND POTENTIALITIES FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING. VOICES FROM RESEARCH***
International Conference & Research Workshop, 23-24 may, 2012

CALL FOR PAPERS

Organizer: Stockholm University, Sweden

Venue: The conference will be held on board Viking Line cruise vessel and at Hotel Park Alandia, the Åland islands.

Background and questions for discussion

National systems of Vocational Education and Training (VET) are currently facing the challenges from changing governmental policies and new demands from the work market. Significant within the new context of development is the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and its more specific implementations in the form of the National Qualifications Frameworks (NQF). In the specific Swedish context, what could be labelled a ‘vocalization’ of the upper secondary school poses new challenges and equally opens possibilities for development of VET. Likewise there are concerns in relation to future impact of early career choice on social equity and the individual opportunities to further professional development. The labour market, it is argued, is also in great need of qualified forces particularly for the technical and service sectors.

This conference & research workshop intends to be a forum where the voice of research could be heard concerning controversial issues/questions such as:

- What are the new challenges and potentialities arising from the implementation of the European qualifications Framework (EQF) and the National Qualifications Frameworks (NQF)?
- To what extent could early career choice hinder further professional and personal development?
- What is the place of apprenticeship in this new context?
- What models of curriculum design are likely to be more successful in this new context?
- What indications can be found of how professional identities are shaped in order to face the new challenges?
- What identities are constructed by and for VET-students?

These are some of the questions that are expected to encourage the discussions. Outcomes are expected to be better informed approaches to the new challenges and potentialities of development of VET. Paper presentations and discussion, round table and panel sessions are all expected to be the forums where these key questions will be discussed.

Contributions

The conference & research workshop welcomes proposals of papers, symposia and round table dealing with a variety of issues related to the central questions mentioned above. This goes from policy analysis to project reports and case studies. A selection of the contributions will be published.

Send your proposal by email to: enni.paul@edu.su.se

Proposal should be sent as an attached pdf-file containing the following information:

Author/s:

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Organization:

Postal Address:

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Abstract:

The abstract is expected to be approx. 350 words.

Contributors will be selected after review of the abstract.

Important dates

Deadline for abstract submission: 25 of March 2012

Deadline for registration: 22 of April, 2012

Organizing committee:

Professor Lázaro Moreno Herrera (Chair)

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Conference fee:

3000.- sek

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
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VOICES FROM RESEARCH

Wednesday 23 of May

07:30 Departure from Stockholm (Stadsgårdskajen) to Mariehamn, Åland islands, with Viking Line vessel.
Participants are recommended to arrive to Stockholm 22 of May.
Observe that boarding closes at 07:00!

On-board program

08:00-08:30 Registration
08.30-08:40 Opening
08:40-10:10 Keynote speech by Professor Lorna Unwin, University of London (30min discussion included)
10:00-10:30 Coffee break
10:30-12:00 Work session 1
12:00-13:00 Lunch
14:00 Arrival to Mariehamn
Walk to Hotel Park Alandia (approx. 10 min. walk)

Hotel Park Alandia

14:00-15:00 Registration at hotel Alandia. Time for a short walk in the hotel surroundings
15:00-16:30 Key note speech by Professor Michael Gessler, University of Bremen (30min discussion included)
16.30-17:00 Coffee break
17:00-18:30 Work session 2
19:00- Dinner and social gathering at Park Alandia Restaurant & Bar

Thursday 24 of May

Hotel Park Alandia

08:30-10:00 Keynote speech 3 (30min discussion included)
10:00-10:30 Coffee break
10:30-12:00 Work session 3
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-14:30 Panel: Policies & work market demands – Challenges and potentialities for Vocational Education and Training.
14:30-15:00 Where to go from here? Open discussion and further cooperation
Conclusions

16:00 Departure from Mariehamn to Stockholm (Kapellskär harbor north of the city) with Viking line vessel
18:30 Arrival to Kapellskär harbor (linked Bus trip to Stockholm approx. 1hr)