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An (im)possible alliance?

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EDITORIAL

Dear ALTER conference participants, dear partners,

Held for the third time by the Handicap & Societies Program of the School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS - 2012, 2015, 2023) and organized in partnership with the Priority Research Program (PPR) on Autonomy, this 11th edition of the ALTER conference aims to provide a forum for encounters, exchange and emulation between French, European and international researchers in the field of disability and otherness, one of the missions of the learned society of the same name since its creation in 1989 on the initiative of Henri Jacques Stiker, at a time when research on these subjects was still in its infancy.

From June 28 to 30, ALTER’s 11th annual conference will spotlight the work of over 100 researchers from some 20 European and international countries, grouped into 24 thematic sessions around the theme «Protection, autonomy, emancipation: an (im) possible alliance?». We will be analyzing and discussing a wide range of systems and practices designed to promote the autonomy of people with disabilities, in the light of their potential for emancipation. A vast undertaking that echoes the current state of public policy at both national and international levels.

In 2023, our desire to promote dialogue between the public and academic spheres is reflected in the organization of five events associated with the symposium, open to the public and co-organized with players in the field: a meeting with the Capdroits mixed research community, a visual performance by deaf artists Olivier Schetrit and Ramesh Meyyappan, tactile cartography exhibition adapted for the visually impaired courtesy of INSEI (L’Institut national supérieur de formation et de recherche pour l’éducation inclusive), a screening of archives from RTS (Swiss radio and television) on television representations of disability, and a political round-table with the participation of the CNCPH (Conseil national consultatif des personnes handicapées).

By doing us the honor of welcoming us to its Aubervilliers site, EHESS, a long-standing partner of ALTER, confirms its commitment to research and research training in the social sciences of disability, which are still emerging, and to their international influence.

This 2023 edition is a new opportunity to showcase the plurality of scientific approaches and knowledge that this field of research offers, so necessary to accompany the changes in our societies on the issues of disability, aging and otherness. We would like to thank you all for your contribution, and wish you a rich exchange of ideas!

Isabelle Ville, ALTER President
INTRODUCTION

PROTECTION, AUTONOMY, EMANCIPATION
An (im)possible alliance?

Over the past decades, social protection policies promoted by welfare states for persons with disabilities have been questioned and have undergone significant changes.

In the 1970s, persons with disabilities criticized a system deeply rooted in paternalistic power dynamics that perpetuated their dependence, confined them in passive roles, and reinforced their segregation and oppression. They mobilized as part of a broader movement to advocate for an anti-discriminatory policy based on human rights.

On the other hand, activation policies that have emerged in the 21st century have presented challenges to social protection. The state’s mission is no longer solely focused on protecting individuals but also on restoring their capacity for choice and action. These policies aim to foster autonomy through individual contractual agreements and reciprocal obligations.

These two dynamics intersect and give rise to a discourse in favor of individual autonomy. However, while the disability rights movement emphasizes self-determination and individual participation, activation policies primarily prioritize labor market integration through various measures.

These transformations also mark a shift from a concept of disability that relies on the distinction between those deemed “able” and those deemed “unable” to one that recognizes vulnerability as an intrinsic part of the human experience. It places everyone on a continuum, acknowledging that individuals are both capable of autonomy and interconnected into relationships of dependency.

This new paradigm paves the way, within care theories, for the recognition of emancipatory forms of protection. However, it also translates into new forms of oppression associated with the expectations of responsibility and empowerment within activation policies.

In fact, rather than a complete overhaul of disability policies, a hybridization can be observed in most European countries, where new political instruments inspired by the repertoire of rights are being added to the traditional social protections policies of welfare states.

The connections between protective measures and anti-discriminatory measures, sometimes perceived as contradictory or ambivalent, will be addressed in the conference program. The presentations will explore the dynamics between different forms of protection and practices, with the aim of uncovering their impact on autonomy, human rights, inclusion, and emancipation.
VISUAL PERFORMANCE

“Show me a world where...”

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28 FROM 7:30 TO 8:30 PM
At the Centre des Colloques - Auditorium 250

“Show me a world where...” is a visual show combining mime, physical theater, VV (or Visual Vernacular, a form of storytelling specific to deaf visual culture), inspired by the horrors described in Wilfred Owen’s poem Dulce et Decorum Est about the First World War. This piece explores the scars of war on those who survived the front line.

Yves struggles with the isolation he feels in his small apartment, the post-traumatic stress disorder affects him and his relationships. He can’t sleep, his dreams are filled with flashbacks and nightmares. The war changes everything. The war has changed Yves.

— Original creation by Olivier Schetrit & Ramesh Meyyappan
— Directed by Ramesh Meyyappan
— Performed by Olivier Schetrit
— With the collaboration of the Direction de l’Image et du Son de l’EHESS and Andrea Benvenuto. Supported by the CRESS - Création recherche en sciences sociales program and supported by the Handicap & Sociétés program.

Duration: 1 hour. The visual performance will be followed by a discussion with the artistic team led by Bénédicte Barillé, head of audiovisual production at EHESS. FR - EN - LSF

PRESENTATION OF THE ARTISTIC TEAM

Singapore-born deaf artist Ramesh Meyyappan has lived in Glasgow for many years. He is the creator of performances incorporating an eclectic mix of visual and physical visual and physical theater (pantomime, circus, Butō, jester puppetry and the art of illusion). His theater is a laboratory for experimenting with forms of expression through the body, a poetic and dreamy language.

Olivier Schetrit, deaf artist and anthropologist, obtained his doctorate from EHESS in 2016. He has extensive experience as an actor, storyteller, director and self-taught film-maker. First with the IVT (International Visual Theatre), then on other national and international artistic stages, Olivier Schetrit’s artistic and anthropological work lies at the crossroads of visual anthropology deaf studies and sign languages, performance and research-creation.

EXHIBITION

Touching to discover the world - Geography adapted for the visually impaired

BETWEEN JUNE 27 AND 30
Conference center - Room 3.07

Visiting times will be indicated on the exhibition room door.

An essential tool for teaching and practicing geography, maps are largely based on visual information. How can we give visually impaired or blind people access to cartography?

How can visual information be transformed into tactile information? What types of maps are possible? How far can you adapt your teaching content? Through several examples of tactile maps and models, the exhibition presents various adaptations made for visually impaired pupils and students, and invites a more global reflection on teaching practices and teaching content.

The exhibition is produced in partnership with the Document Service for the Visually Impaired (SDADV) of the Training and Research for Inclusive Education National Higher Institute (INSEI).
SCREENING - DISCUSSION

ON THE ROAD TO INCLUSION, (RE-)DISCOVER AND DISCUSS TELEVISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF HANDICAP AND DISABILITY

"On the road to inclusion" is a participatory research project by Anne Marcellini, Alexandra Tilman and Justine Scheidegger to study representations of people assigned to the category of handicap or disability in TV archives. It offers a space for debate and new knowledge on the subject.

The project is based on collaboration between researchers studying the television archives of Radio Télévision Suisse (RTS), disability associations and the RTS Data and Archives Department.

The first stage of the project consisted of filmed workshops with disabled people, their families, association representatives, professionals and journalists discussing archive extracts they had viewed.

The second stage is the production of a documentary film and transmedia platform based on archive extracts, workshop footage and interviews.

WELCOME COFFEE

Room 100
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9:00 - 10:30
PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION 11: DISABILITY AND ARTISTIC PRACTICES

Session chair: Megan Strickfaden, University of Alberta, Canada.

— Artistic activity to free the creativity of children diagnosed with mental disabilities. Making autonomous, or “letting him do as he feels”? Étienne Beylot, Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire pour la sociologie économique, CNAM, France.
— Museums and disability. From public inclusion to co-creation of exhibitions? Sarah Neelsen, Université Paris 3, Sorbonne nouvelle, France.
— “Amatoury” / “Amateurs”. On Theatre of People With Intellectual Disabilities in a Feature Film. Dorota Krzemińska, University of Gdańsk, Poland.

SESSION 12: THE COUNTERPOINT OF MEDIEVAL STUDIES ON DISABILITY

Session chair: Ninon Dubourg, Université de Liège, Belgium.

— Participating in their own miracle: Assistance and agency in medieval miracle stories (12th-13th century). Léo Delaune, Ph.D. student, University of Strasbourg, France.
— Priests with mutilated hands in canon law (1140-1234), between the autonomy of celebrants and the protection of the faithful. Adam Mirbeau, Ph.D. student, University of Angers, France.

SESSION 13: PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH: METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES.

Session chair: Angela Wegscheider, Johannes Kepler University, Austria.

— ‘Nothing Without Us... Not Even Research’: Opportunities and Challenges of Developing Participatory Research With Persons With Intellectual and Psychosocial Disabilities. Paula Campos Pinto, ISCSP/University of Lisbon, Portugal; Teresa PINTO, CIEG and ISCSP/ULisboa, Portugal.
— Participatory Innovations With Disabled Citizens in Higher Education Institutions. Anikó Sándor, ELTE Eötvös Loránd University, Bárzsi Gusztáv, Faculty of Special Needs Education, Hungary; Csilla Csereti-Szauer, ELTE Eötvös Loránd University, Bárzsi Gusztáv, Faculty of Special Needs Education, Hungary.
**SESSION 14 : INSTITUTIONS - NOUVEAU ET RENOUVEAU DES INSTITUTIONS**

Président de séance : Jean-Yves Barreyre, EHESS-ARENES, France.

- Des dispositifs innovants alternatifs à ceux du modèle dominant d’inclusion des jeunes d’établissements médico-sociaux (EMS) dans le « milieu ordinaire ». Nicolas Guinard, EHESS, France.
- Dispositif anthropocentré pour sujets dyscommunicants avec autisme : entre linéarité et émancipation idéelle. Cécile Lacoste-Coquereau, Centre de recherche en éducation de Nantes, France.

**SESSION 15 : EDUCATION INCLUSIVE**

Président de séance : Gildas Bregain, CNRS-ARENES, France.

- Le potentiel d’un MOOC pour former les enseignants à la mise en œuvre de plans d’intervention autodéterminés par les élèves présentant des difficultés d’adaptation. Marie-Pier Duchaine, Faculté des sciences de l’éducation, Université Laval, Canada.
- Les institutions de la petite enfance face à l’orientation vers l’école : entre exigence d’autonomie accrue et exclusion des enfants en situation de handicap. Samuel Fely, CEMS-EHESS, France.

**SESSION 16 : DISABILITY AND HEALTH POLICIES**

Session chair: Pierre-Yves Baudoit, Université Paris-Dauphine/PSL, France.

- Autonomy and Paternalism. Understanding Austrian Disability Policy. Matthias Forstner, Johannes Kepler University Linz; Angela Weigelsheider, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria.
- Legal-policy Structures for Participation: a Comparative Analysis of Disability Services in Six EU Countries. Michael Rassell, University of Innsbruck, Austria.
- Transformation of health policies for decisions in medical termination of pregnancy. From ‘total’- prevention to ‘total’- protection. Isabelle Ville, CEMS – EHESS, France;
  Caroline Lafarge, University of West London, UK.
- “Trapped in the Support System” : Between Apparent Protection and Systemic Exclusion. The Struggle for Autonomy and a Dignified Life for Parents and Caregivers of People With Disabilities in Poland. Jolanta Rzeznicka-Krupa, University of Gdańsk, Interdisciplinary Disability Studies and Research Methodology Lab, Faculty of Social Sciences, Poland.

**SESSION 17 : ÉTUDES SOURCES - POINTS DE VUE HISTORIQUES ET ACTUELS SUR L’ÉMANCIPATION**

Présidente de séance : Andrea Bonvenuto, EHESS, France.

- La formation des interprètes au service de l’émancipation des sourds. Lou Rochard, SFL, CNRS - Université Paris 8, France.
- Le mouvement militant sort du XXe siècle, évolutions et renouvellements. Yann Cantin, SFL, CNRS - Université Paris 8, France.
- Le sport silencieux, un élément clé d’émancipation des Sourds. Diane Bedoin, Université de Rouen Normandie, Dynamique du Langage en Situ (Dys) ; Didier Seguillon, Université de Paris Nanterre, Laboratoire Graphe, France.

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**SESSION 18: EMPLOYMENT POLICIES IN DIFFERENT NATIONAL CONTEXT**


- Employment of People With Intellectual Disabilities on the Open Labour Market in Poland - an (im)possible Project? Agnieszka Wojnarowska, Institute of Pedagogy, University of Gdańsk, Poland.
- Teleworking Life of Disabled Workers in Sweden - Promoting Autonomy and Empowerment, or not? Elisabet M. Nilsson, Malmo university; Jörgen Lundalv, University of Gothenburg; Magnus Eriksson, FIRES Research Institutes of Sweden, Sweden.
- Autonomy, Self-determination, and Empowerment Through Work. A Case Study. Sanchez Utge Marta, University of Rome -Foro Italico-; Angela Magnanini, University of Rome -Foro Italico-; Paolo Lucatelli, University of Rome -Foro Italico-; Giulio Morelli, University of Rome -Foro Italico-; Chiara Pannone, University of Rome -Foro Italico-, Italia.

**SESSION 19 : SESSION VARIA**

Président de session : Gil Bellis, INED, France.

- Les aidants familiaux des seniors atteints de démence améliorent-ils la qualité de leurs vies ? Elodie Le Bras, Université Paris-Dauphine/PSL, France.
- Social Sciences, Poland.
- With Disabilities in Poland. CECMA/ARENES, France.
- Action Research for Co-Development; Arianna Vivoli, Action Research for Co-Development; Federico Ciani, Action Research for Co-Development (ARCO), Italia.
- Autonomy, Self-determination, and Empowerment Through Work. A Case Study. Sanchez Utge Marta, University of Rome -Foro Italico-; Angela Magnanini, University of Rome -Foro Italico-; Paolo Lucatelli, University of Rome -Foro Italico-; Giulio Morelli, University of Rome -Foro Italico-; Chiara Pannone, University of Rome -Foro Italico-, Italia.

**SESSION 20 : INSTITUTIONS - ÉMANCIPATION ET TUTELLES**

Présidente de session : Delphine Moreau, EHESP-ARENES, France.

- Entre protection et subsidation. Les aléas sous tutelle en France au XXe siècle. Anatole Le Bras, Centre d’histoire de Sciences Po (Sciences Po), Sociétés, Acteurs, Gouvernement en Europe, France.
- Les objectifs d’inclusion et de participation dans l’accompagnement des personnes en situation de handicap psychique : quelles concrétisations ? Claire Heijboer, l’École pratique de service social, CY Cergy Paris Université, France ; Catherine Lenz, HES/SGE Genève-HETS1, Suisse ; Anne Petiau, CERA - BUC Ressources, France ; Carmen Delavaloire, CEAPSY et GEM Ile-de-France, France ; Colette Liziard, CERA - BUC Ressources, France.
- Vulnérabilité, protection et autonomie : de la recherche d’une conciliation. Stéphanie Maual, CRI Poitiers, France.
Practical informations

ACCESS

The ALTER 2023 Conference will take place on the Campus Condorcet, site d’Aubervilliers, 93300, France.

The Campus Condorcet Conference Center is located at Place du Front Populaire, Aubervilliers (metro line 12, Front Populaire station, exit 2).

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