

Working Group 4 „Youth Studies“ Activity Report 09/2019

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Goals and Objectives

Key aim

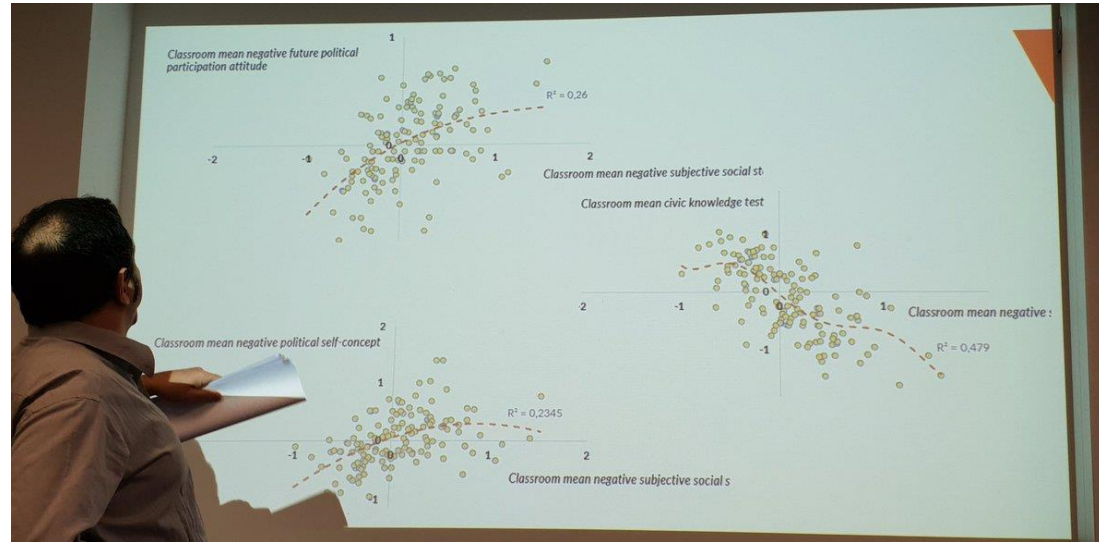
- *methodologically advance* the field in comparative *qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods* studies on youth (adequate study designs, robust techniques)

Means for achieving aims

- *promote mutual learning* and the *exchange of tools* for doing mixed methods analysis combining large-scale comparative quantitative and qualitative data

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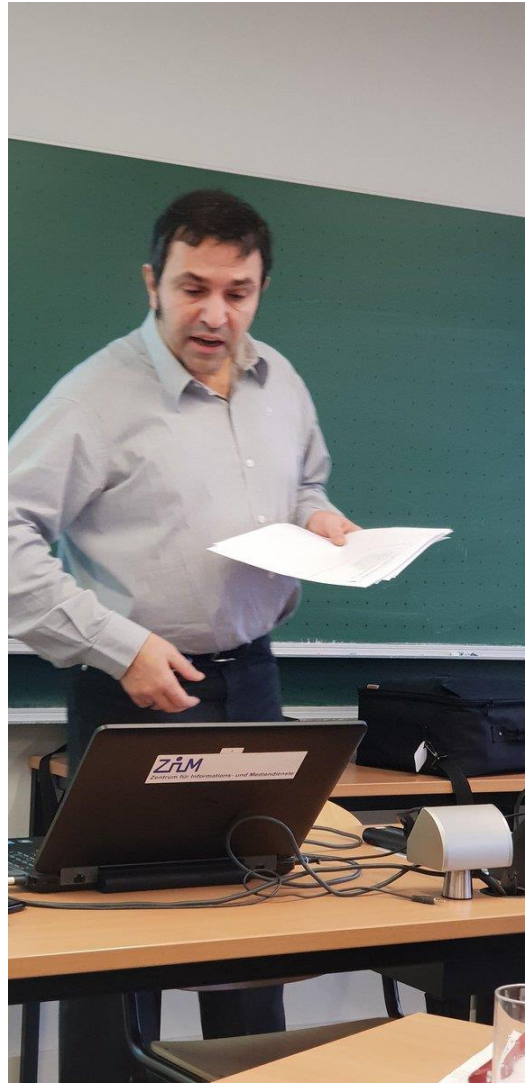
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Dec 6-7, 2019*



**Joint meeting
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("Becoming
active citizens")
at the University
of Essen,
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Joint meeting with WG₃ at the University of Essen, Germany

- *18 papers presented during two-day meeting*
- *Broad range of topics from "Youth, citizenship and inequality" to methodological approaches in quantitative and qualitative research*
- *Good opportunity for researchers to get to know one another, establish connections and plan future activities*

Activities of WG₄ at the Regular MC Meetings

MC Meeting in Thessaloniki, Greece

February 7-8, 2019

- *Call for papers.*
- *Topic: inequalities among youths, i.e. comparative (dis)advantages of specific groups in various fields of life.*
- *2nd joint meeting of WG₃ and WG₄*
- *3 sessions with 9 papers*

mixed methods, and multimethod approaches could be useful for analysis
we had presentations using participant observation, case study approaches,
social analysis interviews, multilevel analyses.

- ***Aim: to consolidate networks and topics***



In progress...

- **MC Meeting in Valetta, Malta**
- *Joint meeting with WG 1*
- *Call for papers. 3 sessions with a total of 12 papers:*
 - 1. Individual and societal factors that create inequality and exclusion in the transition of youth from education to the labour market
 - 2. Evidence and trends of the consequences of unemployment and precarious jobs on other life domains in youth.
 - 3. *Analysis of long-term socio-economic consequences, following a mixed-methods approach (3 papers, yet more people interested in joining). Set-up a sub-group working in this topic.*

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*Evaluation of
work so far and
future plans*

Evaluations of work so far

- Previous meetings have provided a good opportunity to connect researchers
- First collaborations between researchers successfully established
- Yet, more time required for/at meetings to follow up research and exchange further

Future plans

- Increased use of STSM grants to further establish contacts
- Joint meeting with WG1 in March 2020 to further elaborate the use of methodology in comparative research (invited speakers, extension of the network)
- Joint organisation of sessions at topical conferences (e.g. ESPANET 2020)
- Organizing seminars on comparative methods for studying Youth
- Preparation of further publications
- Organising a training school in comparative methods