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# Occupational Science Europe

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## About this NEWSLETTER

We wish to keep you updated with Occupational Science Europe!

The second newsletter answers:

- where do I find information for the call for abstracts for the OSE conference in November?
- what's happening in the OSE language groups?
- who is in the OSE board?
- what is happening in Europe and around the World concerning OS?
- are there any jobs in occupational science available?
- are there any study programs or courses for occupational science?
- are there any conference regarding OS we know about?

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# OSE online conference

## November 17th, 2021

### Call for Video Abstracts

The conference theme is **Everyday Life: Living and Doing in a Changing Society**.

Due to the online format, we changed the usual way to do a conference. In the conference, we use this opportunity to discuss which questions we should be asking about everyday life in a changing society in occupational science. Instead of a written abstract, please send us a video about a question you think OS should raise. If you are curious what that could be, have a look at our video call

<https://youtu.be/YkabdpZ0zmM>

For more information see our website

<https://os-europe.org/ose-conference-2021/>

Please send us your video abstract latest until **May 22nd** to

[OSEconference2021@gmail.com](mailto:OSEconference2021@gmail.com)

We are looking forward to a lively and thought provoking conference.

# Language Groups

## French Speaking

In the past months, due to the COVID19, most members of the Francophone Society for Occupational Science (SFRO) were busy reengineering their everyday professional occupations, trying to adapt to the ongoing changing circumstances. Various events and conferences were canceled or postponed to 2021. In order to support people in the management of the disruption caused by COVID-19 several colleagues from France and Canada have translated or created various leaflets and documents, made available online. Others started web surveys in order to understand how the covid has affected everyday life occupations. Finally, in close relation with the editorial board of the Journal of Occupational Science (JOS), the SFRO is still in the process of building a strategy to translate the forthcoming abstracts of articles of the JOS in French.

Au cours des derniers mois, du fait de la pandémie due au COVID19, la plupart des membres de la Société Francophone de Recherche sur les Occupations (SFRO) ont été occupés à réorganiser leurs occupations professionnelles quotidiennes, en essayant de s'adapter à l'évolution constante des circonstances. Divers événements et conférences ont été annulés ou reportés à 2021. Afin de soutenir les personnes dans la gestion des perturbations causées par COVID-19, plusieurs collègues de France et du Canada ont traduit ou créé divers dépliants et documents, mis à disposition en ligne. D'autres ont lancé des enquêtes en ligne afin de comprendre comment le COVID a affecté les occupations quotidiennes. Enfin, en étroite relation avec le comité éditorial du Journal of Occupational Science (JOS), la SFRO est en train de définir une stratégie pour traduire les prochains résumés d'articles du JOS en français.

We encourage you to take part in the existing language groups.

Is there no group for your language? We would be happy to have as many groups as there are languages in Europe!

Feel free to start an OS interest group in your language and let us know.

# German Speaking

## Occupational Science in Germany: 6th dOS Meeting on 23.2.2021 as a Virtual Journal Club

The 6th meeting of the German Occupational Science (dOS) working group was held on 02/23/21. The virtual format, which was tried out for the first time, prevented the usual stimulating discussions between the work phases, e.g. over lunch. On the other hand, 23 participants from all over Germany, but also from Austria and Switzerland, were able to attend without any long-distance travelling.

There was a lot to report because the last meeting was about a year ago. For example, an extensive reading list on OS literature, mainly articles from the Journal of Occupational Science, compiled by all dOS members, could be presented. Short summaries of contents and comments were added to the individual, predominantly English-language references, to make suggestions how the articles can be used (e.g. in OT education) and why they were recommended. The reading list will be made available to persons interested in OS to introduce this academic field by pointing out essential texts.

Following this, the virtual meeting focused on conducting a Journal Club. With this format, the dOS working group aimed to review a text and reconstruct methods and arguments put forward by the author in order to develop a shared understanding of OS through a critical and controversial discussion of the author's perspective. This format was also to contribute to the general goal of the dOS working group to facilitate access to English-language OS literature in Germany.

The Journal Club was based on the following article read in advance: *Calhoun, A. D. (2020). The development and future of occupational science: A budding occupational scientist's reflections and assertions about the discipline. Journal of Occupational Science, DOI: 10.1080/14427591.2020.1801492.* The author, who described herself as a newcomer to OS, used the 30th anniversary of OS as an opportunity to reflect on its origins, internationality, interdisciplinarity, and ultimately the relationship between occupational therapy and occupational science through the literature she selected. In the Journal Club, a discussion group of four to six people devoted themselves to each of these topics. The discussion groups reconstructed relevant aspects and the author's argumentation and worked out an appreciative and critical assessment. In the subsequent plenary session, it became apparent that the groups had dealt with the author's positions in a very differentiated manner and had led interesting discussions. In the concluding round, there was a consensus that ever since the dOS working group first came together following its founding after the 2017 OSE conference in Hildesheim, considerable knowledge about OS in relation to German-language discourse and praxis has already been established. During this time, a stable group of about 20 active dOS

members has emerged who participate in the regular working meetings. Anybody interested in more information about this group or in joining the next meeting is invited to contact us via the following email address: [osdeutsch@gmail.com](mailto:osdeutsch@gmail.com).



# Who is in the OSE board?

**Aileen Bergström, Reg. OT, MSc, PhD**  
Secretary



Aileen is a registered Occupational Therapist, completed her PhD in 2012 and is currently working at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden in higher education and in research. Her diverse background includes a degree in Social Sciences from her hometown, San Francisco, a long clinical experience as an OT within neurological rehabilitation and a one-year post-doctoral fellow at the Swedish Family Care Competence Center. Her occupation-based research interests lie in the field of everyday life for persons with stroke and their families, and more recently in the field of Reablement. Aileen's longstanding interest in Occupational Science started when she took a graduate course at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA in the mid 1990's. The course sparked a profound interest in the development of OS over time as well as internationally. Aileen has served on the OSE board since the fall of 2017 and at present is one of three guest editors for the special edition of the Journal of Occupational Science featuring papers from the latest OSE conference.

...and  
Silvia Veiga-Seijo  
Margarita Mondaca  
Kawthar El-Qasem  
Miranda Cuningham  
Anne-Le Morville  
Georg Gappmayer

In Winter 2021 the elected period for some members of the current board will end.

We encourage everybody to think about, if you **want to be part of the new board!**

Elections will be held in the second half of 2021.

# Occupational Science in Europe and around the World

## Austrian Association of Occupational Science



Sometimes it just takes two people, at the same time, with the same idea, who meet at the same place. “Let’s fund an Occupational Science Association in Austria” said Katrin Pechstädt at a workshop which was led by Mona Dür and her colleagues from the research committee of OSE at the Occupational Science Europe conference in Amsterdam in 2019. With that idea, a seed was planted that slowly grew into the now, newly established Austrian Association of Occupational Science or how the board likes to call it, “AOS”. In January 2021, the board was elected for the first term of office. The board consists of nine people with a mix of backgrounds including research, education (lecturer and students) and clinical practice. Furthermore, the board members are spread all over Austria’s nine states and even abroad aiming to have an impact at a national level.

The elected board members: **Mona Dür**, PhD, MSc (President), **Julia Unger**, MScOT (Vice President), **Magdalena Nieder**, MScOT (Secretary), **Thomas Morgenthaler**, MScOT (Vice Secretary), **Karin Lettner-Hauser**, MHPE (Financial Treasure), **Miriam Berger**, MSc (Vice Financial Treasures), **Katrin Pechstädt**, MScOT (Media Officer), **Magdalena Schlögl**, BSc (Vice media office), Mag. **Katharina Fechner** (Representative for the Austrian Occupational Therapy Association)

The board of the AOS is currently strategy-making, defining its goals and establishing projects that will be implemented in the next two years. The projects involve several members of the association besides the board and a community is forming staidly. AOS’ goals are comprised of: setting the foundation to provide Occupational Science knowledge to occupational therapists, establish an interdisciplinary discourse and develop Occupational Science as a discipline in Austrian research context. Stay tuned for updates as we plan an annual O’Science day that was already held once last year with great success.

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AustrianOS> Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/austrian\\_os/](https://www.instagram.com/austrian_os/)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Austrian-Association-of-Occupational-Science-106040284577635>

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12461122/>

As representative of the AOS board  
Thomas Morgenthaler



**P4PLAY**, the first trans-European Occupational Science doctoral training programme dedicated to enabling play, commenced in January 2021 with the eight selected early stage researchers taking up their place. The P4PLAY research programme addresses four areas of play: People, Place, Policy and Practice (P4PLAY). The programme is structured around four core areas: research skills training, transferable skills, advanced knowledge in Occupational Science and Play, and individual research projects and secondments with host universities and partner organisations. To meet the team, learn more about P4PLAY and stay up-to-date with the project outcomes, visit [www.p4play.eu](http://www.p4play.eu) and follow the project on Twitter (@P4Play\_EU).

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 861257



## more Conferences

### **1st World Occupational Science Conference**

Occupation and Society: Global to  
Local Perspectives for the Future

August 25-27, 2022

Vancouver, Canada

<https://wosc.osot.ubc.ca/>

### **SSO:USA 2021 Virtual Conference**

*Occupation and Gender*

September 24-25, 2021

[https://ssou.memberclicks.net/2021-  
conference](https://ssou.memberclicks.net/2021-conference)

## Job vacancies concerning OS

Tell us what you know! We will  
post it in the next newsletter.

Next newsletter will be in  
April 2021

## Courses and workshops in OS

Tell us what you know! We will  
post it in the next newsletter.

If you have anything that you want to share  
in the next newsletter in December 2021, or if you  
want to give us feedback - please contact us!

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